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York Comprehensive Makes School History with State Conference Invitation

York, SC – The York Comprehensive High School Women’s Ensemble is making history.

For the **first time in York Comprehensive High School history, a choir has been selected to perform at the South Carolina Music Educators Association Conference**, where the Women’s Ensemble will represent YCHS and York School District One in February 2027.

The invitation is a significant honor for the ensemble and the district. Choirs are selected through a highly competitive process, making the historic selection a testament to the talent, preparation and dedication of the students and their choral director.

Students learned they had made school history during a surprise announcement from, Lizzi Elliott, YCHS Choral Director. The news was met with cheers, excitement and an emotional celebration among ensemble members.

“Being selected as a featured performing choir for the SCMEA Conference is a remarkable achievement,” said Elliott. “Our choir students have such passion, and they have worked so hard to improve their skillset and become the best musicians they can be. This being the first time that a YCHS Choir has been a featured performer makes this accomplishment even more special. I am so excited that we will get to share their passion and talent with all of the music educators at the conference in February.”

Eight choirs were selected for the conference to include three high schools and YCHS is the **only** women’s ensemble selected. The conference will give the Women’s Ensemble an opportunity to showcase its talents on a statewide stage before music educators and fellow musicians from across South Carolina.

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“This is an extraordinary moment for York Comprehensive High School and all of York School District One. These talented young women have made history through their passion, discipline, and commitment to excellence,” said Superintendent Dr. Heath Branham. “They will represent YCHS and our entire York One family on a statewide stage. We could not be prouder of them, and I cannot wait for music educators from across South Carolina to experience their incredible talent.”

As the first choir in school history to earn this distinction, members of the Women’s Ensemble now have an opportunity to set a new standard and create a legacy for future YCHS singers.

York School District One congratulates the Women’s Ensemble and its choral director on this historic achievement and looks forward to cheering them on as they prepare to represent York School District One on the big stage in February.

Link: [Broll of YCHS Chorus](#) Please credit York School District One.

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