

Local students earn spots in prestigious All-State musical ensembles

Thirty-nine students from nine Alachua County Public Schools have been selected as All State Musicians by the Florida Music Education Association (FMEA).

The students will participate in fourteen different All State ensembles at the annual FMEA conference in Tampa from January 11-14. The conference will include workshops, rehearsals and performances with the state's other top young musicians under the leadership of expert conductors.

To earn spots in the All State ensembles, students participated in a rigorous audition process this fall that included musicianship tests, playing scales, sight reading passages, and prepared audition pieces on their respective instruments.

"We're proud that our district will be so well represented in this prestigious program," said Diana Rollo, who coordinates the district's fine arts curriculum. "It's a tribute to the students, their families, their music teachers and the community, which has supported the arts in our schools through the One Mill for Schools initiative."

The One Mill for Schools is a ballot initiative first approved by Alachua County voters in 2008 and three times since then to fund art, music and other programs in local schools.

The students named All State musicians, their grade, their All State ensembles, and their instruments/vocal categories are as follows:

BHS Band - Noah Graben, director

Lauren Gandy, 10	9-10 Concert Band	Clarinet
Justin de Jesus, 10	9-10 Concert Band	Saxophone
Jordan Miller, 12	11-12 Symphony Orchestra	Oboe
Alyssa Moskalenko, 10	9-10 Concert Orchestra	Clarinet
Alicia Parfait, 10	9-10 Concert Band	Clarinet
Ian Rentz, 12	11-12 Symphonic Band	Trombone
Hunter Schroeder, 12	11-12 Symphonic Band	Trumpet
Zach Urbine, 12	High School Jazz Band	Trombone
Madelyn Urbine, 10	9-10 Concert Band	French Horn
Andrew Waybright, 12	11-12 Symphonic Band	Trumpet
Harrison Zunkel, 10	9-10 Concert Orchestra	French Horn

BHS Chorus/Orchestra - Lindsey Tran, director

Sofia Stetter, 12	SSAA Chorus	Soprano
Pranay Gadikotam, 9	9-10 Concert Orchestra	Violin

EHS Chorus - Erin Cook, director

Elizabeth Offerle, 11	High School Mixed Chorus	Soprano
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Ft. Clarke MS Band - Everett McConn, director

Brendon Gandy, 8	MS Band	Alto Saxophone
Zachary Caldwell, 7	MS Band	Clarinet

GHS Band - Bill Pirzer, director

Malik Mullino, 12	11-12 Symphonic Band	Clarinet
Emerson Barat, 10	9-10 Concert Orchestra	French Horn

GHS Chorus - Rebecca Ruescher, director

Sean Bernard, 11	TTBB Chorus	Tenor
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Howard Bishop MS Band - Amy Beres, director

Nathan Roberts, 8	MS Honor Band	Baritone Saxophone
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Lincoln MS Band/Orchestra - Todd Eckstein, director

Derek Ai, 8	MS Band	Clarinet
Daniel Ai, 8	MS Band	Clarinet
Matheus Ribeiro Do Valle, 8	MS Orchestra	1st Violin
Isaac Son, 8	MS Orchestra	2nd Violin
Thenula Fernando, 8	MS Orchestra	2nd Violin
Maggie Gao, 8	MS Orchestra	Viola
Christopher Jeong, 8	MS Orchestra	Viola
Alexander Hsu, 8	MS Orchestra	Cello

NHS Band - James DeRemer, director

Aaron Everson, 12	HS Honor Band	Trombone
Jonathan Pruim, 11	HS Honor Band	Trombone

SFHS Band - Jacob Massena, director

Juliet Taylor, 12	HS Honor Band	Euphonium
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Wiles Elementary Chorus/Orff - Carrie Olson, director

Quinn Curchy, 5	Elementary Chorus
Louisa McGargill, 5	Elementary Chorus
Anabelle Vilaro, 5	Elementary Chorus
Race Neupane, 5	Elementary Chorus
Kayla Lenius, 4	Orff Ensemble
Claire Olson, 4	Orff Ensemble
Fiona Xu, 5	Orff Ensemble
Jessica Zou, 5	Orff Ensemble

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