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DSHS STUDENTS NAMED TO ALL-STATE BAND

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas— Six Dripping Springs High School students have been named to the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) 5A All-State Band for 2016-17. All-state honors are determined by the results at Area auditions, where individual musicians perform selected music for a panel of judges who rank each instrument. Only the top 3 percent of musicians who initially audition become All-State musicians.

Selections from Dripping Springs High School are:

Johnny Dollard, trumpet

David Garcia, clarinet

Erika Gossett, flute

Eli McIntire-Gavkick, bassoon

Michael Rolan, baritone saxophone

Kassandra Sawin, bass clarinet

This is the second consecutive year Gossett has earned all-state recognition.

“Dripping Springs High School has established an outstanding reputation at the state level and our students’ performance this year emphasizes that level of excellence,” said DSISD Director of Bands Keith Lancaster. “We are extremely proud of these students. To attain this recognition comes as a result many, many hours of practice and an intense dedication to their craft.”

All-state musical groups will perform for music educators, family members, and the public at the 2017 TMEA Convention, held in San Antonio’s Lila Cockrell Theater Feb. 11. Prior to their performances, students will participate in two days of clinics and rehearsals with some of the best high school musicians in the state.

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