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**TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE RECOGNITION  
DURING CHOIR, ORCHESTRA AND UIL ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS**

*Texarkana, TX* – Six Texas High School students recently received recognitions during Choir, Orchestra and UIL Academic competitions.

**GABRIELLA BERMEA** won Second Chair Alto 2 during the TMEA Pre-Area Choir Auditions held in Marshall, TX on November 17. She will advance to the Area Choir Auditions which will be held on January 7 at Texas A&M University – Commerce.

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**KENNETH HARRIS, CLAIRE HOWARD, ASHLYNN KEGLEY, CAYLON NICHOLAS AND JOE QUINNELLY** earned placement in the Texas Music Educators Association All-Region Orchestra during auditions held on November 16 in Longview, TX.

Placements were as follows: Kenneth Harris – 1<sup>st</sup> Chair Tuba; Claire Howard – 1<sup>st</sup> Chair Piccolo; Ashlynn Kegley – 2<sup>nd</sup> Chair Clarinet; Caylon Nicholas – 1<sup>st</sup> Chair Bass Trombone; and, Joe Quinnelly – 2<sup>nd</sup> Chair Percussion.

Additionally, Joe Quinnelly was certified to the Area C-5A All-State Auditions.

The students will participate in a clinic/concert to be held in Tyler and Longview on December 2-3.

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**PAIGE OLIVER** earned Third Place in the Lincoln-Douglas Debate contest during the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Classic UIL Academic Invitational Tournament in Whitehouse, Texas on November 12.

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