

**Recognition
Board of Trustee Meeting
Dec. 13, 2016**

DENTON ISD

Guyer Orchestra places 8th at state competition

The Guyer High School Rhapsody Orchestra earned an eighth place finish at the annual Texas Honor Orchestra Competition, the most competitive orchestra competition in the state.

Guyer secured a top ten finish for the first time in school history after recording its submission at the Allen Performing Arts Center in October. The Rhapsody Orchestra reached the finals portion of the competition for the second time in six years and was the only Denton County high school in the top 15.

The mission of the Texas Honor Orchestra is to recognize and honor quality musicianship in the performance of advanced literature at the highest level

The orchestra's performances included a suite entitled "Nocturne" by Frank Bridge, and a sonata entitled "Allegro" by William Walton. The director of orchestras at Guyer is Michelle Hanlon.

Students in the Guyer Rhapsody Orchestra include:

1st Violins – Abhishek Shah, Teresa Lee, Stephan Gomez, Hyun-Jae Kim, Amy Whang,
Sammy Bailey
2nd Violins – Sydney Lovick, William Oh, Cayce Cleary, Megan Vennell, Abbey Ekrut,
Renee Dusseau, Abby Lewis
Violas – Jeanhyun Kim, Meredith Wilder, Alice Goodrick, Jack Henderson, Savannah
Dali
Cello – Alex Koh, Nathan Gates, Rachel Parker, Lauren Choi, Alexander Rodriguez,
Matthew Redmond
Bass – Ethan Nguyen and Aidan Wood

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College Board recognizes 66 students as AP Scholars

The College Board honored 66 Denton ISD high school students with distinctions for 2016, according to their annual list of recipients who are named Advanced Placement Scholars.

The national program recognizes individuals who have demonstrated college-level achievement through exceptional scores in AP courses and on AP exams. Students are awarded based on four levels including: AP Scholar, AP Scholar with Honor, AP Scholar with Distinction and National AP Scholar.

Students receive an award certificate from The College Board and although there is no monetary

award, this achievement is acknowledged on any score report that is sent to colleges.

AP Scholars

Students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.

Denton High: Braden Arnold, Natalie Bennett, Chloe Conley, Hallie Evans, Rachel French, Emily Goff, Melissa Havens, Hendrik Henderson, Jason Justiz, Juan Lara Mejia, Douglas Newcomer, Joseph Scalf

Guyer High: Nathan Gates, Anna Laura Harmjanz, Andrew Winn, Pierce Brodersen, Ashley Emory, Kimberly Flack, Benjamin Gillick, Kurt Gscheidle, Ethan Hedges, Rebecca Hernandez, Mariana Lopez Cervantes, Mason Mazurek, Theoren Moore, Danielle Quintanilla, Erick Quintanilla, Bianca Ramirez, Nabeera Rao, Riley Roder, Nolan Vaughn, Garion Washam, Amy Whang, Launa Wilson, Zachery Wright, Ryan Yeatts.

Ryan High: Chase Clary, Jacob Dellinger, Jarod Haskin, Aaron Jaskson, Amanda Kerr, Noah Lindley, Matthew Merchant, Ethan Neumann, Emily Testerman (moved)

AP Scholars with Honors

Students who earn an average score 3.25 on all AP exams taken and score of 3 or higher on four or more exams.

Denton High: Ethan Reynolds, Philip Rhodes

Guyer High: Savannah Dali, Allison Damrau, Madison Freeze, Giselle Galax, Jefferson Knight, Thomas Nunez, Madeline Spears, Megan Vennell

Ryan High: Tristan Watson

AP Scholars with Distinction

Students who earn an average score 3.5 on all AP exams taken and score of 3 or higher on five or more exams.

Guyer High: Katelyn Golden, Jordan Goldstein, Alexander Koh, Ansh Pujara, Abhishek Shah, Riley Steward, Sana Syed, Connor Wooley

AP National Scholars

Students who earn an average score 4 on all AP exams taken and score of 3 or higher on eight or more exams.

Guyer High: Jordan Goldstein, Ansh Pujara, Abhishek Shah

National Merit Semifinalists, Commended named for Class of 2017

Fourteen Denton ISD students have been chosen out of 1.6 million total entrants to be semi-finalists or commended scholars in the National Merit Scholarship Program for this year's graduating class.

The College Board named Jordan Goldstein, Ansh Pujara and Abhishek Shah of Guyer High to the distinguished list of National Merit Semi-Finalists.

The three join a pool of just 7,600 National Merit Semifinalists in the entire country. High school students are selected into the program based on their top scores on the 2015 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

The Class of 2017 commended scholars include Hallie R. Evans and Erin P. Moore of Denton High; Ashley Emory, Jefferson Knight, Alexander Koh, Gracon Mangnall and Thomas Nunez of Guyer High; Aaron Bates, Barry Lau, Matthew Merchant and Rachel Warfield of Ryan High schools.

More than 34,000 students throughout the nation are recognized for their exceptional academic promise, and deemed commended scholars. Although they will not continue in the competition for further National Merit awards, they place among the top five percent of the students who entered the competition by taking the exam.

The district also had three students received recognition as National Hispanic Scholars or National Achievement Scholars. They include Theoren Moore, Thomas Nunez and Biancia Ramirez from Guyer High.

The National Merit program recognizes students that are at-least one-quarter Hispanic or Latino and are among the top 5,000 high scoring individuals on the PSAT/NMSQT exam. The National Achievement Scholarship program recognizes scholars that annually score in the top three percent of more than 16,000 Black Americans who request consideration in the National Achievement program.

Merit scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments and potential for success in rigorous college students, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin or religious preference.

The National Merit Scholarship program was founded in 1955 to identify and honor scholastically talented American youth and to encourage them to develop their abilities to the fullest.

Educator Spotlight

Collin Jones is the Physical Education teacher at Cross Oaks Elementary and has been at the school since the building opened in 2010. Mr. Jones is an avid fisherman and wanted to pass his love of the outdoors to his students. He started a fishing club at the school to do just that.

Mr. Jones also incorporates science and math into his activities with the kids in the fishing club. Known for his patience and kindness with students, Mr. Jones' ultimate goal is to get kids out of the house and into the outdoors more often so they can lead healthy and active lives.