

Dear Ms. Alcorn,

By mid-April, I have heard from all the schools and here are the results ;

I was accepted...

Eastman School of Music, Oberlin Conservatory, Peabody Institute, New England Conservatory, Manhattan School of Music, Indiana Univ. (Jacobs School of Music), Univ. of Michigan, and VCU

I could not make...

Juilliard School

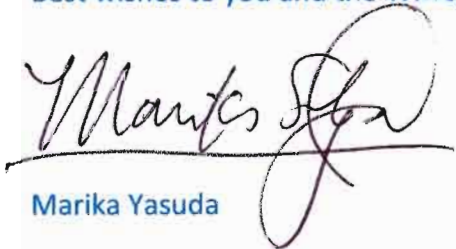
It has been the most difficult and almost agonizing decision-making ever for me, but I finally made up my mind to commit myself to Oberlin Conservatory, studying under Mr. Alvin Chow.

Many of the above schools are more geared toward the graduate program, but I learned that Oberlin Conservatory is one of the best for undergraduate program. They offered me the most generous merit scholarship and my top choice teachers have been enthusiastically inviting me. The conservatory is located inside the Oberlin College campus and we are allowed to explore, if we want to, different academic fields other than music during my undergrad years.

I am determined to work my best in order to grow into a much better pianist in four years, and hopefully continue on to a graduate program at my dream school with a dream teacher!

The warm support and inspiring experiences from the Williamsburg Music Club have helped me reach where I am standing right now. From the bottom of my heart, I THANK you so much. I'd appreciate it if you could convey my sincere gratitude to all the WMC members.

Best wishes to you and the WMC,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marika Yasuda", with a long horizontal flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Marika Yasuda