

Loa Cho, a 17 year-old cellist who graduated this year from Maumee Valley Country Day School, has been playing cello for 10 years. She has been performing at various institutes including Cellofest in London, UK, Young Artists Program at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Canada, the National Cello Institute in LA, Indiana University's Summer String Academy, and Meadowmount School of Music in New York.

Loa was one of the winners of the Cleveland Cello Society Competition, MTNA's Buckeye Audition, Toledo Symphony's Director's Award, and the Toledo Symphony League Remembrance Scholarship. She is also an avid chamber music performer, organizing performances at various local venues and being featured in live performances on WGTE and WTOL, as a part of Toledo Symphony Youth Ensemble which she started in 2017. Her previous teachers include Renee Goubeaux, Renè Schiffer, Horacio Contreras, Alan Smith, Amir Eldan, and Julia Lichten.

She currently studies with Natasha Brofsky. In 2020 Fall she will be continuing her academic and cello studies at Columbia University and The Juilliard School through their exchange program. Her free time primarily goes to writing in her journal and dancing like crazy. She does not know what to become yet, but wants to do something to make the world a place where altruistic people do not become extinct.