



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ross S. Sterling Triplet Selected for All-State Band

The life of a high school senior is hard for any student. It is made a little easier by being one of a set of identical triplets as you always have someone with whom to pray, study, laugh, cry, and share in triumph!

Kaitlyn Gainer has been known throughout her life as "one of the Gainer triplets". Recently she distinguished herself as "TMEA All State Musician".

Kaitlyn began playing flute in fourth grade with Mrs. Shannon Small. At Gentry Junior School she was under the direction of Mr. Ray Jones and Mrs. Kristi Daley.

Being a four year member of the Ross S. Sterling Band, she is under the direction of Mr. Richard Clem, an active member of Texas Music Educators Association.

TMEA is a 10,000+ member organization which is dedicated to promoting excellence in music education.

The TMEA convention hosted over 25,000 people from Texas and beyond. It included 230 workshops for music educators, 60 live performances and is the largest music educators convention in the nation.

Miss Gainer is the only Baytown high school student to advance to the All State Band in 2011. She began the process in August 2010 when music for the Region competition was distributed to students. Her accomplishment is the result of hours of daily practice, private lessons with Mrs. Cariann Rohus and Mrs. Helen Blackburn, and a true commitment to her music.

In December 2010, she auditioned for Region 10 band and was chosen as 1st chair. This placement gained her the honor of auditioning for the Area F Band.

In January 2011, she auditioned again and placed fourth in Area F. This placement gained her the prestigious honor of being a member of the TMEA All State Band.

On February 9th, through rain, ice, and freezing weather, she traveled to San Antonio to attend the TMEA All State band rehearsals.



Kaitlyn Gainer, center, is congratulated by her sisters, Lauren, left, and Alyssa, right, during the reception held after the All State Band concert in San Antonio, Texas.

After three days of rehearsals, directed by Dr. Kevin Sedatole, a nationally-recognized conductor, her All State experience concluded with a concert held in the Henry B Gonzalez Convention Center.

In the audience were her biggest fans, her identical sisters - Alyssa, a percussionist and Lauren, a violinist. They were joined by her parents Jerry and Dana Gainer and other friends and family from Baytown.

Kaitlyn's other accomplishments include winning the 2010 Baytown Symphony Young Artist Concerto Competition which provided her the opportunity to perform a solo with the symphony.

Miss Gainer is a four year member of The Greater Houston Youth Orchestra and recently competed in GHYO's Solo Concerto Competition where she was one of only two students to receive 1st place.

Kaitlyn enjoys sharing her talent with the community and dedicates time to her church orchestra.

Miss Gainer will graduate as Valedictorian of the Ross S. Sterling class of 2011 with her sisters joining her as Salutatorians.

She plans to attend Texas A&M University, majoring in Business with a minor in music.

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