

POBJFKHS Student-Musicians Selected for All-State Festival

Ten Students Chosen for Talent, Hard Work, Seven for Alternates

PLAINVIEW, NEW YORK (October, 2024)—Ten student musicians from Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School have been selected to participate in the NYSSMA All-State Festival this winter, with seven additional students chosen as alternates. This selection highlights the students' dedication and talent in their respective musical fields.

The selected students are Cheryl Oberlender and Emily Gregori for treble chorus; Daniel Karp, Kevin Liu, Matteo Cosenza, Morgan Shishko, Shawn Tipiere, and Viktor Vasic for mixed chorus; Lauren Kang (violin) for the string orchestra; and Euan Kim (clarinet) for the symphonic band. Alternates include Jacob Levenstien, Justin Bocian, and Matthew Kaplan as vocalists; Brady Bedell as a bassoonist; Jason Artyukhov as a jazz alto saxophonist; and Mingshen Shi and Sophie Hu as violinists.

This honor is awarded to students who demonstrate exceptional proficiency in their musical fields, with only 600 students from across the state selected each year. “Congratulations to our talented student-musicians and singers for achieving this exceptional honor,” said Michael Rodgers, Director of Music & Performing Arts. “This recognition is a testament not only to their talent but to their hard work and their dedicated teachers.”

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NYSSMA All-State Festival participants with their music instructors, Principal Dr. Heather Dvorak, and Director of Music & Performing Arts Michael Rodgers.