



A protégé of Suzanne Valerio through high school on Long Island, Devin acted as Principal Cellist of both the NYSCAME All-County and NYSSMA Conference All-State orchestras in his junior year. He was awarded that same summer the Dean L. Harrington Memorial Scholarship by NYSSSA SOS where Philadelphia Orchestra members coached NY-based musicians at Skidmore College during their annual SPAC residency.

In addition to the privilege of studying cello with Brent Wissick at UNC Chapel Hill, Devin was honored – among three other annual recipients between approximately two hundred auditionees – in 2015 the Department of Music's premier Kenan Music Scholarship for outstanding academic and musical achievement. This program provided him not only full tuition and a stipend – which funded a summer abroad at UWC Adriatic to study with Tulio Rondón and perform chamber music in both Italy and Slovenia on IMFA's highest scholarship – but also workshops and masterclasses with internationally-renowned performers, free attendance to CPA's classical concert series, and the opportunity to combine musical studies with academic coursework at one of the nation's most prestigious research universities. Principal Cellist of the UNCSCO, he was awarded the Benjamin Swalin Orchestra Award for his significant contributions in artistry and leadership thereto upon graduation whereat he obtained his B.M. as well as a B.S. in Statistics.