



GREENWOOD SCHOOL OF MUSIC
PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Alayna Tolbert (Applied Piano Faculty)



Alayna Tolbert is a 19 year old pianist, artist, and composer. She was homeschooled, and the oldest of 11 children. She is now a sophomore at OSU and married to her husband Noah Tolbert.

Alayna has received three first places in the Bach, Mozart, and Classical, and one of two special awards given during the 2023 Ad Libitum International Piano Competition. She also got 5 silver prizes in various categories in the same competition. She was awarded 1st place in the Hubbard-Males piano competition in 2021 and 2022, and in the OSU piano competition in 2023. She received 2nd in the American Protege International Piano and Strings Competition in 2023, 3rd prize in the 2022 Glory International Piano Competition Online, and the 2023 American Virtuoso International Music Competition, and was a finalist in the 2022 Piano League Piano Star International Competition, honorable mention in the 2022 International Competition for Pianists online and she performed at the 2021 Juilliard Winter Festival for piano.

A few other accolades include attending the OBU keyboard academy in 2021 and 2022, performing with the Cameron University Jazz academy in 2022, opening for the C-TAC live concert series twice, 5 solo recitals in the last few years, and two invitations to perform at Carnegie Hall. Her collegiate accomplishments are 1st place in the 2023 OMTA competition, 3rd in the 2024 LMC competition, 2nd in the Hyeckha Scholarship Competition, and being selected with her trio to go to NYC for the 2024 NYC Philharmonic internship. She is a 4.0 student and currently teaches for the GSM preparatory academy.