

2020 Sam Pitcher Memorial Scholarship Recipients

Seven Ketchikan music students have been selected to receive 2020 Sam Pitcher Music Scholarships! One \$1,500 scholarship plus six \$700.00 scholarships have been awarded. The scholarships will help the recipients attend summer music camps.

Joshua Ryan, 11th grade, will receive the \$1,500.00 scholarship to attend Interlochen Arts Camp in Michigan where he plans to attend a Trombone Institute in addition to their regular High School Summer Program. Josh's primary instrument is the trombone, but he also plays the French horn and sings with the high school choirs. He has been selected to play with the Southeast Honor Band. Josh hopes to become a professional musician with knowledge and interest in both classical and jazz music.

The six students who have been awarded \$700.00 scholarships to attend Sitka Fine Arts Camp are:

Kristall Bullock, 8th grade, who plays both the clarinet and alto saxophone. She is interested in both classical and jazz music, and hopes to teach music one day.

Sophie Cron, 8th grade, plays the French horn and trumpet along with singing in the choir. She hopes that music will always be a part of her life in some way.

Gabe Dahl, 7th grade, plays the piano and trumpet. His primary interest is jazz with hopes of one day becoming a professional musician.

Evan Gunn, 7th grade, is new to Ketchikan. He plays the baritone and recently started playing drums. Jazz is his primary interest.

Anna Hout, 10th grade, plays French horn, trumpet, piano, and has recently started teaching herself rhythm guitar. She is interested primarily in classical music. She was selected to play both French horn and piano with the Southeast honor Band.

Katherine (Lexie) Leach, 7th grade, plays the trumpet and electric bass. Her primary interest is jazz. Lexie is interested in learning to play more instruments. She would like to become a music producer.

The Sam Pitcher Music Scholarship Fund was started following Sam's death in 2003 at age 16. Sam's passion was music. He participated in all the Kayhi bands and all the McPherson jazz bands, as well as The Rubber Band (rock). Sam attended both The Sitka Fine Arts Camp and Interlochen Arts Camp in Michigan.

Scholarships are for Ketchikan students in grades 7 – 12 to attend summer music programs like the ones Sam enjoyed. Since the first two \$500 scholarships were first awarded in 2004, 80 scholarships have now been awarded! A KAAHC advisory committee that consists of ten people, including Sam Pitcher's mother, selects the scholarship recipients. Tax-deductible donations can be made to the fund at any time in care of The Ketchikan Area Arts and Humanities Association, 330 Main Street, Ketchikan, AK 99901. The Sam Pitcher Memorial Scholarship Fund is a fiscally sponsored project of the KAAHC.