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**A Presentation
by UWindsor
Master's
Student, Willow
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Freedom Achiever Spotlight: Elisabeth Melodie Jonah

Name: Elisabeth Melodie Jonah

Age: 16 years

School and Class: Chatham Kent Secondary School, Grade 11

Hometown: Chatham, ON

Parents: Lan and Stella (Rowland) Jonah



Question: What is your favorite school subject?

Answer: Biology. I plan to go into the medical field and anything that is centered around the human body is interesting to me. I also love to read. At the moment, I'm enjoying historical fiction.

Question: What do you want to do when you grow up?

Answer: A part of me wants to become an immigration lawyer. My mother is an immigration consultant and my parent's immigration story inspires me. They came to Canada in 2001 before I was born. Or I'd like to become a doctor in neuroscience. I've always liked the brain and the mind. Not sure yet but I'm deciding.

Question: What extra-curricular activities do you participate in?

Answer: I've played soccer since I was 6 years old. I like that the teams in the league change each season, so I get to meet different people. I also played basketball in high school (before the COVID-19 pandemic). I loved going to the tournaments. The environment was really electric, and lots of fun.

Question: How has COVID-19 affected your day-to-day activities?

Answer: Really, really slowed me down. Before the pandemic I was always at school doing things for sports or for band or at a restaurant hanging out with my friends. I got a part time job recently so I could get out more.

Question: What are your hobbies?

Answer: Learning new instruments. I've been taking piano lessons since I was 4. When the drummer at my church moved away, I taught myself to play the drums. In Grade 9 as part of music class I took lessons for the

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clarinet. In Grade 10, I was bored of the clarinet, so I switched to the flute. The Pastor at my church plays guitar and gave me one for Christmas so I had to learn to play. Just recently I received a bass guitar so I'm teaching myself by watching scales and learning songs by an App.

Performing is fun. In November 2019 I was selected to play at Western University in the Honors Band for Grade 9 & 10 students. It was the biggest band I ever played in. We learned three songs in three days and played together in one final performance.



Elisabeth playing the bass guitar

Question: Do you belong to any clubs inside or outside of school?

Answer: Yes, Black Voices Community: Chatham Kent. This is a group of teachers, students, and members of the community that get together to discuss different issues like racism in schools, how Black individuals are perceived in society, and negative stereotypes. For a long time, I felt isolated. I go to a predominantly white school. Members of the group share like experiences as me and this forum gives me the opportunity to talk about the issues.

Question: If you could have a conversation with one historical Black figure, who would it be and what would you want to talk about?

Answer: Maya Angelo. Every time I hear her story it amazes me. My mother told me about her. My favorite poem by her is "And Still I Rise". I'd want to know how she did it? Being a Black woman and doing what she did. What gave her the confidence.

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