

2017 Malcolm Helm Memorial Endowed Scholarship Winner

Eduardo Garcia, Jr., The University of Texas - Austin

Eduardo Garcia Jr. is a fourth year senior at The University of Texas Austin. He is pursuing a degree in Instrumental Music Studies with the hopes of being a secondary school band director post graduation.

Eduardo is the son of Eduardo and Emilia Garcia and grew up in Los Fresnos, Texas in the Rio Grande Valley. Band played a large part of his high school years. He was part of the high school wind ensemble, served as Drum Major, and was a three-time TMEA All State Band member.

Now at UT, Eduardo is very involved in the Butler School of Music. He is a current section leader for the Longhorn Band, was a member of the Longhorn Pep Band, an active member of the Alpha Tau Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi, and a member of the Wind Ensemble. He has been a part of the UT Wind Symphony and Symphony Band as well.

Active outside of the music school, Eduardo is the Vice President of Music in the Fine Arts Council, holds membership in the Gateway Scholars Program, and is a minister at the University Catholic Center. During time off from school, he teaches private music lessons in Los Fresnos and serves as a camp counselor for the Longhorn Music Camp.

Eduardo explains, "Music education has had a great impact on my life and it has inspired me to grow as a musician. I'm forever grateful for the Texas Bandmasters Association for this award and I can't wait to see what is in store!"

