

**Denton Independent School District
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TMEA

Band, orchestra, choir students win state honors

Twelve students from Denton ISD's high school fine arts departments have been named to the All-State music performance groups. They will perform in their respective groups at the Texas Music Educators State conference Feb. 13 through 16 in San Antonio.

These students competed with thousands of students statewide to attain the prestigious all-state performance title. They began auditioning for these all-state positions in September with only a few hundred selected statewide to perform at TMEA.

Denton High

Denton High Band students, who placed in the All-State Band are Rebecca Chadwell, senior, trumpet; Robert Lee Jacobs III, senior, percussion, and Katherine Dubberly, freshman, clarinet. Director is Brian Wilson and associate band director is Jesse Woolery.

Denton High Choir students who placed in the All-State Choir are Sid Arlikatti, a senior Tenor 1; Hannah Lane, a sophomore Alto 2, and Theodore Yan, a senior Bass 2. Director is Mark Baker and assistant director is Michael Pricer.

The Denton High Orchestra student who placed in the All-State Symphonic Orchestra is Sabrina Mackenzie, senior. This is the fourth consecutive year for the Sabrina, a violist, to make All-State Orchestra. Director is David Mairs and assistant director is Jeremy Atkins.

Guyer High

The Guyer High Choir student who placed in the All-State Women's Choir is Rachael Hardy, a junior Alto 2. Director is Lawrence E. Johnson Jr.

In band competition, Hector Alonso, a sophomore, placed in the Symphonic Band as a piccolo player. The Guyer Band director is Chris Cansler and assistant band director is Amy Woody.

The Guyer High Orchestra student who placed in the All-State Orchestra is Kathy Wang, a sophomore violinist. Orchestra director is Michelle Brians and assistant orchestra director is Jeremy Atkins.

Ryan High

The Ryan High Choir students who placed in the All-State Choirs are Charlotte Jones, a senior Alto 1 who placed in the Mixed Choir, and Lauren Gish, a senior soprano who placed in the Treble Choir. Director is David Rives.

OAKE

Wilson, Strickland singers qualify to perform at OAKE

Three members of the Woodrow Wilson All-Star Choir and two Strickland Middle School students have been selected by audition to sing in the 2008 Organization of Kodaly Educators (OAKE) National Children's Choir with clinic and performance scheduled in Denver, Colo. in March.

The five students will work with conductors Julia White and Angela Broeker and will perform with 150 other singers from throughout the nation. Woodrow Wilson music teacher and OAKE sponsor is Cecile Johnson.

The Wilson students include: Fourth-grader Rebekah Cheek, daughter of Nancy and Jett Cheek, and fifth-graders Tabitha Taylor, daughter of John and Emily Taylor, and Karen Haskin, daughter of Kim Grover-Haskin and Andy Haskin..

From Strickland Middle School, the singers include Hannah Cheek, daughter of Nancy Cheek and Jett Cheek. This is the fifth trip to the OAKE National Conference for Hannah, an eighth-grader. The other singer is Mary Wright, daughter of Deborah and Paul Wright. This is the seventh-grader's second trip to the OAKE conference.

DANCERS

Two dance students performed at state convention

Two high school dance students from Denton ISD were chosen for the All-State Dance Team. Melissa Anderson, senior from Ryan High, and Brianna Brigham, senior from Guyer High, performed at the Texas Dance Educator's Association Convention in Houston on Jan. 10 through Jan. 12.

The All-State Dance Team is a recognized group sponsored by the Texas Dance Educators' Association. Qualifications for the selection method included exemplifying the best qualities as a peer leader and proficiency in ballet, modern and jazz technique. Applicants also had to submit a list of academic achievements, official high school transcript, recommendations and a dance essay.

Melissa Anderson, who qualified at the event as a Top 12 finalist, has been involved in the RHS dance program for four years. She is actively involved in RHS Dance Club. She has also participated in the high school musicals and choreographed for RHS Show Choir. Her dance instructors at Ryan High are Roxanne Muncy and Whitney Hennen.

Brianna Brigham has been on the Guyer drill team for the past three years. She was named Chamber Dancer at the drill team camp this year and last year won the Junior All-American Dancer and Best in Class for a duet. She was the drill team lieutenant her sophomore and junior years and this year is the Senior Captain. Her dance instructors at Guyer are Rachel Simpson and Hannah Elmore.