

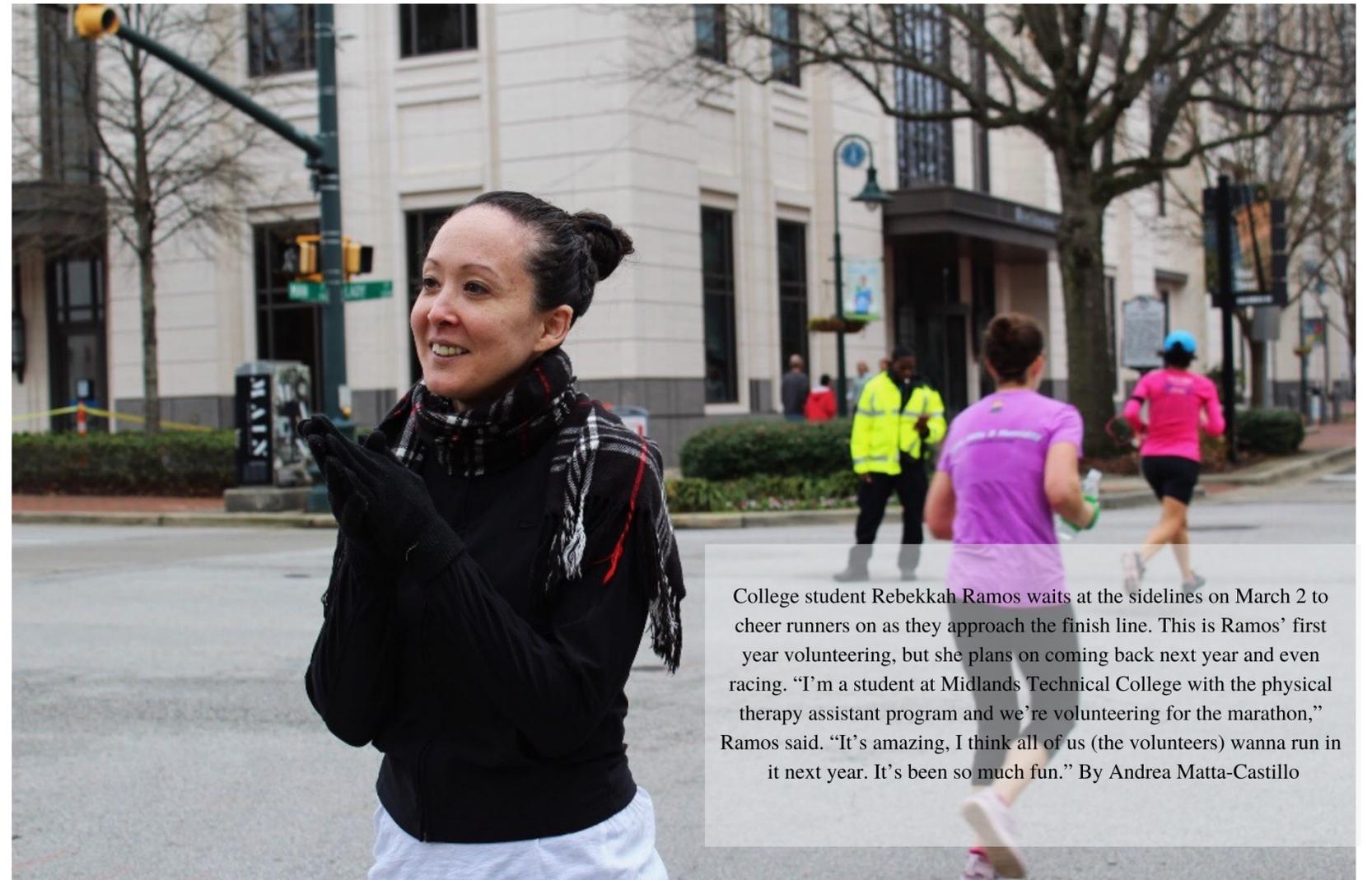
A woman with dark hair in a bun, wearing a black jacket and a plaid scarf, is cheering with her mouth open and hands raised. She is standing on a city street. In the background, a person in a bright yellow jacket is walking, and two runners are visible. The scene is set in front of a large, light-colored building with arched windows and a tree without leaves.

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SUPPORT



First sergeant Xavier Gandsy poses on March 2 for a picture during the Columbia Run Hard Marathon after cheering runners on throughout the race. This is Gandsy's fourth and final year at the marathon and he hopes to leave a lasting impression on his cadets. "It's (important) because this is to help the young cadets learn what's going on, 'cause I'm a senior and I'm not gonna be here next year," Gandsy said. "(My favorite part is) the end and the beginning, because you can see who's coming out and who's gonna do it and at the end you see who's trying hard and the effort that they're putting out." By Sophia Long



College student Rebekkah Ramos waits at the sidelines on March 2 to cheer runners on as they approach the finish line. This is Ramos' first year volunteering, but she plans on coming back next year and even racing. "I'm a student at Midlands Technical College with the physical therapy assistant program and we're volunteering for the marathon," Ramos said. "It's amazing, I think all of us (the volunteers) wanna run in it next year. It's been so much fun." By Andrea Matta-Castillo



Eli Montgomery hands food to a customer on March 2 at the Columbia Run Hard Marathon. Montgomery has been working as a vendor for almost three years and believes that local source food is very important. "We sell grass-fed beef from a local farmer in Camden," Montgomery said. "It's important to have local ingredients, we couldn't get in touch with (the farmer) this week, so we'll go out of our way to go to Earth Fare or another health store to get the best grass-fed beef we can." By Sophia Long

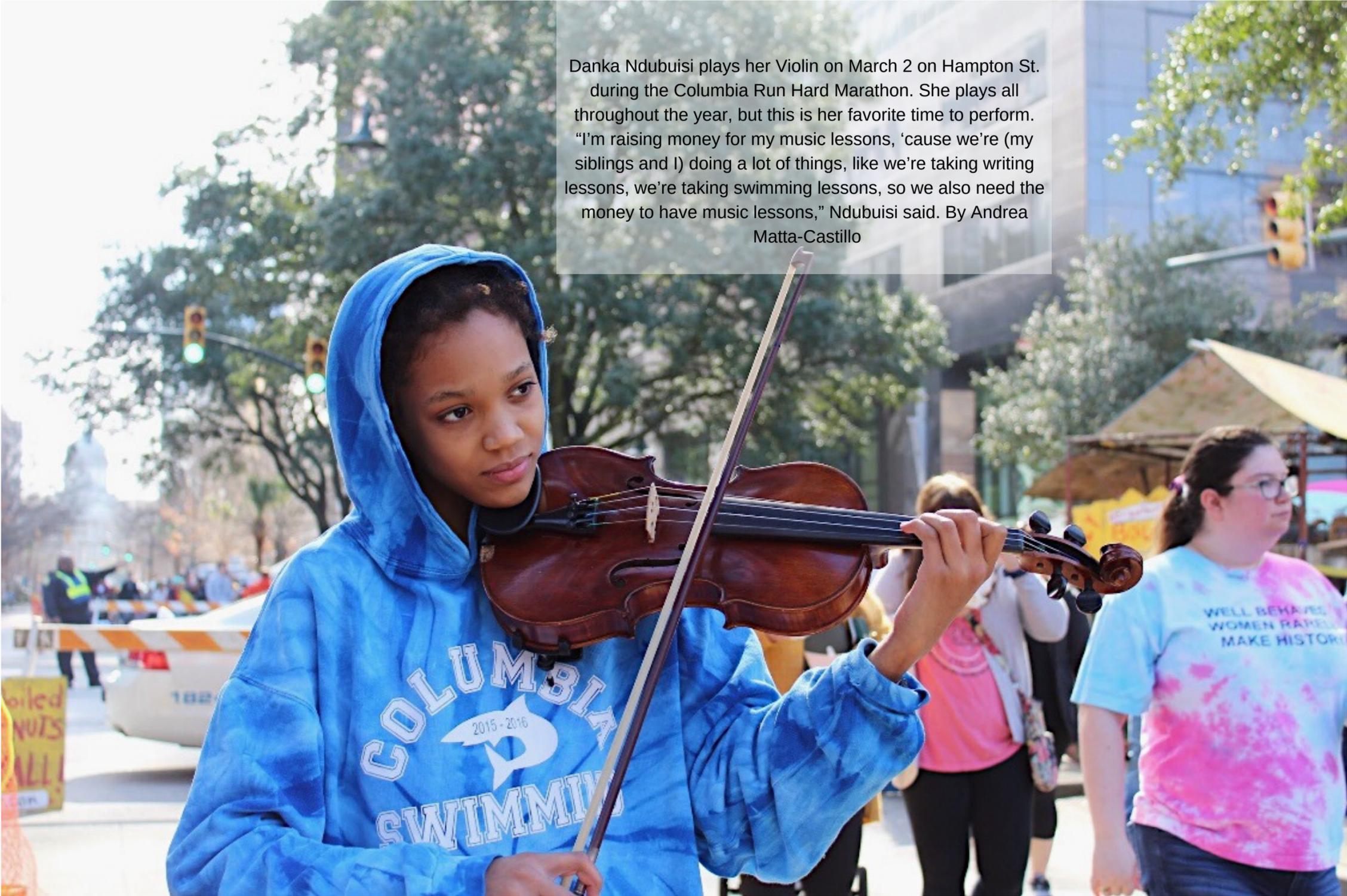
ENTERTAINMENT



9-year-old Conner McLoud stands on Hampton Street on March 2 playing his guitar for the first time in public. McLoud has only been playing guitar for a year but had developed a serious passion for the instrument. "I like (playing) a lot because I'm trying to become a rockstar," McLoud said. "Angus Young really got me into playing (guitar) and then I had the desire to play guitar so then I started playing." By Andrea Matta-Castillo



On March 2, Buster Doug Barker plays his guitar as entertainment during the Columbia Run Hard Marathon. Barker enjoys playing immensely and likes that his passion allows him to travel. "My favorite part (about street performance) is meeting new people," Barker said. "(The sign) is for my wife. We save (the tips) and use 'em for vacation. We usually travel around the country. Sometimes we go out of state, sometimes we stay in. The beach, mountains, or whatever." By Andrea Matta-Castillo

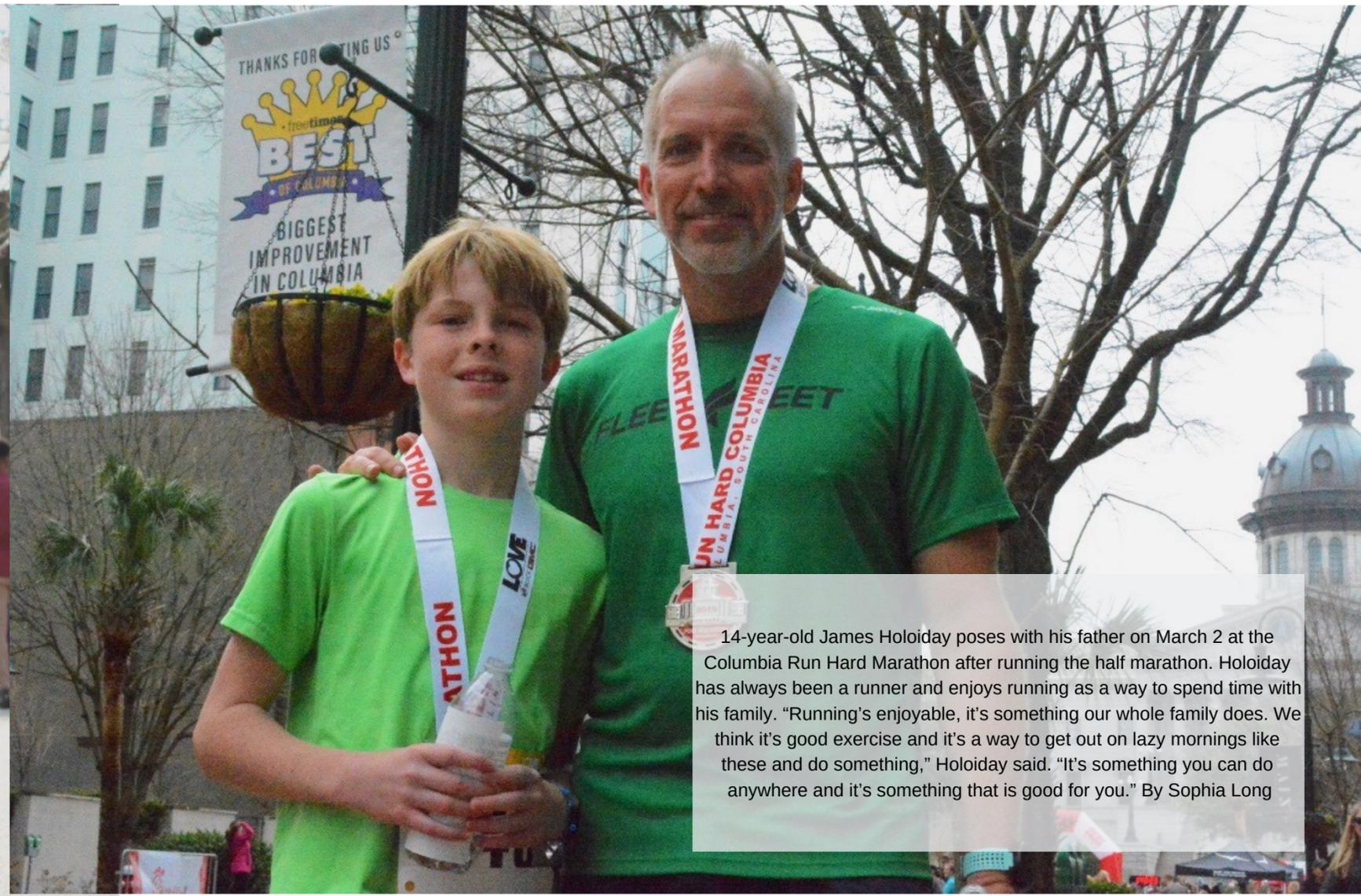
A young woman with dark hair, wearing a bright blue hooded sweatshirt, is playing a violin on a city street. The sweatshirt has "COLUMBIA" and "2015-2016 SWIMMING" printed on it. She is looking intently at the instrument. In the background, there are trees, buildings, and other people, including a woman in a pink and blue t-shirt that says "WELL BEHAVED WOMEN RARELY MAKE HISTORY". A traffic light is visible in the distance.

Danka Ndubuisi plays her Violin on March 2 on Hampton St. during the Columbia Run Hard Marathon. She plays all throughout the year, but this is her favorite time to perform. "I'm raising money for my music lessons, 'cause we're (my siblings and I) doing a lot of things, like we're taking writing lessons, we're taking swimming lessons, so we also need the money to have music lessons," Ndubuisi said. By Andrea Matta-Castillo

FAMILY



Kachi Ariankhaka (far right) poses with Vivien Vilela (second from the left) and her family on March 2 at the Columbia Run Hard Marathon. Vilela and her family just arrived from Mexico and Ariankhaka was showing them around South Carolina. "We like the local vendors and people makin' their own things, that's cool. It's cool to see people having a local market and supporting their community," Ariankhaka said. "We love it here, but we still haven't seen anything 'cause we just arrived last night. I heard it's the most beautiful southern state, so I'm looking forward to seeing it." Vilela said. "So far so good, I love (SC) it's a beautiful community." By Sophia Long



14-year-old James Holiday poses with his father on March 2 at the Columbia Run Hard Marathon after running the half marathon. Holiday has always been a runner and enjoys running as a way to spend time with his family. "Running's enjoyable, it's something our whole family does. We think it's good exercise and it's a way to get out on lazy mornings like these and do something," Holiday said. "It's something you can do anywhere and it's something that is good for you." By Sophia Long