

Greenwich piano teacher earns award from The Royal Conservatory of Music

Felicia Feng Zhang, an accomplished pianist and music teacher from Greenwich, recently received the prestigious 2020 Teacher Distinction Award from The



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Royal Conservatory of Music.

"This is a very remarkable award," Zhang said. "I feel very honored to

be recognized for my teaching. It's a major milestone and I am happy they have recognized how I have contributed my life's passion into music education and bringing music to students."

The award is given to leaders in the field of music education who are "influential in creating a brighter future for music education" and "instilling a lifelong love of music in their students."

It is an elite honor: There are only 16 recipients in North America, and she is the only one from the Northeast.

A nationally certified piano teacher, Zhang has begun a new term as president of the Connecticut State Music Teacher Association. She has been teaching for 32 years and founded the All Talent Academy and Piano Village Foundation in Greenwich.

Many of her students, ranging in age from 3 up to adults, have won over 500 prizes in international piano competitions, exams and festivals and have performed at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, London Royal Albert Hall, and other venues.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, she helped to organize the Stamford Music in the Park concert for local residents. She also leads youth leaders and advanced students in offering free online music training to the community, including online senior and adult classes through her nonprofit organization Piano Village Foundation.

"During this hard time,

music will help people and help young students," said Zhang. "Learning music can give students more focus and help them achieve academically."

For information about her classes, visit www.alltalentacademy.org.

Northeastern University honors local students

Northeastern University in Boston is recognizing students who were named to its Dean's List for the fall semester, which ended in December.

The honored local students are Ella Holl, of Greenwich, majoring in computer engineering/computer science; Nicole Bartholomew, of Greenwich, majoring in health science; Kinsey Yow, of Greenwich, majoring in International affairs; Eva Serra, of Old Greenwich, majoring in psychology; and Sasha Burnett, of Old Greenwich, majoring in business administration.

To achieve the Dean's List distinction, students must have a quality point average of 3.5 or greater.

Local student named to James Madison