Welcome to the premiere of “The Mosaic,” a newsletter of UNC IMSD! We use this forum to highlight the recent outstanding achievements of IMSD students. We would like to thank the faculty for contributing their student celebrations with us in this first issue. If you have something pending now, then we will celebrate it in a future issue. Be sure to share news about your own or your friends’ accomplishments.

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