



Ashley Walker '09, is a Cal State University East Bay (CSUEB) graduate student who believes that music education is vital to all students and thanks to a recent scholarship from the California State University Foundation, he's one step closer to pursuing music and music education as a career.

Walker is a second year master's candidate in the CSUEB Choral Conducting Program and is the recipient of the 2016-2017 CSU Trustee's Award for Outstanding Achievement.

According to the foundation, Walker received the recognition and \$6,000 scholarship as a result of his "superior academic performance, exemplary community service, and significant personal accomplishments."

Walker said he gives credit to his mentor, Dr. Buddy James, founding director of CSUEB's School of Arts and Media who has motivated and guided him throughout his time as a Pioneer. Walker said he hopes the award also brings recognition to the educators at CSUEB, particularly in the music department.

"The scholarship is important because it brings attention to the fantastic educators of the CSUEB music department ...," Walker said. "Winning this award shows how both music and academics can lead to a successful future."

The CSU Board of Trustees and Chancellor Timothy P. White will formally recognize and congratulate Walker at a meeting on Sept. 20 in Long Beach.

