

Lanier High School U.S. Presidential Scholars Program Candidate - Erika Tay

Erika Tay is a senior at Lanier High School in Gwinnett County. She lives in the City of Sugar Hill with her parents Eric and Karina.

Erika achieved a Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) score of 1590/1600 (800 Math/790 EBRW) and is currently ranked #1 in her class. She is an AP Scholar with Distinction and was also honored as her school 2023 STAR (Student Teacher Achievement Recognition) student. She selected Mrs. Laura Wood, her school Orchestra Director as the STAR teacher. Erika was recently selected as a 2023 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program candidate.

Erika excels academically but also serves in leadership roles with the National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, and Computer Science Honor Society.

She has played the viola for over 8 years, is an accomplished violist, and has been a member of the Emory Youth Symphony Orchestra (EYSO) since 2021. She was a Governor's Honors Program nominee for String Music and an All-State orchestra member. One of her favorite mottos is "Ad Astra Per Aspera" - Our aspirations take us to the stars.

