

We recently received this letter from Sofia Bramante's father. Congratulations, Sofia!!!

Dear Jon & Barbara:

I hope that this email finds each of you well, and ready for another exciting season for FCCC. At the moment, my wife and I are getting ready to "deliver" Sofia to UDel to start her college career, which she is so very ready for, due partly to her experiences in FCCC. Thank you once again!

I'm writing to tell you some very exciting news! Sofia has been selected as a Davidson Fellow for 2014. In case you're unaware, the Davidson Fellowship is a competition that has been named as one of the *The 10 Biggest Scholarships in the World* by TheBestColleges.org, and one of *7 Prestigious Undergrad Scholarships* in U.S. News & World Report. In this competition, students (that are under 18 years of age) are asked to submit their "meaningful work" in philosophy, music, science, technology, literature, engineering, mathematics, or out of the box, in the hopes of being selected as 1 of only 20 students to receive this prestigious, national scholarship. Sofia submitted her independent science research from her junior and senior years on color changing camouflage thin films. In short, Sofia devised a flexible thin film coating based on iron nanoparticles that can change visible colors with the wave of a magnet. Such a thin film can be placed on military vehicles so that it can be used to camouflage those same vehicles with changes in magnetic field generated by electrical current within the vehicular frame. Sofia entered her work as an engineering project, which included submission of a 15 minute descriptive video. I'm thrilled to tell you that she was selected as a Davidson Fellow, and will receive a \$10K scholarship, in addition to a trip to DC in September, to meet with Congressional leaders. She will also be recognized along with the other fellows at a gala event at the Smithsonian on Friday evening, September 26th.

If you would like to read more about the achievement and events to take place in DC, here are a bunch of links that detail the Davidson Fellowship, the new 2014 Fellows, and specifically, the write-up on Sofia. I'd like to call your attention specifically to her bio, where the FCCC is mentioned. At her interviews, Sofia spoke at great length about her wonderful experiences in FCCC ... so much so that it made the bio!!

<http://www.davidsongifted.org/fellows/>

<http://2014davidsonfellows.com/fellows/>

<http://2014davidsonfellows.com/sofia-bramante/>

<http://2014davidsonfellows.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Bramante-Local-Press-Release.pdf>

For each of you, thanks again for all that you do to promote the talents of our children! Please let me know if you have any questions, and all the best for an exciting and successful school/choir year!

Take care,

Andy Bramante