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FOUR STUDENTS NAMED TO ALL-STATE BAND

Four Dripping Springs High School students have been named to the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) All-State Band for 2018-19. They are:

- Johnny Dollard, trumpet (selected at 6A level)
- Erika Gossett, flute (selected at 6A level)
- Kearsen Erwin, oboe (selected at 5A level)
- Jessica Heintz, clarinet (selected at 5A level)

This is the third consecutive year Dollard has earned all-state recognition, and the second year for Gossett and Heintz.

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. DSHS had 23 students audition at the TMEA Area Band auditions, a record number of DSHS Tiger Band students advancing to this level. In addition to the all-state students, DSHS area qualifiers at the 6A level were: Sarah Cox (flute), Sarah Galassini (flute), Maddie Lee (flute), Kassandra Swain (bass clarinet), Cade Smith (horn), and Jason Oliphant (percussion). Other area qualifiers at the 5A level were: Jonathan Bartling (horn), Danielle Cook (tenor sax), Celeste Douglas (hon), Samantha Foster (piccolo), Kasey Gusella (trumpet), Maddie Hassell (horn), Lettie Hastings (flute), Catherine Manning (flute), Paola Palomino (clarinet), Jasmine Rolon (clarinet), Matt Sheeler (bassoon), Isabella Stewart (English horn), and Connor Tole (tuba).

Selection to the Area level is a huge accomplishment, and selection to any of the All-State ensembles is the very pinnacle of HS musician's career in the state of Texas," said Director of Bands Derek Woods. "We're very proud of the 61 DSHS students who began the process and auditioned at the Region level, 23 advanced to Area, and four were selected to the All-State Bands."

All-state musical groups will perform for music educators, family members, and the public at the 2019 TMEA Convention, held in San Antonio's Lila Cockrell Theater in Feb. 16. 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.