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Luke Templeton and Pat Meyer shared first-place honors in the 1997 Deborah Beene Memorial Music Scholarship competition, held Saturday, May 3, at the United Church of Los Alamos. Po-Ching Chen took third place.

Templeton and Meyer were each awarded a prize of \$800. Chen received \$100. The money is to be used toward the purchase of new instruments, lesson and music camp tuition, or music studies at college.

The winners were chosen from a field of six finalists, all students at Los Alamos High School. The other competitors were Suzuko Brown, Leah Goldman, and Jeremy Carathers.

Templeton, a senior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Templeton of Los Alamos. He has participated in LAHS bands and many musical ensembles as an oboeist, percussionist, and vocalist. He has formed his own band, Earthdog, which has performed for Topper Revue.

In addition to oboe and drums, Templeton plays acoustic guitar, having learned folk and fingerstyle technique from his father before taking formal lessons. He plans to major in vocal performance at Berklee College of Music in Boston.

Templeton performed a vocal number, "The Love You've Been Hiding" by Rusty Wells, self-accompanied on acoustic guitar. He will use the prize money to purchase his own guitar.



Pat Meyer

Meyer, a junior, is the son of Sarah Mack and Bruce Meyer of Los Alamos. He has played the saxophone for six years. He plays in the LAHS Wind and Jazz I Ensembles, and is a marching band section leader. He is part of an as-yet-unnamed saxophone quartet and has played in the New Mexico Youth Honor Band for two years. His saxophone solos earned him highest honors at state competition as a freshman and sophomore.

Meyer plans to attend the University of Michigan and major in either music performance or education. His goal is to teach music at the college level. He currently studies with Carrie Koffman, Professor of Saxophone at UNM.

For the competition, Meyer performed the "Sonata for E-Flat Saxophone and Piano" by Bernhard Heiden. He will use his prize money to attend a summer music camp.



Po-Ching Chen

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Chen, a freshman, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Shao-Ping Chen of Los Alamos. He has studied violin for 11 years and piano for seven. He has placed in or won many state

music competitions and performed in Topper Revue and with the Ying quartet and Cavani String Quartet. Chen currently studies piano with Shelby Vanderborgh and violin with Kay Newnam. For the competition, he played the "D-Flat Nocturne for Piano", Op.27 No.2, by Frederic Chopin. Chen plans to put his prize money toward the purchase of a violin.

The Beene Memorial Music Scholarship was established in 1973 by Sarah and Don Beene, in memory of their daughter Deborah, who died in 1972. Additional prize money has been contributed by several anonymous donors, the Los Alamos National Bank, and the Rotary Club of Los Alamos, which sponsors the annual competition.

Persons interested in contributing to the scholarship fund can contact Ed Van Eeckhout at 662-5445.