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Four Kimberly Students Earn Spots in North Central - American Choral Directors Association Honors Choir

Seventeen Kimberly Students selected to perform in All-State Honors Choirs

Kimberly, Wis. – December 13, 2019 – Four Woodland Intermediate students were recently accepted into the North Central American Choral Directors Association (NC-ACDA) Honors Choir. “The learning experience for these students will be outstanding” said Karrie Been, Choir director at both Woodland and Mapleview Intermediate schools. The students of the NC-ACDA choir have earned their place in the choir through an audition process. They were chosen by a committee after submitting several samples of their singing ability. They will complete their work by performing a concert with students from around the Midwest.

A total of sixteen students from the [Kimberly Area School District](#) have also been selected for 2020 All-State Choirs by the [Wisconsin Choral Directors Association \(WCDA\)](#). The students attending the All-State Choirs have been chosen by their teachers to attend the festival choir because they are motivated musicians who demonstrate both musical and behavioral leadership. “They are leaders in their choirs who will represent their school choirs with integrity and honor” said Been.

These four [Woodland Intermediate](#) students will travel to Milwaukee on March 6th and 7th to perform in the NC-ACDA choir being held at the Milwaukee Marcus Center for the Performing Arts.

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Abigail Gralapp



Lydia Kruse



Peyton Miede



Brooklyn VanGompel

Abigail, Lydia and Peyton, along with five additional students from [Woodland Intermediate](#), four students from [J.R. Gerritts Middle School](#) and three students from [Kimberly High School](#) have also been selected for All-State Choirs and will perform on January 11, 2020 at Lawrence Memorial Chapel in Appleton.

These Woodland Intermediate students along with the five others, including the four above, will sing with the All-State Children’s choir, to be conducted by Miriam Altman, who teaches at the University School of Milwaukee Middle School.



Liv Herrick



Ian Featherstone



Elise Oehler



Lilian Werner



Julia Groeschel

The following JRG students will sing with the Mid-Level All-State Choir, to be conducted by Bridget Sweet, Associate Professor of Music Education at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign:



Jack Jorgensen



Chloe Mader



Rachel Lawrence



Joshua Radtke

Kimberly High School student Benjamin Xiong will perform with the WCDA all State Bass Clef Choir, conducted by Anthony Trecek-King, President and Artistic Director of the [Boston Children’s Chorus](#). Kyra Bruce and Colette Roug-Ferguson will sing with the All-State Treble Clef Choir, conducted by Giselle Wyers, a Professor of Choral Music at the University of Washington.



Benjamin Xiong



Kyra Bruce



Colette Roug

“Students in the All-State Choirs represent the leaders of our choirs. Those who are offered a place in the All-State Choir are expected to spend a fair amount of time in practice, both at school and at home, to prepare for their choir,” said Been. “This experience helps them to be better leaders in their school choirs, as well as other areas in their lives.”

About the Kimberly Area School District

The Kimberly Area School District is a progressive public school district committed to providing the best possible education available to students. Its responsibility is to help lead the way in developing well-rounded students and future citizens. The District wants every student to be given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts and co-curricular activities. It encompasses approximately 17 square miles and

serves over 5,100 students in one 4K center, four elementary schools (5K-4), two intermediate schools (5-6), one middle school (7-8) and one high school (9-12). To learn more about the Kimberly Area School District, call (920)788-7900 or visit www.kimberly.k12.wi.us.