

Elias Gilbert Vera Scholarship Update

This Fall, I was very excited to start school at Yale College in New Haven, Connecticut! I'll most likely be majoring in Applied Mathematics with a heavy side dose of music. While classes in both semesters were virtual, in Fall I was able to live on campus in the newly-built Benjamin Franklin College (pictured above).

Being at Yale in Fall was amazing and I can't wait to continue my college experience there, especially when in-person classes and activities resume. This Spring, I continued taking classes from home in Santa Cruz, which was nice in its own way.

At Yale, I am a clarinetist in the Yale Symphony Orchestra and Davenport Pops Orchestra, and when on campus my friends formed a Quintet and played regularly together. I know I haven't had the full Yale experience yet, but this year has really made me look forward to the future!

Huge thanks to the Vera Taylor scholarship, which has been very helpful with school expenses— especially with the many books for my seminar this semester on “Constitutional Errors”, which even as a STEM-focused student, turned out to be incredibly interesting! Of course, I'm always grateful to Peace United, which has done so much for me and which I will always come back to.