Kira Parshall is a student from Piqua High School. During her time in high school as a flute and saxophone player, she has participated in Piqua's symphonic and jazz bands, women's chorus, and marching band, serving as one of the drum majors. Parshall also participates in multiple community concerts with her high school ensembles as well as being a flute player in the Dayton Philharmonic Youth Orchestra. Outside of music, she strives academically through numerous College Credit Plus classes and volunteers with multiple service organizations. She also enjoys playing tennis in the spring. Overall, Parshall is very appreciative of her opportunity to be one of the winners of the essay competition and to be involved in an amazing festival like Silver Melted into Sound.