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The Rotary Student of the Month for Musical Excellence is Jackson High School senior Ian Todd

Ian was in the pilot orchestra class at Gateway as a 6th grader. Ms. West, our orchestra teacher, started teaching him in orchestra as a 7th grader. He came early to school to play with a special string quartet. His early start as a chamber musician has made him a top player in Chamber Orchestra. Ms. West was impressed by how devoted he was to the cause of growing the new orchestra program. From the very beginning he was an integral part of maintaining group morale and elevating the musical level of the group. He challenges himself to grow as a cello player and his classmates to take on challenging music. Ian will be a lifelong musician, continuing to share his musical abilities with his church choir as a singer and instrumentalist. He plans to play in a university orchestra wherever he attends. Congratulations, Ian!

