

Magnolia High School Band program qualifies 73 members to All-State Solo & Ensemble contest

Student led activity yields outstanding results

Every year band students have the opportunity to learn a solo or ensemble, or both, of their choosing. Some students study with a private lesson instructor while most undertake this process on their own, with guidance from their directors. Once learned, they travel to a contest site and perform for a judge they have never met and receive a critique sheet and rating. Students receive a score from one (highest) to five (lowest) on their performance. The music comes from one of three levels of difficulty, class one (most challenging) to class three (most accessible). Soloists who aspire to the All-State level must memorize a class one solo while ensemble members must perform from the class one repertoire list.

On Friday, February 22, Magnolia high school band entered 56 events with 100 students and traveled to Klein high school to perform. At the conclusion of the contest, 21 soloists and 12 ensembles, totaling 73 students from 33 events, earned the top rating and qualified for the Texas State Solo and Ensemble contest held on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin on June 1, 2019.

All-State qualifiers include;

SOLOISTS

Flute – Miranda Ferguson (12), Maggie Titzman (10)

Oboe – Julia Alford (11)

Bb Clarinet – Jenna Stone (11)

Alto Saxophone – Hayden Mitchell (11), Florin Parvin (11), Blake Tullos (10)

Tenor Saxophone – David Camacho (10)

Horn – Chase Alford (10), Clarissa Martinucci (10), Jace Mitchell (9), Ryan Reed (12), Devin Stone (12)

Trombone – Sam Blizzard (11)

Euphonium – Gavin Todd (10)

Tuba – Dillon Thomas (12)

Marimba – Madelyn Kraft (9), Jenna Magee (10), Scyla Shaver (10), Jared Zawadzki (12)

Piano – Sam Blizzard (11)

ENSEMBLE MEMBERS

Saxophone Quartet – Nathaniel Desroches (11), Joey Mack (10), Eli Torres (11), Miguel Vasquez (9)

Saxophone Quartet – Jeff Kean (12), Hayden Mitchell (11), Isabela Bryant (9), Derek Sumstad (11)

Double Reed Trio – Julia Alford (11), McKenna Castleberry (11), Jeff Kean (12)

Clarinet Trio – Drew Castleberry (11), Travis Ford (12), Selena Sanchez (9)

Flute Choir – Miranda Ferguson (12), Sarina Hallmark (9), Vanessa Lugo (9), Maile Rodriguez (11), Yahayra Romero (12), Taylor Thomas (11), Maggie Titzman (10)

Trumpet Trio – Leo Barbosa (10), Andres Larrazabal (9), Logan Mack (9)

Trombone Trio – Tyler Barnes (11), Sam Blizzard (11), Keyton Bush (11)

Euphonium Trio – Ashton Demny (11), Hayden Demny (12), Gavin Todd (10)

Brass Quintet – Chase Alford (10), Hayden Demny (12), Thuwan Rafeek (12), Will Sawyers (11), Dillon Thomas (12)

Percussion Ensemble – Greg Collier (12), Kavan Galloway (9), Preston Graham (10), Taryn Lima (9), Makeo Mackay (10), Jenna Magee (10), Scylla Shaver (10)

Percussion Ensemble – Mathieu Hayes (11), David Hipp (10), Madeline Howes (9), Makeo Ma

Percussion Ensemble – Nate Fojt (12), Kaitlyn Griffin (10), Madelyn Kraft (9), Owen Kuck (11), Chris Martin (11) Yliana Santillan (10), Jared Zawadzki (12)

FIRST DIVISION non-memorized;

Flute – Vanessa Lugo (9), Lanie Dellinger (9)

Clarinet – Selena Sanchez (9)

Bass Clarinet – Allison Wilkins (11)

Alto Saxophone – Isabela Bryant (9), Audra Gosch (9)

Tenor Saxophone – Logan Farris (11)

Baritone Saxophone – Lillie Ford (9)

Trumpet – Thuwan Rafeek (12), Connor Horacek (9)

Horn – William Meurer (9)

Trombone – Collin Parks (9)

Euphonium – Garrett Dillon (9)

Tuba – Lucas Haehner (9)

Marimba – Madeline Howes (9)

Congratulations to these outstanding students on their accomplishments. Thanks also to our private lesson faculty that includes Emory Blake & Jeff Otto (percussion), Wendy Alford & Don Hooten (low brass), Sharon Matula (horn), Brian Fincher (trumpet), Malcolm Williams (saxophone), Timothy Wright (clarinet & saxophone), John Gossett (clarinet), Susan Daniell & Venerson Villanueva (flute). Directors of the Magnolia High School band are Robert Medina, Patrick Beavers, and Anthony Jackson.