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ASHWAUBENON HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC STUDENTS EARN STATE HONORS

Ashwaubenon, WI – May 31, 2016 – Ashwaubenon High School had a record 9 students qualify for the Wisconsin Music Association’s State Honors band, choir, and jazz band for the 2016-17 school year. AHS also had three students earn Exemplary Soloist Awards at the annual Wisconsin State Music Festival on May 7th, 2016.

The three students earning Exemplary Soloist Awards, the highest achievement for students available at state, were Laura Bottei for piano, Becca Huhtala for soprano, and Sophia Kallas for french horn.

State Honors group qualifiers were Ariana Gibeault and Anna Larsen for Honors Treble Choir, Laura Bottei, Becca Huhtala, Sophia Jimos, and Briah Larsen for Honors Mixed Choir, Ali Remondini for Honors Jazz Band, and Daniel Jablonski and Jenna Hayes for Honors Band.

The Wisconsin Honors Music Project, which oversees the State Honors groups, offers talented youth the opportunity to rehearse and perform with nationally-known conductors in a professional setting. All Honors groups perform at the WMEA State Music Conference. High School Honors students sight read their music at a 3-day Summer Camp held on the UW-Green Bay campus and then rehearse in Madison before the fall concerts. The judges recommend a placement for each student based solely on the audition performance. A “highly recommended” student is described as "A potential section leader, and an outstanding musician. One of the best!"

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Picture attached: ASD-HS-MusicState-ExemplarySoloists.jpg

Caption: State Solo and Ensemble Exemplary Soloists Award recipients (left to right): Becca Huhtala, Laura Bottei, and Sophia Kallas.

Picture attached: ASD-HS-MusicState-HonorsGroups.jpg

Caption: State Honors groups (left to right): Honors Choirs - Anna Larsen, Laura Bottei, Ariana Gibeault, Briah Larson, Sophia Jimos, Becca Huhtala, Honors Bands - Daniel Jablonski, Jenna Hayes, Ali Remondini.

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