

# GPFS Private Study Grant Awardees, 2022

Written by GPFS Member Sandy Duffy Norman

The Greater Portland Flute Society is pleased to announce the Study Grant winners for 2022- 2022. The scholarship gives \$300 on the student's behalf for private flute lessons with a GPFS teacher of their choice.

The mission of the study grant program is to help provide educational opportunities and inspiration through membership in the flute society and private instruction. The GPFS newsletter and web site allows flutists to find teachers, accompanists, performing ensembles, workshops, master classes, vendors, and flute repair information.

This year's recipients are: Jerimiah Commacho Guerro, teacher, Sandy Duffy Norman; Samantha Statura and Luis Flores, teacher, Phyllis Louke. Congratulations to these deserving, talented students.



#### Study Grants Open Annually on September 15th

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Luis Flores Herra: I am a junior at Aloha High School participating in the Wind Ensemble (flute and oboe), marching band (flute), and jazz band (bari sax). Also participated in a clarinet ensemble for the school's Winter Showcase. I have been selected in the OMEA Symphonic Band in 2022 (flute and piccolo solo) and been selected again for 2023. I also have been selected for WIBC of 2022 on oboe. Other instruments I play for fun include bassoon and English horn. I can't wait to start taking lessons and expand my knowledge and skill on flute!

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Jeremiah Camacho Guerrero is a junior at Mckay High School. He has been playing flute since 5th grade. Jeremiah is now a member of the Mckay wind ensemble, symphony orchestra, and marching band. He studies with Sandy Duffy Norman, plans to continue playing flute after high school, and possibly pursue a career in music.



Samantha Stachura, is a senior at Aloha High School. She has been playing the flute off and on for about 8 years now. Having experienced some oboe and bassoon in that time, flute always stuck with me. I try to take things at my own pace; I am not motivated by competition. This gift is such a nice way to continue my journey forwards.

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