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# NOCCA graduate earns full scholarship to Berklee College of Music

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Brian Richburg  
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Brian Richburg, an 18-year-old drummer from New Orleans, has been awarded a four-year, full-tuition scholarship to Berklee College of Music.

Richburg, who attended New Orleans Charter Science and Mathematics High School and New Orleans Center for Creative Arts, says going to Berklee has been his goal since elementary school, and this scholarship will allow him to pursue his dream of a career in music. Richburg is also the 2016 recipient of the ASCAP Foundation Louis Prima Award. He hopes to become a professional musician, songwriter and producer.

Scholarships were presented to five young musicians from underserved communities on Aug. 8 at the Berklee Performance Center, at the conclusion of the Berklee summer performance program, which more than 100 teens attended on Berklee City Music summer scholarships.

Emceed by Berklee alumna Courtney Harrell, an LA-based singer-songwriter and recent finalist on NBC's *The Voice*,

Scholarship students were welcomed to the stage by Harrell, Berklee provost Larry Simpson, and Krystal Banfield, Berklee City Music dean and interim vice president, education outreach and social entrepreneurship. The concert showcased the talents of Berklee City Music students performing in jazz, pop-rock, funk/Latin, R&B, and choral ensembles.