

D-99 students part of Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade

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DOWNERS GROVE – Two students from Community High School District 99 have been selected to join in the 91st annual Macy's Great American Marching Band.

Downers Grove South High School sophomore Kelly Jankowski and Downers Grove North High School freshman Miles Teague were selected to represent Illinois.

The band will lead the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade on Nov. 23 in New York City. Jankowski plays the trumpet and Teague plays the

French horn.

"To be selected for this national band is a tremendous accomplishment for Miles," North High School Principal Janice Schwarze said in a district news release.

"It's rare that one student – let alone two students – from a district are selected for a band of this caliber, and we are so excited for both Miles and Kelly. Both are underclassmen, which makes their accomplishment even more impressive."

The band will include 185 student musicians from all 50 states. The audition was open to students from more

than 14,000 high schools across the United States. Students post their auditions to YouTube.

"We're so proud of Kelly and know she will represent our school and community very well," South High School Principal Ed Schwartz said in the release. "The fine arts programs in our district are truly two of the best in the country as evidenced in part by this great achievement."

On Thanksgiving morning, the band will lead the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade from Central Park before arriving at Macy's flagship store at Herald Square for a performance.