

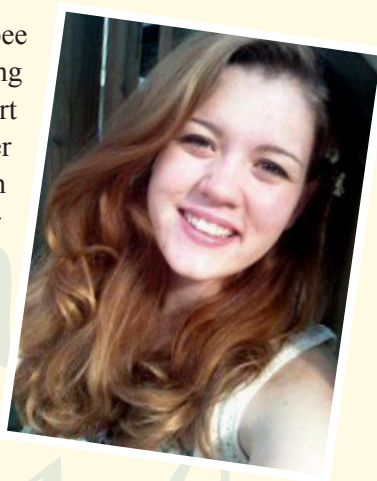
Donna Lynn Yanoff Memorial Scholarship Winner 2011

Melissa Hargadon

Melissa Hargadon has been inspired by music during her high school career. She is truly passionate about music and the arts.

Melissa has been an active member of Mashpee High School's many singing outlets including the Chamber Singers, Treble Ensemble, Concert Choir, and A Cappella Singers during her six years at Mashpee's junior high and high school. She also participated in several theater productions with the Blue Falcon Theater Club, including *Oliver* and *The Pajama Game*.

Melissa recently taught herself how to play the acoustic guitar, something that she thoroughly enjoys. She is also currently taking piano lessons.



During her senior year, Melissa participated in a student internship with the ninth grade Treble Ensemble choir. She felt how rewarding it was to have been to be a mentor for these younger girls, which inspired her to pursue her dream for the future. One day she hopes to become a music teacher so she can pass on the power of music to future students. Her ultimate goal is to positively influence the lives of others through music.

In addition to her internship, Melissa has also been working as a daycare provider and caring for special needs children during her after school jobs. She hopes this work experience will also assist her in her pursuit of a career in education.

Melissa will be attending Hampshire College in Massachusetts this fall, where she will be majoring in Music Education with a concentration in Voice. With this education, Melissa will be on her way to fulfilling her dreams and teaching the youth of tomorrow an appreciation of the arts and music.