

Community High School District 99 – Downers Grove South High School
Fine Arts Department

“Igniting a passion for the arts in every learner.”

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Fourteen student musicians from Downers Grove South High School were selected, by competitive audition, to the 2009-2010 *Illinois Music Educator’s Association All-State Band, Choir, Orchestra, Jazz Band and Secondary General Music Composition Contest*. Performance auditions were held last October at Hinsdale Central High School, musical compositions were evaluated by professional musicians and composers from across the Midwest.

“This is a tremendous honor for these students,” said Glenn Williams, Fine Arts Department Chairperson at South High. “All-State selection represents the pinnacle of musical achievement for a high school student musician. After placing a school record 61 student musicians into the District level ensembles, we expected a strong showing for All-State. We are very proud of our students, and look forward to hearing their performances in January.”

In total, 28 student musicians from District 99 were selected for this prestigious performance honor.

The All-State Band, Choir, Orchestra and Jazz Band will convene for a series of rehearsals in Peoria, IL, on January 27-30, 2010. Their concerts will be held at the Peoria Civic Center on the evening of January 29, and the afternoon of January 30, 2010.

All-State Band

Kelly Lamorena – Senior - Trumpet
Sherilyn Munoz - Junior - Clarinet
Lexi Osborn – Junior - Flute

All-State Honors Choir

Hank Gordon – Senior – Bass I
Tom Reusz – Senior – Bass II
Minh Tran – Senior – Alto II
Cory Wilson – Junior – Bass II

All-State Choir

Meredith Richard – Junior – Soprano I
Sam Worlton – Junior – Alto II
Kyle Wulf – Junior Bass II

All-State Orchestra

Chan Choi – Senior - Violin
Emily Levine – Senior - Viola
Michael Rau – Senior - Violin

All-State Jazz Band

Matt Kowalski – Senior - Trombone