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## **CMAB Awards Three High School Student Artist Scholarship Grants**

The Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB), recently awarded three area high school seniors with scholarships totaling \$6,000. The High School Arts Scholarship Program is designed to help graduating seniors who want to further their education in the arts.

Each applicant must submit up to five art samples and three references along with answers to a set of questions. The Highest-scoring applicants receive awards according to funding available.

### **The CMAB Student Arts Scholarship Grant recipients are:**



**Taylor Daniels**

**TAYLOR DANIELS**, Sartell, MN, \$2,000 CMAB High School Arts Scholarship to attend the Minneapolis College of Art and Design and major in Illustration or Painting.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Sartell High School

**ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS:** Involved in the Sartell High School Girls Swim Team, Art Club, assisted with set design for several high school plays, painted several murals in Sartell High School at the request of various faculty members, currently working directly with artist Willicey Tynes on another mural project, volunteered at church for the Wednesday Night children's program and Vacation Bible School. Piano player, avid reader and in the fifth year of studying Spanish. Work experience includes lifeguard and water safety instructor for Sartell Community Ed and Summer Recreation.



**Jordan Mathewson**

**JORDAN MATHEWSON**, Elk River, MN, \$2,000 CMAB High School Arts Scholarship to attend University of Wisconsin-Menomonie for the Graphic Design and Interactive media program.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Elk River High School

**ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS:** Involved in High School Dance Team, Elk River High School Performance Team, made Varsity Kick and Varsity Jazz team, Just For Kix, National Honor Society, Yellow Ribbon (suicide prevention club), the Arts Magnet Program and the high school yearbook. Volunteer for both school and church. As a member of the National Honor Society, Jordan completed over 50 hours of volunteer work. As part of the Advanced Placement Studio Art Class with artist Dan Mondloch, Jordan helped design and paint a mural in the high school. Exhibited and volunteered in Evening of the Arts. Work experience includes Coldstone Bakery and Parks and Recreation.



**David Thompson**

**DAVID THOMPSON**, St. Cloud, \$2,000 CMAB High School Arts Scholarship to major in music education and performance. David has been accepted to St. Cloud State University, the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University, the University of St. Thomas, and Luther College, but had not chosen which college to attend at the time of the scholarship award.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Cathedral High School

**ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS:** Plays Piano and Oboe. Participated in Varsity Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Pit Orchestra, MN Windfest Symphony, the CMBDA 2010 Honor Band, the 2011 and 2012 Granite Ridge All-Conference Honor Bands, and the MMEA 2012-2013 All-State Symphonic Band, the St. Cloud Symphony Youth Orchestra, the Messiah Orchestra for the Kantorei Choir, the Monticello Community Orchestra, Mississippi Strings Camp, the Buffalo Community Orchestra, the Heartland Symphony Orchestra and 70+ service hours of playing oboe at parish masses. Involved in Cathedral's bowling team and an active member of the Boy Scouts of America currently holding the rank of Life Scout. Work experience includes Black Diamond Auctions and St. Scholastica Convent in food service as Dining Room Assistant

Scholarships may be renewable for up to an additional three years as long as the student is eligible and funds are available.

The CMAB is one of eleven regional art councils in the State of Minnesota with the purpose of supporting and promoting art appreciation throughout region 7W, consisting of Benton, Sherburne, Stearns and Wright counties. 2013 funding for the CMAB High School Student Artist Scholarship Programs came from an appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature.