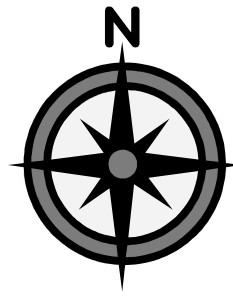


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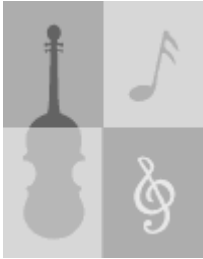
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MUSIC PROGRAM GRAMMY FINALIST!



St. Charles North High School's Music Program is among 100 finalists nationwide in the GRAMMY Signature Schools Competition for the second consecutive year. Finalists were chosen by two committees comprising top music educators and music industry professionals.

Part of the final selection process will be based on submitted recordings of NHS choral, orchestra, and band groups.

"We are very excited to make the first cut again this year. We are striving to be consistent from year to year and this is one measurement of that consistency," said NHS music teacher Brian Wis. Other NHS music teachers include Dale Morgan, Ben Oswalt, Jim Stombres, and John Wojciechowski.

From the 100 finalists, 40 schools will be named GRAMMY Signature Schools next March based on evidence of one or more of these criteria: excellent performance ensembles; high-quality instruction in multiple musical genres; high-quality instruction to all students in non-performance music courses such as music history, theory, electronic music, etc.; and a variety of music education opportunities for the larger student body.

Fifteen of the 40 will be nominated for Gold status, and six of the 15 will be named Gold Finalists based on the quality of their submitted recorded performances. One of those six will be named the National Grammy Signature School next March.

Both St. Charles North and East high schools were named among the 40 GRAMMY Signature School finalists last year.

JAMISON FINALIST FOR HEISMAN AWARD

Kaylee Jamison, NHS senior, has been named one of 12 national finalists – six boys and six girls – for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award.

The award honors the nation's top high school seniors who best exemplify a supreme "citizen-scholar-athlete." The award is given in conjunction with the collegiate Heisman trophy. Nearly 15,000 students nationwide were nominated for this prestigious honor.

Kaylee will receive a gold medal for her accomplishment and a \$1,000 check to be given to St. Charles North High School. She will also go to New York City in December to participate in the collegiate Heisman weekend festivities with the other 11 national finalists. Jamison will receive her awards in person from Archie Griffin, the only athlete to ever win two collegiate Heisman Trophies.

During Heisman week in New York, one male and one female will be chosen from the 12 national finalists as the 2006 Wendy's High School Heisman National Winners.

Jamison has a grade point average of 5.75 on a 5-point scale, ranking her third in her senior class. She is captain of the girls swim team and has been an Academic All-American in both swimming and track. Jamison is a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society, and is a Peer Leader.

The Wendy's High School Heisman Award was created in 1994 through a partnership between Wendy's, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and the Heisman Memorial Trophy.

Another NHS senior, Christopher Peterson, was also recognized as a nominee for this year's Heisman Award. Congratulations to both Kaylee and Christopher on this prestigious recognition, and good luck to Kaylee in New York!

"Pen of the Principal"



As we approach the mid-year mark, there is much to celebrate here at St. Charles North High School. Every fall athletic team advanced in post-season competition. In October, our boys' cross country team placed second at the state meet in Peoria. Kaylee Jamison, a swimmer, is honored as one of 12 high school national Heismann finalists. In November, Kaylee was filmed here at school by ESPN. Another senior, Alexander Gendron, has been recognized by the BBC for his outstanding essay discussing world issues which face today's teens. Alec was one of our keynote speakers at the school's annual Veteran Day assembly, at which time the BBC taped his speech entitled, "What Freedom Costs." Our Jazz Workshop will be performing at two international conferences; one in Chicago and one in New York City. Our Wind Ensemble will be featured this January at the Illinois Music Educators Association conference in Peoria. Finally, our entire music program is recognized again as a Grammy School. These successes do not happen by themselves. It is the concentrated efforts of our staff, parents, and students which provide the solid foundation from which we work. Our PTO, Central Boosters, and individual booster clubs dedicate themselves to providing opportunities for our students. I wish to thank the entire school community for your steadfast support. You make St. Charles North High School a remarkable school.

School improvement initiatives are proceeding well. During parent-teacher conferences, several of our classes participated in student-led conferences. The responses to this format have been extremely positive. Professional Learning Communities have taken hold among our staff. During common planning time, course teachers work to draft lessons and assess student progress, providing a system of support and interventions. Furthermore, our tenth grade mentoring program is fully implemented. Due to the initiatives of sophomores Kristin Nelson and Kristin Cappella, we are ready to begin a partnership of sophomore students with freshmen students. The Student Issues Committee has reviewed the students' goals from last year, and we are now meeting to address matters of students' concerns this year. The Service Learning Club will have completed three major projects: Make A Difference Day, Turkey Dinner Deliveries, and Special Nights for Special Kids. Added to this are all the other community service projects our clubs perform as part of their regular school year activities. Our student voice is strong and proud.

We as a staff have much to be thankful for here at North. I truly believe that we could not ask for a finer group of young adults with whom to work.

Again, thank you for your support. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us with a suggestion and / or concern.

Have a wonderful and safe winter break,

*Kimberly Zupiec
Principal*

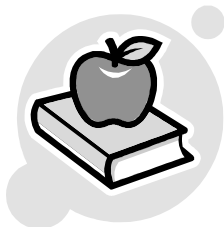
ADAM FOSTER U.S. SENATE YOUTH FINALIST

Adam Foster, NHS senior, is one of 18 Illinois state finalists for the United States Senate Youth Program. Adam may be named one of the two national finalists to be chosen from Illinois in the near future. Finalists will visit Washington D.C. for a week in March 2007.

While in Washington, the student leaders will hear major policy addresses by senators, cabinet members, officials for the Departments of State and Departments of State and Defense and directors of federal agencies, as well as participate in a meeting with a Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Each delegate will also receive a \$5,000 college scholarship for undergraduate studies.

Adam is currently serving as the Corresponding Secretary for the NHS Student Council. He is a founding member of the Service Learning Club and an active member of the school's Drama/Theatre Program.

The U.S. Senate Youth Program was established in 1962 by U.S. Senate Resolution. The William Randolph Hearst Foundation will pay all expenses for the Washington week, including transportation, hotel accommodations and meals.



CURRICULUM CORNER

Mark Moore, Assistant Principal for Curriculum & Instruction

St. Charles North has fifty students who earned the AP Scholar honor for exemplary performance on last year's Advanced Placement examinations. There are three levels of AP Scholars:

- **AP Scholars** – students receiving grades of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.
- **AP Scholars with Honor** -- students earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, **and** grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.
- **AP Scholars with Distinction** – students receiving an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, **and** grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

The students who earned these honors are:

AP Scholars

- Heather August
- Nathan Becker
- Erika Boltz
- Jeffrey Engel
- Katherine Fasbender
- Daniel Fitzgerald
- Erin Flinn
- Savannah Foley
- Douglas Fry
- Lauren Gardier
- Ryan Goh
- Grace Harriett
- Heather Haseltine
- Amanda Herrmann
- Laura Johnson
- Matthew Jolly
- Heather Kopec
- Jordan Krage
- Thomas Lancaster
- Kelsey Leingang
- Rebecca Lilovich
- Frank McDaniel
- Kaitlin McFadden
- David McGill
- Clare Meyer
- Ian Miles
- Catherine Nosal
- Matthew Quock
- Sheila Reynolds
- Jennifer Ringsby
- Kaitlynn Sullivan
- Mackenzie Travers
- Christine Weaver
- Brian Wright
- David Xu
- Robert Zeman
- Emily Zepeda
- Katherine Zoloty

AP Scholars With Honor

- Aimee Barrowclift
- Glenn Dickey
- Melanie Edgar
- Christy Engel
- Tara Goodarzi
- Charles Gorman
- Daniel Polito
- Kathryn Skelton
- Adam Yusko

AP Scholars With Distinction

- Joanna Bebenek
- Pei Liu
- Michael Pumper

About 18 percent of the more than 1.3 million high school students in 16,000 secondary schools worldwide who took AP Exams earned the "AP Scholar" accolade, according to a College Board press release.

Students took AP Exams in May 2006 after completing challenging college-level courses at their high schools. Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both based on successful performance on the AP Exams.

More than 1,400 institutions award a full year's credit (sophomore standing) to students presenting a sufficient number of qualifying grades.

PTO NEWS

Recent PTO Happenings:

Our hospitality committee provided dinner for the North teachers and staff during the November Parent-Teacher conferences. Thanks go to Marcy Speare and Laura Zimmerman for organizing the meal.

The Post-Prom committee has been meeting and planning "Jamaican A Memory" for the 11 PM to 3 AM segment of Prom night, (May 12-13, 2007). Get involved . . . it's fun! Yes, we know it's Mother's Day on May 13. . . ***Is there really anywhere you'd rather be?!!*** Thanks to Kim Sutcliffe for organizing the Poinsettia fundraiser, and to co-chairs Kathy Bultema (443-1892) and Sue Becker (513-0514) for organizing the event. Call them if you would like to help. North's Post Prom party has grown in popularity and is becoming an event of its own. . . a number of juniors and seniors attend without having gone to the prom!

Thanks to Kim Zupec and Mark Moore for presenting the course book and giving a curriculum update at our November PTO meeting. Thanks also to the Instructional Coordinators who have given overviews of their areas at recent meetings. PTO is pleased that we can include \$500 for discretionary spending for each IC in our budget, thanks to the over 600 families that have joined PTO this year. (and it's never too late!)

Upcoming Events:

February 10th is the date for the Greater St. Charles Foundation Jazz Party. This is a fundraiser to benefit all the students in D303, and it's a fun night, with great jazz provided by the North and East HS jazz bands. It includes dinner and live and silent auctions. Don't miss it!

Reminders:

PTO sponsors four \$750 scholarships each year for North seniors, to help support post-high school education efforts. Students or parents can pick up an application or talk with Karen Porter in the Guidance Office (Student Services).

Please come to a PTO meeting – It's a great way to hear what is going on at North, and it can even be fun! Meetings for 2007 are: Tuesday, January 16; Tuesday, February 20; Monday, March 19; Monday, April 16; and Monday, May 21 in the LRC at 7 PM.

"BETWEEN THE LINES"

John Rutter, Athletic Director

The 2006-2007 fall sports season has come and gone very quickly. We have had a tremendous fall season! We were UEC Champions in Boys Soccer for the first time ever and our Girls Volleyball team won the conference for the 3rd consecutive year. We won Regional titles in Boys Cross Country, Girls Golf, Boys Soccer, and Girls Volleyball, Sectional titles in Boys Cross Country, Girls Golf, Boys Soccer, Girls Swimming, and Girls Volleyball, and a Super-Sectional title for our Boy's Soccer team. Our teams represented St. Charles North at the state level as well - Boys Cross Country team finished 2nd in the State, and the Girls Cross Country team qualified for the first time ever – finishing 13th in the State. Our Boys Soccer team was part of the Elite Eight teams making it to the State Final. Our Girls Tennis team qualified for the State Tournament – this was their first trip to the State Tournament as well and Annemijn Koenen finished in the top 16 in singles and was later named 2nd team All-State. Our boys and girls golf teams each had an individual qualify for the State Tournament. Cody Buntrock represented the Boys Golf team and Brooke Bettis the Girls Golf team. Brooke played well finishing 19th in the State to cap off a terrific season! Our successes off the field continue to grow with many of our athletes selected to All-Area and All-State teams as well as, being offered scholarships to college. Our student athletes continue to reap the benefits of all of their hard work, dedication, and determination, each of which has become the cornerstone of North Star athletics.

We are honored as well to have had several of our coaching staff members selected as area Coaches of the Year to this point. Those include: Eric Willson – Boys Soccer, Joe Parks – Boys Cross Country, and Rob Rooney – Girls Swimming. St. Charles North is privileged to have such a talented coaching staff that is dedicated to continually improving our sports programs, while developing the talent and character of our young athletes.

Please find our fall All Academic and All Conference award winners below. All Academic award winners are athletes who are varsity letter winners with a cumulative 4.5 GPA or better. The winners include:

Fall All Academic Athletes

Boys Cross Country

Curtis Behrens
Chris DeSilva
Matt Miller
Steve Miller
Rhett Morici
Ben Zeman

Girls Cross Country

Ashley Capone
Lauren Farmer
Emily Freiny
Anna Hoban
Liz Lanning
Nicole McSweeney
Claire O'Brien
Jaime Pfeiffer
Tara Orech

Boys Golf

Nicholas Failla
Collin Prentiss
Matt Schroeder
Greg Wiitanen

Girls Golf

Brooke Bettis
Miranda Fencl
Molly Fremgen
Melanie Helgeson
Rebecca Orr

Football

Taha Anwar
John DiFulvio
Trevor Dunne
Graham Facer
Josh Forni
Michael Goduco
Kyle Harmon
Brian Huckins
Tim Janeway
Jake Juriga
Brian Kelso
Zach McCullough
Sean McGushin
Brandon Nothnagel
Jeff Pechan
Lin Stacey
Morgan Titus
Andrew Westfall

Boys Soccer

Austin Andrekus
Dominic Catalano
Anthony Damico
Erik Ellingson
Robert Gonnella
Jake Hosler
Mike Picinich
Jonathan Schroeder
Sean Sullivan

Girls Swim/Dive

Marcy Blowers
Anna Bultema
Nicole Chokran
Colby Conn
Megan Danielson
Laura DiFiglio
Danielle Goebbert
Kaylee Jamison
Nora Lugo
Tracy Merwin
Justine Meyers
Carolyn Nield
Isabel Perfect
Kelsey Ransom
Catrin Reyes
Amanda Richer
Madeline Shurtleff
Jordan Stewart
Danielle Yockey

Drill Team

Natalie Failla
Beth Figura
Arielle Johnson
Jackelyn King
Brittney Lutsch
Kayla Patrick
Adrienne Steltenpohl
Jessica Tylka

Girls Volleyball

Kerry Brown
Laura Conte
Gretchen Giesler
Maddie Hughes
Jayde Huxtable
Emily Russell
Caitlin Schneider
Kelsey Smith

Sideline Cheer

Kathryn Bakstad
Rachel Dittman
Denise Gonzalez-Mendez
Danielle Huff
Alexandra Johnston
Megan Langille
Sarah Martin
Kathryn Wolverton

Girls Tennis

Jennifer Durkop
Andrea Gentile
Lauren Dutkiewicz
Hajerah Hameeduddin
Denise Lovorn
Keeley Mennie
Michelle Nickels
Emily Pacholski
Anne Reuss
Marla Tetzlaff
Kendall Williams

Fall All Conference Athletes

Boys Cross Country

Bryan Barker
Max Clink
Scott Speare
Jose Sanchez-Vasquez

Girls Volleyball

Gretchen Giesler

Girls Cross Country

Brittany Haas
Claire O'Brien
Stephanie Strasser

Football

Scott Becker
Bill Schroeder
Brian Giera
C.J. Nemic

Boys Golf

Nick Failla
Mike Keup
Greg Wiitanen

Boys Soccer

Austin Andrekus
Mike Picinich
Steve Purdy
Alex Russell
Mitch Welsch

