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💬 Cohn Music Scholarships Awarded

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IPEI (Ithaca Public Education Initiative) and the Fine Arts Booster Group awarded summer music scholarships through the Rella and Barney Cohn Music Scholarship Fund, established by Abby Cohn in memory of her parents and in honor of the excellent music education available in the Ithaca City School District (ICSD) schools. The fund provided nine scholarships for summer music study through the Ithaca Youth Bureau (IYB) Summer Band and Orchestra Program.

"Continuing music education is important to students' overall academic, artistic and social development. Summer time music activities help middle school students, in particular, solidify their skills and continue music study into their high school years," notes Abby Cohn. "My daughters benefitted greatly from the rich musical offerings at Boynton Middle School as well as through participation in the IYB Summer Band and Orchestra Programs. The breadth, variety and excellence of these opportunities have had a real impact on them. I particularly want to recognize Michael Allen for his leadership and enthusiasm. This fund also honors my parents and their commitment to music education in all its forms."

The Rella and Barney Cohn Music Scholarship Fund is administered by IPEI with assistance from the Fine Arts Booster Group, an IPEI affiliate, and the IYB. Contact president@fabgithaca.org for more information.

The Fine Arts Booster Group works in partnership with the ICSD to celebrate all the arts for all the kids. The Fine Arts Boosters support district programs and staff, and advocate for increased student access, participation and equity in the arts programs. Formed in 2001, the boosters believe the arts – music, dance and visual, literary and theater arts – are a central part of every child's public school education.

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