



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



5 RSS students selected as Texas All-State singers

Five Ross S. Sterling High School choir students will perform with the Texas All-State Choir in San Antonio on Saturday, Feb. 13 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio as part of the 2010 Texas Music Educators Association Convention.

Nine Sterling choir members, one Lee choir member, and one Goose Creek Memorial choir members competed in the final All-State audition process held at Deer Park High School on Jan. 9.

Sterling senior Stephanie Reyes (Alto 1) and sophomore Roy Ramirez (Bass 2) were named to the All-State Mixed Choir, senior Paige Scheu (Soprano 1) was named to the Women's chorus, and seniors Robert Taleno (Bass 1) and Josh Bailey (Tenor 1) were named to the Men's chorus.

These students were chosen for this honor through a competitive process held this year across the state at District, Region and Area levels.

They are all members of the varsity Sterling Meistersingers under the direction of Nikki Thompson who is a member of the Texas Music Educators Association, a 10,000-member organization headquartered in Austin.

This is Stephanie's third time and Robert's second time to perform as a member of a TMEA All-State organization. Paige, Josh, and Roy are all first year All-Staters.

High school students selected to perform in the All-State Concerts have competed through several levels of auditions beginning in the fall of 2009 to arrive at the state level. All-State is the highest honor a Texas music student can receive.

More than 1,500 students are selected through a process that began with more than 55,000 students from around the state vying for this honor to perform in one of 13 ensembles (bands, orchestras and choirs).

Texas Music Educators Association sponsors the Texas All-State competition. This competitive process begins throughout the state in auditions hosted by 28 TMEA regions. Individual musicians perform selected music for a panel of judges who rank each instrument or voice part. From this ranking, a select group of musicians advances from their region to compete against musicians from other areas in seven TMEA area competitions. The highest-ranking musicians judged at the TMEA area competitions qualify to perform in a TMEA All-State music group.

These All-State students participate in three days of rehearsals directed by nationally recognized conductors during the TMEA Convention. Their performances for thousands of attendees bring this extraordinary event to a close.

For the All-State concert schedule and conductor information, go to www.tmea.org/convention. The Texas Music Educators Association is dedicated to promoting excellence in music education. Go to www.tmea.org/convention for more information.

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