Denton Independent School District Board of Trustees Certificates of Recognition Tuesday, April 20, 2010

DENTON ISD

Band: 85 spots for state UIL competition

The Denton Independent School District qualified 85 band students for the annual UIL Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest, which is being conducted May 28 and 29 at the University of Texas at Austin.

The district's three high schools combined to finish with an impressive 124 students earning Division I ratings at the Region II Solo and Ensemble Contest held at Northwest High School last month. Almost 70 percent of those students earned entry into the state competition by performing a Division I-rated song from memory.

The following Denton ISD students earned Division I ratings and advanced to the state competition as either soloists or part of an ensemble:

Denton High

Christopher Thurman, saxophone; Kevin Ford, saxophone; Sage Sims, French horn; Sarah Andrews, French horn; Nico Cortes, trombone; Clarissa Root, trombone, and Andrew Chadwell, euphonium.

In group performances, the following students placed: Sarah Andrews, Chris Burke, Aaron Grooms and Sage Sims, French horn quartet; Kevin Ford, Matt Jorgensen, Brandon Mullins and Javan Stalls, saxophone quartet.

Guyer High

Christin Leem, flute; Hector Alonso, flute; Mollie Ramsey, flute; Soohyun Kim, flute; Theresa Martin, flute; Elizabeth Hannah, French horn; Clayton Hettinger, trombone; Drew Sanders, tuba; Emilio Ortiz, keyboard percussion; Jay Patel, keyboard percussion; Josh Kim, keyboard percussion; Taylor Willard, keyboard percussion, and Will Steward, keyboard percussion.

In group performances, the following students placed: Hector Alonso, Lucero Alonso, Rachel Hoiby, Soohyun Kim, Christin Leem and Mollie Ramsey, wind ensemble flute choir; Morgan Hull, Heather Lawson, Betsy Magdaleno, Theresa Martin, Tara Real and Brianna Scherer, symphonic band flute choir; Clayton Hettinger, Josh Kamme and Drew Sanders, trombone trio; Jay Patel, Joseph Ready and Taylor Willard, senior percussion trio; Zach Adams, Landon Cooper, Brett Dillen, Omar Jahwar, Josh Kim, Emilio Ortiz, Adam Robertson, Will Steward and Rebecca Tennyson; underclassmen percussion ensemble.

Ryan High

Bella Alfaro, flute; Melanie Ashton, flute; Shelly Bergel, percussion; Niko Birze, French horn; Lucas Cannon, trombone; Lee Congdon, saxophone; Valerie Coronado, flute; Emily Davis, percussion; Matt Finn, percussion; Jake Fuller, clarinet; Kathryn Hokamp, clarinet; Daniel Holcomb, trombone; Kelson Honeycutt, clarinet; Chris Hoye, clarinet; Tyler Hussey, saxophone; Wes James, saxophone; Macy Koenning, flute; Catron Luellen, flute; Kortnee Lynch, flute; Cole Morales, flute; Annika Nelson, oboe; Bill Prieto, saxophone; Brandon Sills, percussion; Lauren Smith, percussion; Emily Staniszewski, bassoon; Ryan Steiner, euphonium; Cody Watkins, percussion; Fernando Yanez, oboe, and Lauren York, flute.

Choir: 52 students qualify for UIL state competition

The Denton Independent School District qualified 52 choir students for the annual UIL Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest to be held May 29 and 31 at the University of Texas at Austin.

The district's three high schools competed at the Region II Solo and Ensemble Contest conducted at Timber Creek High School in Keller in February. All students advancing to the state competition performed a Division I-rated program from memory.

The following Denton ISD students earned Division I ratings and advanced to the state competition as either soloists or part of an ensemble:

Denton High

Casey Bachus, senior; Kayla Bender, senior; Fran Cacal, senior; Hannah Cheek, sophomore; Julia Di Fiore, senior; Stephanie Forester, junior; Daniel Hart, junior; Hannah Lane, senior; Wes Middleton, senior; Kate Morales, senior; Karen Nguyen, junior; Emily Pound, sophomore; Cameron Ratcliff, senior; Daniel Sabzghabaei, senior; Jed Sappington, senior; Michael Schafer, senior; Nathan Schafer, sophomore; Libby Schleinat, senior; Javan Stalls, freshman; Nicole Thompson, freshman; Ashley Wawro, junior; Eric Willis, senior.

Guyer High

Ta-Niya Breedlove, junior; Shanna Clark, sophomore; Hannah Connell, senior; Hayley Cogley, sophomore; Brenna Dougherty, junior; Savannah Doroodchi, sophomore; Skyanne Hamilton, junior; Candace Henslee, junior; Noelle Knab, junior; Erica Laney, senior; Milenka Lopez, freshman; Josh Mallory, junior; Zac Martinez, senior; Chase Owens, junior; Matt Price, senior; Daven Ritchie, senior; Karly Rivers; sophomore; Kierstin Sangster, sophomore; Sydney Sitters, senior; Amelia Thompson, sophomore; Ethan Tucker, sophomore.

Ryan High

Tori Brownlee, senior; Will Clark, senior; Piper Johnson, sophomore; Meghan Kajihara, sophomore; Chris Mays; senior; Bryan Pineda, sophomore; Gillian Priddy, sophomore; Harrison Stocker, senior; Danny Story, senior.

Orchestra: 30 students compete in state UIL competition

The Denton Independent School District qualified 28 orchestra students for 30 spots at the annual UIL Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest to be held May 29 and 31 at the University of Texas at Austin.

The district's three high schools competed at the Region II Solo and Ensemble Contest conducted at Ryan High School in February. All students advancing to the state competition performed a Division I-rated program from memory.

The following Denton ISD students earned Division I ratings and advanced to the state competition as either soloists or part of an ensemble:

Denton High

Tyler Burggren, senior; Fran Cacal, senior; Julian Chalon, senior; Amelia Clark, sophomore; Julia Di Fiore, senior; Jennifer Lioy, senior; Alex Martin, sophomore; Beckah Maxwell-LeRoy, sophomore; Julia Moen, senior; Stephen Place, senior; Clarissa Root, senior; Christine Ryu, senior; Nathan Schafer, sophomore; Taryn Schuessler, junior; Eric Willis, senior.

Guyer High

Stephanie Cullum, sophomore, harp solo; Nigel Dean, sophomore; violin solo; Katelyn Griffith, sophomore, piano solo; Joshua Kim, senior, cello solo; Denise Martin, senior, viola solo; Eric Nam, sophomore, violin solo; Adam Oh, freshman, violin solo; Caitlin Owens, senior, viola solo; Anna Price, freshman, cello solo; Sarah Xiang, sophomore, cello solo; Nigel Dean, Sang-Yop Kwon, Adam Oh, Eric Nam, violin quarter.

Ryan High

Kathryn French, sophomore, cello solo and classical guitar solo; Nathaniel Miles, senior, string bass solo; Michaela Yarbrough, sophomore, viola solo.