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2017 VCS Music Scholarship Awarded

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In November 2009, The Virginia Choral Society (VCS) established a scholarship fund for a high school graduating senior who desired to continue his/her education with a focus on music performance or education.



Mariah K. Hanson
Poquoson High School

VCS is pleased to announce and offer our congratulations for our 2017 award to Ms. Mariah K. Hanson, a graduating senior from Poquoson High School.

Mariah has been a member of the PHS mixed ensemble, jazz choir and show choir, and was selected for district chorus for five years and all state chorus her senior year. She played roles in three different musicals during her high school years. Mariah is also a talented instrumentalist, participating in symphonic and marching band, and was drum major her senior year. In her spare time, she volunteers as a teaching assistant at Poquoson Elementary School. Mariah is an excellent student and will be pursuing a degree in Vocal Music Education at Shenandoah University. We are pleased to offer Mariah a \$2000.00 cash award to help support her collegiate studies.

Ms. Hanson will sing *Ici-bas tous les lilas meurent* (“Here below all the lilacs die”) by Gabriel Faure at our April 23 concert.

Three performances of our “*Sing Joyfully*” concert (with Chamber Orchestra) have been scheduled as follows:

- Friday Apr 21, 7:30pm, First Baptist Church of Newport News, Newport News, Virginia
- Saturday Apr 22, 7:30pm, Thomas Nelson CC, Mary T. Christian Auditorium, Hampton, Virginia
- Sunday Apr 23, 4:00pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, Newport News, Virginia

TICKET INFORMATION: Advance tickets may be obtained from members of the VCS; at Simply Unique Jewelry Designs (Tabb area); at the Guest Services Desk at the Peninsula Town Center and online at www.vachoralsociety.com (ShowTix4U).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information regarding the Virginia Choral Society is provided on our webpage: www.vachoralsociety.org and on the VCS Concert Line at 851-9114.

ABOUT VCS: The Virginia Choral Society (VCS), active since 1931, is the largest continually performing community arts organization on the Peninsula. VCS is an IRS 501 (c) 3 code non-profit organization of about 90 singers, sustained by the generosity of grants from arts commissions, individual gifts, corporate funding and concert ticket sales.