



Did you know about the IN UNISON Academy program?

The IN UNISON Academy program nurtures the development of African American students studying music or a music-related field at the college level through scholarships, mentorship, coaching, internships and performance opportunities. We are pleased to announce SLSO's 2018/2019 IN UNISON Scholars and Fellow.

David Brown: David is a sophomore and first year IN UNISON Scholar working on his Bachelor of Music degree in Music Performance (cello). David was a member of the St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra last season, a current member of the UMSL orchestra, and he performs as part of a string trio.

Eric Johnson: Eric is a senior and first year IN UNISON Scholar completing his Bachelor of Music degree in Music Performance (trombone). He has been playing trombone for 16 years, and has been mentored by SLSO Principal Trombone Tim Myers. Eric is currently serving as a Servant leader Instructor for THE CDF Freedom School of Kingdom House, and is a member of the UMSL Jazz Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, and the University City Symphony Orchestra.

Alayna Epps: Alayna is a junior and first year IN UNISON Scholar working on a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music. She is a vocalist and plans to pursue a Masters in Music Therapy. Alayna currently serves as Vice President of UMSL's Student Opera Theater and University Singers, and is a representative for the student government association at UMSL.

Kaylen Lucas: Kaylen is a clarinetist, a second year IN UNISON Scholar and a sophomore studying Music Education. With support of her SLSO mentor Diana Haskell and peer mentor and former IN UNISON Scholar Joseph Hendricks, Kaylen completed her first year at UMSL with recognition as one of UMSL's Outstanding Orchestral Musicians.

Cassandra Bell: Cassandra is also a clarinetist and second year IN UNISON Scholar studying Music Education. Like her best friend Kaylen, Cassandra was mentored by Diana Haskell and Joseph Hendricks, and also received recognition as one of UMSL's Outstanding Orchestral Musicians at the completion of her freshman year.

Rachel Morgan: Rachel is a four-year IN UNISON scholar entering her senior year. She will complete a Bachelor of Music Business degree along with a double minor in media Studies and Business Administration. She is a piano instructor through Music & Arts, and is a Fellow with LIFE Arts Inc.

In addition, four-year IN UNISON Scholar, recent UMSL graduate and vocalist Malena Smith will be the SLSO's 2018/2019 IN UNISON Graduate Fellow. In this capacity, Malena will coordinate the SLSO's Mentoring the Music: Peer to Peer program, which is a collaboration between the IN UNISON Academy and the St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra, during the 2018/19 season.