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**VIRGINIA TEENS AWARDED \$50,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR
ACHIEVEMENTS IN TECHNOLOGY AND MUSIC**
Matthew Li and Taha Rawjani Awarded \$25,000 Team Scholarship
Caroline Su Awarded \$25,000 Individual Scholarship

WASHINGTON — Three Virginia teens have been named 2026 Davidson Fellows, one of the nation's most prestigious honors for students 18 and younger. Matthew Li and Taha Rawjani of Brambleton and Caroline Su of McLean will share \$50,000 in scholarships.

Matthew Li, 18, and Taha Rawjani, 18, of Brambleton — \$25,000 Scholarship, Technology
Working as a team, Li and Rawjani developed MobyGlobal, a real-time whale detection network composed of 3D printed buoys that can be deployed across the ocean or attached to ships. The network uses hydrophones and machine learning to provide location data about marine mammals, helping reduce harmful human interactions while supporting conservation and research.

"I'm very grateful to have an amazing community of teachers and friends who supported me," Li said. "It's an honor to be named a Davidson Fellow."

"I'm very grateful to be named a Davidson Fellow for this multiyear project," Rawjani said. "Being included in the community of Fellows inspires me to pursue more research and try my hardest to make an impact on society at large."

Caroline Su, 17, of McLean — \$25,000 Scholarship, Music

For her project, Su developed an annotated Music Knowledge Base to assist therapists with identifying appropriate music for patients based on characteristics and clinical dimensions such as tempo, rhythm, tonality, sensory load, cognitive demand and arousal level. Su hopes her project will help make music therapy resources more affordable and accessible.

"Being named a Davidson Fellow is meaningful to me because it honors both the musician I have worked to become and the purpose I have found in using music to reach and serve others," Su said. "To have the Davidson Institute recognize my project, which combines artistry and problem solving, is incredibly empowering."

"The Davidson Fellows continue to demonstrate what young people can accomplish when curiosity, determination and innovation come together," said Bob Davidson, founder of the Davidson Institute. "The 2026 Fellows have pursued challenging questions and developed meaningful work with the potential to make a lasting difference in their fields and communities. We are proud to recognize their extraordinary achievements."

The Davidson Fellows Scholarship program offers college scholarships to students 18 or younger who have completed significant projects that have the potential to benefit society in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, literature and music. The Davidson Fellows Scholarship has provided more than \$11.4 million in scholarship funds to 490 students since its inception in 2001, and has been named one of the most prestigious undergraduate scholarships by [U.S. News & World Report](#). It is a program of the Davidson Institute, a national nonprofit organization headquartered in Reno, Nev., that supports profoundly gifted youth.

About the Davidson Institute

Founded by Bob Davidson in 1999, the Davidson Institute recognizes, nurtures and supports profoundly intelligent young people and provides opportunities for them to develop their talents to make a positive difference. The Institute offers support through a number of programs and services, including the Davidson Fellows Scholarship and the [Davidson Academy of Nevada](#). For more information about the 2026 Davidson Fellows, please visit: [DavidsonFellows.org](#).

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