

## WCJC CHOIR STUDENTS EARN SPOTS ON ALL-STATE CHOIR



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“I’m excited we have three vocal students singing in this select group,” said WCJC Choir Director Dr. Karl Paoletti. “It’s a chance for our students to expand their knowledge and experience.”

The WCJC students tackled several tough pieces for their auditions, some in Latin and others in German. Daily rehearsals were held to perfect their technique.

“German was pretty hard,” said Miranda, who has dreams of pursuing a career in music. “You have to make sure you get your part down as accurately as possible.”

Rojas, a second year music major, said she has enjoyed learning the music and expanding her vocal repertoire, though the process has not been easy.

“It’s been a lot more work than I thought it would be,” she said.

Henderson agreed.

“It’s been difficult but overall a really good experience,” he said. “I’ve grown a lot as a singer.”