



Seneca Valley School District

Press Release

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SENECA VALLEY STUDENTS CHOSEN FOR 2023 PMEA STRING FEST

JACKSON TOWNSHIP, PA (Dec. 22, 2023) – On Tuesday Nov. 7, auditions were held for the 2023 Pennsylvania Music Education Association’s (PMEA) District 5 Honors Band at Slippery Rock University. Over 200 students auditioned for a band of 125 musicians. This year, Seneca Valley had 36 students earn a position in the Honors Band, more than any other school!

District 5 comprises all school districts in Beaver, Butler, Lawrence and Mercer counties. To audition, students must be in at least ninth grade and prepare a piece from a predetermined solo list for each school year. These college-level solos are selected by the directors of District 5. This year’s Honors Band was guest conducted by Dr. Galen S. Karriker, Director of Band and Professor of Music at the University of Akron. The three-day festival culminated with a concert in Miller Auditorium at Slippery Rock University on Dec. 9. Secondary Band Instructors include Varden Armstrong, Robert Babick, Sara Snyder and Brian Croach.

Participants

Maya Anglero - Bari Saxophone
Paityn Armstrong - Clarinet
Camden Armstrong – Alto Saxophone
Noah Bracht - Tuba
Sydney Brower - French Horn
Willow Campbell - Flute
Jordan Courtney - Trumpet
Joseph Cuchapin – Bass Clarinet
Elora Dabravalskas - Trumpet
Caitlin Dugan - Clarinet
Quinn Gallagher - Trumpet
Emma Gallie - Clarinet
Allison Gillett - Percussion
Jaylen Guillame - Tuba
Sylvia Heilman - Clarinet
Rachel Hines - Clarinet
Isaac Hixon - French Horn
Braden Hughes - Percussion

Maddy Karns – Alto Saxophone
Ella King - Clarinet
Sydney Kratsas - Tuba
Katie Mack - Oboe
Ryann Martino - Euphonium
Camryn Meanor - French Horn
Patrick Monahan - Flute
Niko Papakirk - Clarinet
Steven Patterson - Clarinet
John Rieger - Trumpet
Susie Roscoe - Flute
Bridget Scott - Trombone
Claire Thompson - Flute
Zachary Tollerton - Trumpet
Kami Topf - Trumpet
Mackenzie Tunstall - Clarinet
Adrian Wrubel - Trumpet
Autumn Zacherl - Flute