

Maho Gibbs

Maho Someya Gibbs began playing violin at the age of five. The following year, Maho won first place in her age group at the Kansas Music Teachers Association honors audition. Surrounded by a musical family with both parents in the Kansas City Symphony, she has continued violin for the past 11 years and was recently appointed concertmaster of the Blue Valley Northwest high school chamber orchestra. She has participated in Kansas District and All-State orchestra and received 1-superior ratings four times from Kansas state chamber music. She performed in Heartland Chamber Music's summer festival as well as the first semester of the Kansas City Young Chamber Musicians program. She recently won the concertmaster position of the All-District Gold Orchestra.

As an active member of her school community, Maho is a representative in student government, a leader of National Spanish Honors Society, and a member of National Honors Society, National Art Honors Society, Kansas Association for Youth club, Model United Nations, and various other clubs. On weekends, she studies violin with her mother and volunteers at Kansas City Japanese School.

This past summer, Maho attended Brown Pre-college Leadership Institute's course on business and social entrepreneurship, visited her grandparents in Yokohama, Japan, and saw her sister off at Rice University in Houston, Texas. When it is her turn to go to college, she hopes to pursue a degree in business whilst continuing violin at the collegiate level.