2008 TYAF Outstanding Taiwanese American Youth Award

Jeffrey Chien 簡澤睿

Jeffrey Chien is a senior at Winston Churchill High School in Potomac, Maryland. He is a member of the Mathematics, Technology, and Science Academy program at his school. As a student, Jeffrey is involved in many extracurricular and community service activities, including those involving music. He has studied the piano and violin jointly for many years. Since the age of 6, he has participated in the Glorystar Children’s Chorus. Glorystar has given him the chance to travel to many places, including Italy and Hawaii. Having traveled around, he has been able to observe and experience other cultures. Because of Glorystar, he has had the opportunity to perform for many different groups of people while participating in many different festivals.

He is very proud to be a Taiwanese American. Jeffrey currently attends the Washington D.C. Taiwanese School where he learns the language and culture of his parents. He has also been assisting in the teaching of Taiwanese to younger children within the language school. He regularly provides service to the Taiwanese community. Jeffrey has volunteered in many Taiwanese events such as Taiwan Night in where he assisted with the set up and helped with program introduction as one of the various Masters of Ceremonies. Along with these community services, he currently dedicates his Saturday mornings to the Volunteer program for Shady Grove Adventist Hospital. Last summer, he was an intern at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the Pediatric Oncology branch under the prestigious physician and scientist, Dr. Thomas Walsh.

He has received several awards varying from the President’s Volunteer Service Award to the Maryland State Music Teachers Association (MSMTA)’s Junior Distinguished Music Achievement Award.

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