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Mount Si High School Band, Orchestra and Choir Students Perform at Washington Music Educator’s Association Eastshore Region Solo and Ensemble Festivals, receiving several honors

On Saturday, January 25 and Saturday, February 1, two-hundred sixty (260) Mount Si High School Band, Orchestra and Choir students performed at the Eastshore Region Solo and Ensemble Festivals, an annual event sponsored by the Washington Music Educators Association (W.M.E.A.). Many of these outstanding musicians performed solos, as well as in small or large chamber ensembles for an esteemed panel of adjudicators. In addition to their performances, each soloist or ensemble received a short clinic with their adjudicator for immediate feedback in an effort to further their musical development. More information about this event can be found here.

Among these two-hundred sixty performers, the following soloists and ensembles received the following accolades:

• Elijah Wray, baritone saxophone, was the winner of the Tenor-Baritone Saxophone solo category, qualifying to perform at the State Competition & Festival in April for the third year in a row!

• The Mount Si Trombone Choir was awarded first place in the Large Brass Ensemble category and a chance to compete at the State Competition & Festival in April. The members of this ensemble are Tate Satterlee, Sam Chen, Urielle Lockwood, Haven Beares, Kyle Miller, and Tom Lewis.

• The Mount Si Trumpet Quintet, was awarded first alternate in the Large Brass Ensemble category for the State Competition & Festival (an equivalent of second place). Members of this ensemble include Analise Chiu, Brandon Wilhite, Clark Phillips, Ethan Palomo, and Dylan Abramson.

• The Mount Si Trombone Duet was awarded first alternate in the Small Brass Ensemble category for the State Competition & Festival (an equivalent of second place). Members of this ensemble include Haven Beares and Sam Chen.

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• The Mount Si Wind Ensemble Horn Quartet was awarded second alternate in the Small Brass Ensemble category (an equivalent of third place). Members of this ensemble included Sasha Vraspir, Nick Copeland, Ruby Rackers, and Natalie Swanda.

• The Mount Si Percussion Ensemble was awarded first alternate in the Large Percussion Ensemble category (an equivalent of second place). Members of this ensemble include Ethan Horn, Julia Navidi, Jason Bergquist, Johnnie Gilman-Olson, Davis Juneau, and Walker Byford.

• The Mount Si Clarinet Choir was awarded first alternate in the Large Woodwind Ensemble category (an equivalent of second place). Members of this ensemble include Ben Price, Paul Talens, Erik Diegel, Hannah Stoddard, Bella Mudd, Jacqueline Pilon, Kate Gotts, Robin Wheeler, Penelope Sanchez, Liann Downs, Mariah Landon, and Audrey Esteban.

• Apa, a small mixed choral ensemble, received the second alternate award for the State Competition & Festival (an equivalent of third place in this category). Members of this ensemble include Keith Bateman, Katie Parker, and Panka Homorodi.

• Le Sorelle che Cantano, a small treble ensemble, received the first alternate award for the State Competition & Festival (an equivalent of second place in this category). Members of this ensemble include Natalie Bateman and Dora Huestis.

• Aureum Cantores, a small mixed choral ensemble, received the first place award for this category and the opportunity to compete at the State Competition & Festival this April! Members of this ensemble include: Zach Miller, Tyler Kinnaman, Isabella Mariani, and Grace Richter.

Please help us in congratulating these fine young musicians on their outstanding achievements!