

To whomever this may concern,

Hello, my name is Syrena Chowanski and I am a Senior at Carson High School. I am a Jump Start senior, which means I have taken college level classes so that I may graduate Carson High School with an Associate's of Arts as well as my Honors Diploma. I am a hard worker and love to learn; ever since I was little, I loved books and learning so much that I wanted to become a teacher when I grow up. Now more than ever, I want to make education my career. As of right now, I have taken a few education classes because of the opportunities that Jump Start has given me.

I also come from a musical family, so it was no surprise when I joined band in elementary school and loved it. I have been playing flute for almost eight years now and percussion for almost six years. As I improve my skills, I joined the Carson High Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band since my freshman year. I was also apart of the Marching Band from my freshman year to my junior year. My skills improve the more I practice, in which I try out for more bands on state levels such as various NMEA Honor Bands that I have been apart of from seventh grade to this year; as well as volunteered for some of the community bands here in Carson City. I have also performed in some of the school plays such as "Kiss Me Kate" and "The Secret Garden" in which all these extracurricular activities will help me fill out a Fine Arts Diploma later this June. Music is my life since Carson Middle School, I plan on making music part of my career too. This fall, I plan on attending the University of Nevada, Reno and becoming apart of their Music Education program to further my ambition as a music director. I still have no preference as to what grade I want to teach. All I know is that I want to teach music and encourage students to love learning as much as I had.

My senior project had every ounce of my passion poured into it: as a future music director I decided to learn piano. With a few bumps in the road as well as some left turns, I have accomplished a great deal in this project. Not only did I decide to learn piano, I composed my own piece for piano, and will be playing that piece at the senior showcase.

I am excited to share my accomplishments with you all,  
Syrena Chowanski