

HCHS's Pinkley named to All-National Honor Choir

During the 2016-17 school year, Emma Pinkley-- along with other talented music students across the United States and overseas in military base schools – practiced, with dedication to gain a part in the local, district and state music honor ensembles.

As a result of her dedication and determination, Pinkley will join the “best of the best” for the National Association for Music Education’s (NAfME) 2017 All-National Honor Ensembles November 26-29, 2017, at Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort at Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL.



A senior at Harlan County High School, she was a 2017 Kentucky Governor’s Scholar. Pinkley is a member of the academic team and placed in district competition. She has portrayed several starring roles in HC’s dramatic productions, including Glenda the Good Witch in the Wizard of Oz. She frequently sings the National Anthem at various community events.

Pinkley scored a distinguished in the 2017 Solo Festival of the Kentucky Music Educators Association. Currently, she is serving her second term as president of the Harlan County High School Choir. She is the daughter of Jim and Vickie Pinkley of Lynch.

The Harlan County Board of Education honored Pinkley for her musical success during the August Board of Education meeting.

The All-National Honor Ensembles performers represent collaboration and creativity in its highest musical form. The All-National Honor Ensembles consist of a concert band, symphony orchestra, mixed choir, and jazz ensemble. Students were chosen through an audition process. The concert band and symphony orchestra will each have 155 and 152 instrumentalists respectively, the jazz ensemble 21 instrumentalists, and the mixed choir 281 vocalists. Eligible students have qualified for their state-level honor ensemble program and competed against top students for a spot in these national honor ensembles.

Selected students will be rehearsing a challenging repertoire in preparation for performing under the baton of five of the most prominent conductors in the United States: Dr. Z. Randall Stroope (Mixed Choir); Dr. Margery Deutsch (Symphony Orchestra); Dr. T. André Feagin (Concert

Band); and Todd Stoll with Lauren Sevian (Jazz Ensemble). All conductors have received top honors in their field and will spend several days rehearsing with students before the concert. Names, schools and states, as well as music directors, of the 609 2017 All-National Honor Ensemble students will be available at this website late August: nafme.org/ANHE.

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