

# THOMAS “COLTON” POTTER

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**OBJECTIVE:** *To become a professional musician.*

## **EDUCATION:**

### OBERLIN CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

Oberlin, Ohio – 2017-2021

- Music Performance (Oboe) Student
- Conservatory Dean Scholar
- Passed out of/received credit for:
  - Music Theory I
  - Aural Skills I, II, III, IV
  - Piano I & II
  - 5 courses from AP scores
- Cumulative GPA – 4.02

### TIMBER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL (Enrollment 3139)

Orlando, Florida – 2014-2017

- Class Rank 23/809; 97<sup>th</sup> percentile
- 2016 SAT Score: 1590/1600
- Cumulative GPA 5.108 (Weighted, 6.0 scale); 4.0 (Unweighted)

## **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:**

2017 National Merit Scholar

TCHS Valedictorian [4.0 GPA Unweighted]

National Honor Society

Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction

Tri-M Music Honor Society:

- 2016/17: Chapter President
- 2015/16: Chapter Secretary

Mu Alpha Theta – Math Honor Society

Delta Epsilon Phi – German Honor Society

91<sup>st</sup> Percentile – Gold Award – 13<sup>th</sup> in the State of Florida – National AATG German Exam, Level 2

National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists Award of Excellence

Nominee: Global Young Leaders Conference

## **PERFORMANCE ACHIEVEMENT:**

### **Awards, Scholarships, and Special Honors:**

Conservatory Dean’s Scholarship Talent Award  
“Semper Fidelis” Award for Musical Excellence  
Principal’s “Leader of the Pack” Award  
Arts for Life Talent Scholarship  
Dr. Joseph Wise Award

*Oberlin Conservatory of Music  
US Marine Corps  
Timber Creek High School  
Foundation for Excellence in Education  
Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra*

Academic Scholarship  
 Accepted – BUTI Young Artists Orchestra  
 Maddy Summer Artist Award [Top Honor]  
 Orchestra Scholar [Merit-based full scholarship; \$8,780 value]  
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 Maddy Summer Artist Award [Top Honor]  
 Emerson Scholar [Merit-based full scholarship; \$8,380 value]  
 Loomis Endowed Scholar [Merit/Aid scholarship; \$5,000 value]  
 National Band Association Outstanding Musician Award  
 Bach Festival Young Artists Competition – Finalist

*The Community Resource Alumni Association*  
*2017 Tanglewood Institute*  
*2016 Interlochen Center for the Arts*  
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*2015 Interlochen Center for the Arts*  
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*2014 Interlochen Center for the Arts*  
*2013 Stetson Double-Reed Workshop*  
*2013 Winter Park, Florida*

**Florida Music Education Association [FMEA]:**

2017 All-State Symphonic Band [11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Grade]  
 2016 All-State Symphonic Band [11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Grade]  
 2015 All-State Concert Orchestra [9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Grade]  
 2014 All-State Concert Band [9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Grade]  
 2013 All-State Middle School Band

*Principal Oboe*  
*Principal 2nd Oboe*  
*Principal Oboe*  
*Principal Oboe*  
*Principal Oboe*

**Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra [FSYO]:**

Symphonic Orchestra [Premier Ensemble]  
 Symphonic Orchestra [Premier Ensemble]  
 Philharmonic Orchestra  
 Philharmonic Orchestra  
 Prelude Orchestra

*Principal Oboe* 2016-2017  
*Principal 2<sup>nd</sup> Oboe* 2014-2016  
*Principal Oboe* 2013-2014  
*Principal 2<sup>nd</sup> Oboe* 2012-2013  
*Principal Oboe* 2011-2012

**Orange County Public Schools [OCPS]:**

2017 All-County Concert Band [11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Grade]  
 2016 All-County Concert Band [11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Grade]  
 2015 All-County Concert Band [9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Grade]  
 2014 All-County Full Orchestra [9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade]  
 2014 All-County Concert Band [9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Grade]  
 2013 All-County Concert Band [Middle School]  
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*2<sup>nd</sup> Oboe*

**Florida Band Association [FBA]:**

2016 District 8 Solo and Ensemble Competition  
 2015 District 8 and State Solo and Ensemble Competition  
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 2013 District 8 Solo and Ensemble Competition

*Superior Ranking – Oboe Solo*  
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*Superior Rankings – Woodwind Choir*  
*Superior Rankings – Brass Choir [conductor]*  
*Superior Rankings – Oboe Solo*  
*Superior Rankings – Woodwind Quintet*  
*Superior Ranking – Oboe Solo*

**Timber Creek High School Music Programs:**

TCHS Concerto Competition  
 TCHS Concert Choir  
 TCHS Concert Choir

*Winner* 2017  
*Member* 2016-2017  
*Outstanding Sight Reader* 2017

TCHS Wind Ensemble [Premier Ensemble]	<i>Principal Oboe</i>	2013-2017
TCHS Bands	<i>Director's Award [Top Honor]</i>	2017
TCHS Bands	<i>Most Outstanding Woodwind</i>	2016
TCHS Philharmonic Orchestra	<i>Principal Oboe</i>	2013-2017
TCHS Regiment [Marching Band]	<i>Drum Major &amp; Oboe Soloist</i>	2016
TCHS Regiment [Marching Band]	<i>Drum Major &amp; Piano Soloist</i>	2015
TCHS Regiment [Marching Band]	<i>Piano</i>	2014

**Summer Music Programs:**

2017	National Youth Orchestra of the United States [NYO-USA]	<i>Carnegie Hall &amp; Latin American Tour</i>
2016	Interlochen Center for the Arts [age 17]	<i>Interlochen, Michigan</i>
	• World Youth Symphony Orchestra [Premier Ensemble]	<i>Principal Oboe [all summer]</i>
	• Honors Chamber Recital; Wind Quintet	<i>Audition Winner [twice]</i>
	• Logan Arts Leadership Institute with President Kimpton	<i>Selected Participant</i>
2015	Interlochen Center for the Arts [age 16]	<i>Interlochen, Michigan</i>
	• World Youth Symphony Orchestra [Premier Ensemble]	<i>Principal Oboe [all summer]</i>
	• Honors Chamber Recital; Wind Quintet	<i>Audition Winner</i>
	• Cabin Representative at President's Luncheon	<i>Elected by cabin counselors</i>
2014	Interlochen Center for the Arts [age 15]	<i>Interlochen, Michigan</i>
	• World Youth Symphony Orchestra [Premier Ensemble]	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Chair Oboe</i>
	• Interlochen Philharmonic Orchestra	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Chair Oboe</i>
	• Cabin Representative at President's Luncheon	<i>Elected by cabin counselors</i>
2013	Stetson University Double-Reed Workshop [age 14]	<i>DeLand, Florida</i>
	• Double-Reed Workshop Concert Band	<i>Principal Oboe</i>
	• Oboe Sextet in Chamber Recital	<i>Principal Oboe</i>

**APPLIED OBOE INSTRUCTORS:**

Robert Walters	from Fall 2017
<i>Cleveland Orchestra, Oboe and Solo English Horn</i>	
<i>Professor of Oboe and English Horn; Oberlin Conservatory of Music</i>	
Daniel Stolper	2014, 2015, 2016 (summers)
<i>Interlochen Center for the Arts</i>	
Jamie Strefeler	2010 – 2017
<i>Principal Oboe, Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra</i>	
<i>Adjunct Instructor of Oboe at the University of Central Florida</i>	

**Master Classes** (alphabetical order):

Andrew Adelson	<i>Mason Gross School of the Arts [Rutgers University]</i>
Erin Banholzer	<i>Mason Gross School of the Arts [Rutgers University]</i>
Erik Behr	<i>Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra</i>
Elaine Douvas	<i>MET Opera Orchestra/The Juilliard School</i>
John Ferrillo	<i>Boston Symphony Orchestra/New England Conservatory of Music</i>
Ariana Ghez	<i>Los Angeles Philharmonic/Colburn School</i>
Jared Hauser	<i>Vanderbilt University Blair School of Music</i>
Nathan Hughes	<i>MET Opera Orchestra/The Juilliard School/Rutgers University</i>

Eugene Izotov	<i>San Francisco Conservatory of Music</i>
Richard Killmer	<i>Eastman School of Music</i>
Robert Krause	<i>West Texas A&amp;M University</i>
Humbert Lucarelli	<i>NYU/Queens College</i>
Mark McEwen	<i>Boston Symphony Orchestra/New England Conservatory/Boston University</i>
Eric Ohlsson	<i>Tallahassee Symphony/Florida State University</i>
Christopher Philpotts	<i>Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra</i>
Frank Rosenwein	<i>Cleveland Orchestra/Cleveland Institute of Music</i>
Linda Strommen	<i>Jacobs School of Music [Indiana University]</i>
Allan Vogel	<i>USC/Colburn School</i>
Robert Walters	<i>Cleveland Orchestra/Oberlin Conservatory of Music</i>

**Conductors:**

Raphael Jiménez	<i>Oberlin Conservatory of Music</i>
Timothy Weiss	<i>Oberlin Conservatory of Music</i>
Gregory Ristow	<i>Oberlin Conservatory of Music</i>
Marin Alsop	<i>National Youth Orchestra [NYO-USA]</i>
James Ross	<i>National Youth Orchestra [NYO-USA]</i>
JoAnn Falletta	<i>Interlochen World Youth Symphony Orchestra</i>
Jung-Ho Pak	<i>Interlochen World Youth Symphony Orchestra</i>
Andreas Delfs	<i>Interlochen World Youth Symphony Orchestra</i>
Carlos Izcaray	<i>Interlochen World Youth Symphony Orchestra</i>
Carlos Kalmar	<i>Interlochen World Youth Symphony Orchestra</i>
Cristian Măcelaru	<i>Interlochen World Youth Symphony Orchestra</i>
Christopher Rountree	<i>Interlochen World Youth Symphony Orchestra</i>
Joshua Weilerstein	<i>Interlochen World Youth Symphony Orchestra</i>
Octavio Más-Arocas	<i>Interlochen Philharmonic Orchestra</i>
William LaRue Jones	<i>FMEA All-State Orchestra</i>
William K. Wakefield	<i>FMEA All-State Band</i>
Scott Weiss	<i>FMEA All-State Band</i>
Jamie Nix	<i>FMEA All-State Band</i>
Cleve A. Maloon	<i>FMEA All-State Band</i>
Hanrich Claassen	<i>Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra</i>
Andrew Lane	<i>Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra</i>
John DuPuis	<i>Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra</i>
Mathew Davis	<i>Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra</i>
Elizabeth Hicklin	<i>Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra</i>
Rebecca Phillips	<i>OCPS All-County Band</i>
Neil Jenkins	<i>OCPS All-County Band</i>
Chris Tredway	<i>OCPS All-County Band</i>
Richard Floyd	<i>OCPS All-County Band</i>
Laura Singletary	<i>OCPS All-County Band</i>
Michael Garasi	<i>OCPS All-County Orchestra</i>
Douglas Phillips	<i>Stetson Double-Reed Workshop</i>
Staci Conkling	<i>Timber Creek High School Orchestra</i>
Rhett Cox	<i>Timber Creek High School Band</i>
Devin Hoey	<i>Timber Creek High School Band</i>

Joseph Kreines  
Holly Cook  
David Brunner

*Timber Creek High School Band*  
*Timber Creek High School Concert Choir*  
*UCF Chorus Concert*

***EMPLOYMENT:***

Oberlin College Residential Education	Resident Assistant	from August 2018
Oberlin Conservatory Admissions	Tour Guide	from March 2018
Oberlin Campus Dining Services	Caterer	from Fall 2017
	DeCafé Student Worker	from Fall 2017

*References available on request.*

***COMMUNITY SERVICE & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:***

Kahn Dormitory Hall Council (President)	2017-2018
TCHS German Club	2014-2017
TCHS Beta Club	2015-2017
TCHS Helping the Homeless Club	2015-2017
TCHS Varsity Tennis Team	2013-2015