



## SPOTLIGHT STORY

**SARAH LAMANTIA**



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Sarah LaMantia began her piano studies with FAA Faculty, Barbara Klonowski, ten years ago in 2010. She has garnered many honors along the way.

Sarah says "I have started my music journey with music through FAA when I was young, and I have cherished every moment. I have learned so many life lessons that have helped me through my schooling and learning music at FAA has given me so many opportunities. FAA has inspired me to pursue music for the rest of my life and I will be forever grateful."

Sarah recently graduated from Kirtland High School and will attend Miami University in the fall where she is majoring in Music Education. Miami University has awarded her two scholarships: A \$7,000 scholarship for academic excellence, and a \$6,000 scholarship for music excellence. She decided to pursue music education after teaching a class of fifth graders in high school.

"In addition to her scholarships from Miami University, Sarah was recently awarded a scholarship from The Lake County Music Educators. This is quite an honor for Sarah and for FAA" said her instructor, Barbara Klonowski.

Sarah was also an avid dance student at FAA for many years and attended FAA Theatre Camps. She earned her third gold cup from the National Federation of Music Clubs for achieving nine consecutive Superior ratings at their Jr. Festivals.

Sarah says the arts are important because "... they allow people to express themselves in such a universal way. When everything around us is in conflict or have differences, the arts connect us."