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# SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Diana L. Mitchell., Ed.D., Superintendent

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## Twenty DCPS Students Chosen for All-State Chorus

Talent has combined with inspirational instruction to ensure Dorchester County has a large representation in Maryland's All-State Choruses this year. A record 20 middle and high school students from Dorchester County Public Schools have been selected to join these prestigious ensembles following rigorous auditions. This is the third largest number from any public school system in the state, and more than most much larger districts.

The students chosen for the Choruses are from three DCPS schools. Those from North Dorchester Middle School are 7<sup>th</sup> grader Cole Ledger and 8<sup>th</sup> graders Jaime Fonseca-Gonzalez, Tristan Raughton, Eli Talley, and Ian Ledger, taught by chorus teacher Kevin Lewis. North Dorchester High School had 12 students selected: 9<sup>th</sup> graders Danielle Ott, Lily McDonald, Aiden Hayward, Cahleigha Brown, Rachel Widmaier, Madalyn Wagner, Miranda Smith, Shae Reid, Karen Mejia; sophomore Trinity Cephas; junior Seth Talley; and senior Kadie Laramore. Sabra Steward is the NDHS chorus teacher. Maces Lane Middle School is sending three 8<sup>th</sup> graders to All-State. They are Destin Green, Max Marshall, and Deen Wright, all taught by MLMS chorus teacher Brooke Brittingham.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Diana Mitchell said, "As a musician myself, I know the work necessary to perform to the high level demanded of a statewide ensemble and congratulate our singers and their skilled and dedicated teachers. The arts are flourishing in Dorchester County Public Schools."

The Junior All-State Chorus is open to students in grades 7 through 9. The Senior All-State Mixed Chorus and Tenor Chorus are open to grades 10 through 12. The Junior All-State Chorus will hold its annual concert at Perry Hall High School in Baltimore County on Sunday, March 4. Concerts featuring both Senior Choruses will be held on Sunday, March 11 at Morgan State University.



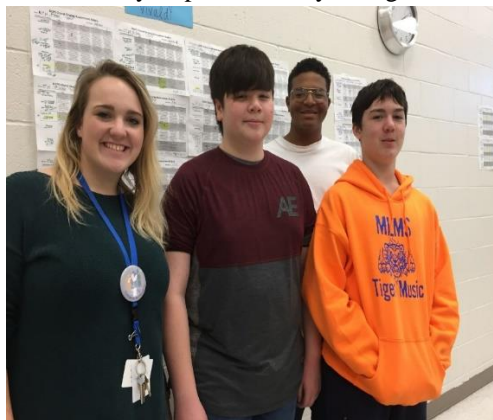
North Dorchester Middle School students selected for the All-State Chorus

Front row (l-r) Cole Ledger, Tristan Raughton; Middle row (l-r) Eli Talley, Ian Ledger; Back row (l-r) Mr. Kevin Lewis (teacher),  
Jaime Fonseca-Gonzalez



North Dorchester High School students selected for All-State Chorus

Front row (l-r) Shae Reid, Rachel Widmaier, Lily McDonald; Middle row (l-r) Seth Talley, Kadie Laramore, Danielle Ott; Back row  
(l-r) Aiden Hayward, Caleigha Brown, Trinity Cephias, Madalyn Wagner; Absent: Miranda Smith, Karen Mejia



Maces Lane Middle School students selected for All-State Chorus

Front row (l-r) Brooke Brittingham (teacher), Deen Wright, Max Marshall; Back row Destin Green