



Berkner Area Orchestra Club

A letter from the BAOC Presidents...

Dear Members of the Berkner Area Orchestra Club,

How quickly the year has passed! We would like to thank everyone who has helped the Berkner Area Orchestras this year! A special thanks goes to our wonderful directors and our current BAOC board members, who have given of their time and talents so generously. Thank you very much!!

Directors: Craig Needham, Mark Davenport, Janet Paderewski, David Cook, Lynne Thornton, and Jody Cies

2007-2008 Board Members:

Stacy Pitney, Ellen Parsonault, Lynn Hoffman, Joyce Lee, Anna Balderas,

Lyndsey Theobald, Cheryl Holowell, Lupita Villarreal, and Frank Baek.

And to all the parents of students in our orchestras, you are automatically members of the BAOC, which is the booster club that supports our directors and students. As of this writing, we are still looking for a person to fill the Historian position on our board next year. If you like scrap booking and would like to know more about the position, please contact any board member or director to let us know of your interest.

This will be our last message in the newsletter as co-presidents, and even though our daughter is graduating, our son has two more years, so we are not saying good-bye completely. We look forward to tonight's concert and to being able to experience the amazing continuing journey of the Berkner Area Orchestras.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR THIRTY-SIX GRADUATING SENIORS -- THE WORLD AWAITS YOU.....

John and Amanda Aiuvalasit

Co-Presidents '06-'08

Berkner Area Orchestra Club



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Berkner Ramblings ...

The BHS Orchestra students went on the spring trip to Corpus Christi from April 10-13th. First-time chaperone Mr. Shannon Bennett reported having a wonderful time and we couldn't agree more. From buses that ran ahead of schedule to a new and improved HEB supermarket, the trip south went beautifully. On Friday morning the orchestra students got up bright and early for their performances at Flour Bluff High School. The combined Philharmonic/Freshman/Symphony Orchestras received a First Division rating, and the Symphony Orchestra received not only a First Division rating but also the Best in Class trophy!

The rest of the weekend was spent relaxing at the pool, building sand castles on the beach, learning to boogie-board, cooking delicious meals, and generally hanging out and having fun. We had a cookout/picnic sponsored by BAOC on Friday night and a pot-luck dinner on Saturday night. Sunday morning we had to leave – reluctantly – and head back for the real world of BHS.



Many thanks to our fabulous chaperones: Mrs. Aiuvalasit, Mrs. Balderas, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Cook, Mrs. Holiwell, Mrs. Parsonault, Mrs. Pitney, Ms. Theobald, and Mr. & Mrs. Villarreal. We could not have done it without you!

The BHS Orchestra Banquet was held on May 10 at the Oakridge Country Club. Dinner started at 7:00 followed by the awards portion of the night, then by the end of year video, and the dance! The party lasted until 11:00.

Did You Know???

Seven of the top ten students in the graduating class of 2008 are in Orchestra!! The BAOC sends a crescendo of congratulations to the following Seniors of '08 for their outstanding academic achievements.

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| 1. Valedictorian Stacy Yuan | 6. Caroline Liu (not in Orchestra) |
| 2. Salutatorian Christine Lin | 7. Chee Yong Ch'ng (not in Orchestra) |
| 3. Jessica Lin | 8. Amy Parsonault |
| 4. Samuel Lee | 9. Cara U (not in Orchestra) |
| 5. J.J. Pierce | 10. Laura Crinella |



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The annual Richardson Chamber Music Festival was held on Saturday, April 26th, at Pearce High School. Our participants and their results are listed below. We are so very proud of all our performers for representing themselves, the BHS Orchestra, and the RISD Fine Arts Department in such an outstanding manner.

Students earning a First Division (Superior) rating were:

Soloists:

Maggie Aiuvalasit, bass

*Thomas Baek, violin

John Chang, violin

*Hanna Choi, cello

Gina Chou, violin

Jasmine Chowdhury, violin

Alyssa Concha, violin

*Krystal English, bass

Emily Hoffman, viola

Tiffany Horta, violin

Melody Kao, violin

Samuel Lee, cello

Christine Lin, cello

Jackie Lin, violin

*Daniel Machuca, cello

Jose Machuca, viola

Virginia Nguyen, viola

Allison Pitney, violin

Kathryn Siverling, bass

Benjamin Su, violin

Daisy Su, violin

Lisa Sun, viola

Lydia Villarreal, harp

Matthew Wong, cello

Evan Wright, cello

Stacy Yuan, viola

Ensemble Events:

The Senior Ensemble:

Maggie Aiuvalasit, bass

Nicole Balderas, violin

Anthony Cheng, violin

Jessica Co, viola

Alyssa Concha, violin

Laura Crinella, violin

Winnie Guan, violin

Lauren Jacobsen, bass

Annie Lam, violin

Samuel Lee, cello

Christine Lin, cello

Jose Machuca, viola

Amy Parsonault, viola

David Shu, violin

Stacy Yuan, viola

Quartet:

James Aiuvalasit, viola

Tim Issac, violin

Wesley Lue, violin

Evan Wright, cello

Trio:

Carrie Fox, violin

Allison Pitney, violin

Kathryn Siverling, bass

Duets:

*Samuel Lee, cello

*Christine Lin, cello

Bryce Lorey, cello

William Scott, cello

Quintet:

*John Chang, violin

*Paul Gomez, bass

*Daniel Machuca, cello

*Virginia Nguyen, viola

*Benjamin Su, violin

*Denotes Judge's Honor Award for exceptional performance

Students earning a Second Division (Excellent) rating were:

Soloists:

Alyssa Anderson, cello

David Shu, violin

Monica Tong, violin

Winona Tzou, viola

Duets:

Winnie Guan, violin

Annie Lam, violin

Apollo Junior High Panthers

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Apollo Orchestra News :



UIL News

All three Apollo orchestras participated in the district wide middle school orchestra Eisemann Festival on Thursday March 6. This gave the Symphony and Concert 1 a chance for a dress rehearsal on their UIL concert music. All the orchestra students enjoyed lunch at Cici's Pizza after their performances.

Then on March 12 and 13, the Concert 1 and Symphony Orchestras performed at UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest at Garland High School. Both orchestras had excellent performances. Concert 1 earned a first division in concert and a second division in sightreading. Symphony earned a first division in both concert and sightreading and brought home a sweepstakes trophy. Mrs. Cies and Mrs. Thornton were very proud of the students. A special thanks goes to Grace Sulley and Emily Watson, percussion students from the Symphonic Band who played a percussion part with one of the Symphony Orchestra's pieces. The judges were especially impressed with the addition of percussion in that piece, "Modal Festival."

Thank you to our parent and big brother chaperones for our UIL events: Mrs. Hames, Mr. and Mrs. Chari, and Ray Hwong.



Chamber Music Festival

The Apollo Orchestra had over 40 entries in the district Chamber Music Festival held at Pearce HS on April 26. Students spent many hours practicing and preparing solos and ensembles with their private teachers and orchestra directors.

Congratulations to the following Apollo students for earning a first division rating on a solo: Maggie Austin, Jenny Guan, Katie Hames, Amy Luu, Hunter Porter, Nida Suleman, Tiffany Wong, and Emily Wright on violin; Thomas Baker, Eric Lam, and Ginny Thai on viola; and Claire Armour, Kenny Hoang, and Halley Terleski on cello.

High praises go to Ellen Donaldson and Garrett Jackson for each earning an honor award on their violin solos.

Several 6th graders also earned first division ratings on their solo entries: Emily Lin and Camille Tooley from Yale played violin solos, Elaine Brock from Yale played a viola solo, and Emily Minyard from Big Springs played a harp solo.



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Chamber Music Festival (Continued)

The sixth grade violin trio from Yale consisting of Emily Lin, Camille Tooley, and Emily Parsonault earned an honor award for their performance at the festival. Other ensembles from Apollo who earned first division ratings included: violins duet Nida Suleman and Irfath Khan; violin duet Luke Nicholson and Amy Luu; violin duet Jenny Guan and Rebecca Salazar; quartet Viviana Arcibar, Jennifer Bussey, Maggie Cortez, and Jemal Bussey; violin and cello duet Julie Bruce and Yafa Alhourani; violin duet Hunter Porter and Jonathan Chari; violin duet Sherri Cruz and Karolina Koziol; quartet Tiffany Wong, Jeremiah Dalmacio, Alexis Keowsawaang, and Halley Terleski; quartet Trini Tran, Shelly Granados, Taylor Stallcup, and Claire Armour; quintet Tiffany Wong, Garrett Jackson, Daphne Hwong, Kristen Reichert, and Natalie Sobotka; viola duet Ginny Thai and Ellen Zippi; and violin and bass duet Karolina Koziol and Nina Okonkwo.



Peak Music Festival

On Thursday, May 8, the Symphony Orchestra traveled by school bus with the Symphonic Band to UNT in Denton, Texas where they performed on the stage of the Murchison Performing Arts Center. The orchestra played a beautiful performance and got not only 1st division ratings from all three judges, but also earned an Outstanding Orchestra of the Day trophy. Of course, it is probably fair to mention that all the other entries that day were bands, but orchestra students just love to bring home trophies! After the performance, the orchestra and band students spent a fun afternoon playing games at Main Event in Plano.



Recruiting Concert

On Wednesday, May 14, the Apollo feeder elementary 5th graders were bussed to Apollo to take one last look at the band and orchestra before signing up for and instrument for next year. The Symphony and Concert 1 Orchestras performed a variety of songs for the eager 5th graders and got a great response. The program included a spoof on *The Wizard of Oz* and a slide show of photos from orchestra activities throughout the year. The 5th grade students tried out the string instruments in the ever popular hands-on portion of the show, and the program concluded with students dancing to the orchestra's version of the YMCA song. The Apollo orchestra students did a great job of marketing the orchestra program. Instrument sign up nights will be held on May 27 and May 29 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Apollo Orchestra Room.



Sandy Lake Fun Fest



The combined 43 students of the Concert Orchestras performed at Sandy Lake on Monday, May 12. With the sun shining and a cool breeze blowing, the students had a great time in the park and played so well that the judges awarded the orchestra a first division trophy and a Best in Class trophy.

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Sandy Lake Fun Fest (Continued)

On Friday, May 16, another beautiful weather day, the combined Apollo feeder elementary orchestras also traveled to Sandy Lake and had a fantastic time! The students from Big Springs, Dartmouth, Mark Twain, Terrace and Yale rode amusement rides, ate candy and ice cream, and played like pros for the judges. The combined orchestras were awarded a first division trophy from the judges. Mrs. Cies and Mrs. Thornton would like to thank the 6th grade parents who went along as chaperones: Ellen Parsonault, Beverly Minyard, Angie Geoffrion, Stan Sams, Sabrina Jarman, and Miriam Castro. Thanks, parents, for spending your time and energy with the orchestra.



Reflections from the directors

Dear Parents and Students,

This has been an amazing year at Apollo! We will never forget the experience of a lifetime we had in San Antonio. It has been a pleasure and a privilege watching this 8th grade class mature as musicians and young ladies and gentlemen. Thank you for sharing them with us. To the 6th and 7th graders, we are looking forward to spending more time with you in the coming years. Get ready to work hard, have fun, and make new friends!

Yours truly,

Mrs. Thornton and Mrs. Cies

...and the Panthers play on

BAOC 2007-2008		BAOC 2008-2009	
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Liberty Junior High Patriots



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Patriot Notes.....

UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest: The Liberty Advanced Orchestra performed at the UIL competition at Garland High School on March 13th. The orchestra performed "Swedish Rhapsody", "Be Thou My Vision" and "Little Symphony". The

Orchestra earned a Second Division rating in their concert performance and a Second Division in the Sight Reading Competition. The orchestra performed extremely well and should be proud of their accomplishment.

Sandy Lake Funfest 2008: The Sixth Grade Orchestra classes have been busy rehearsing their music for Fun-fest. A combined rehearsal on Monday, May 12th brought together the 59 students from Audelia Creek, Forestridge, Jess Harben, O.Henry, Richland and Springridge Elementary schools. These students performed at Sandy Lake Park on Tuesday, May 13th. The Liberty Cluster Sixth Grade Orchestra earned a **First Division** rating for their performance.

Congratulations!!!

The Liberty Intermediate and Advanced Orchestra combined together to compete in the annual Sandy Lake Fun-fest on Friday, May 16th. They performed "Sahara Crossing" and "Fiddle O.Finnagan". The students rehearsed these pieces in their separate classes for several weeks. The two orchestras came together twice for after-school rehearsals. A **First Division** rating was earned. In addition, the judges awarded the Liberty Orchestra the "**Outstanding CCC Orchestra**" trophy. The students were very pleased to bring home two trophies for their performance.

Finale Concert: All the Orchestra students from the Berkner Cluster will perform on the Berkner HS stage on Thursday, May 22nd. Each group will combine with the corresponding classes from the Apollo cluster to perform the following: Sixth Grade - "Intrada" and "Sourwood Mountain"; Intermediate - "Sahara Crossing" and "Fiddles at Shady Gulch"; Advanced - "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" and "Spirit of the American West".

Uniform Check In: All formal dresses and tux shirts should be cleaned and pressed after the Finale Concert. Students must return the dress or shirt to Mr. Cook no later than Friday, May 30th. 7th grade students should pin their name to the dress or shirt in case they can wear it next year.

School-Owned Instruments must be turned in for inventory by Thursday, May 29th. 6th and 7th graders may check out a school instrument for the summer. Mr. Cook will be available on the afternoon of the last school day, Wednesday, June 4th. Please make an appointment with Mr. Cook if you are interested in checking out an instrument for the summer. Please check with your Music Company about keeping your **RENTAL** instrument over the summer. In most cases, you should definitely keep your instrument over the summer.

Private Lessons are available during the summer. Please check the website for a list of private teachers or contact Mr. Cook for a recommendation.

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Patriot Notes.....

RISD Chamber Music Festival

The Liberty Cluster was well represented at this year's Chamber Music Festival on April 26th. The following students represented their school:

Liberty J H

Violin Solo

- Sandy An
- Young An
- Mellina Araujo
- Victoria Flores
- Diana Galindo
- BaWool Hong
- James Lee
- Gabrielle Pitt
- Haaben Techlemariam
- Kimberly Truong
- Titianna Wonzer-Nesbit

Cello Solo

- Stephanie Fernandez
- Eric Rangel
- Brinyae Thompson

Violin Duet

- Erin Kim & Cheryl Su
- Vivian Kong & Christine Nyugen

Jess Harben Elementary

- David Cheung violin solo
- Y Pham violin solo
- Jennifer Lam cello solo

O.Henry Elementary

- Arely Sortia violin solo

Springridge Elementary

- Kathleena Buckland violin solo
- Hiuching Kam violin solo
- Tuan Tran violin solo
- Richard Lee viola solo
- Ben Winters cello solo



These students earned a total of 21 First Divisions and 4 Second Divisions!

Congratulations Liberty Cluster!!!!

Senior Thoughts

Upon completion of the Senior year, our seniors have earned a space in this newsletter to share their thoughts. The **Orchestra Class of 2008** has 36 seniors and here are their thoughts to our top 10 questions:

Senior Questions:

1. What are your plans after graduation?
2. Where are you going to college (if that is your plan)? Or if undecided, where have you applied?
3. What major will you pursue?
4. Are you looking into music scholarships at the college of your choice?
5. Will you continue to play if there is an outlet or organization where you can participate?
6. Why did you join the orchestra?
7. Why have you stayed in as long as you have?
8. What was the most memorable experience you have had?
9. What advice would you give beginners?
10. What are some of your hobbies?
11. List any activities you have participated in at school or in the community since 9th grade.

AISHAH ABDO

1. Cosmetology School
2. Toni and Guy
3. Cosmetology
4. No
5. Not sure
6. Friends, like music
7. Friends, fun
8. Colorado trip
9. Take it seriously
10. Coloring hair

HALIMA AREVALO

1. More school
2. Richland and transferring to UTSA
3. Architecture
4. No
5. Perhaps
6. Because it was better than going to music class in 6th grade.
7. Mostly because of the friends I've made and school would be different without orchestra.
8. Colorado
9. Wait till high school to quit, it will be worth it!!
10. Hang out with friends, shopping
11. Orchestra, French Club, Hispanic Roots

MAGGIE AIUVALASIT

1. College and then teaching
2. University of Texas at Austin
3. History with a minor in Art History
4. No
5. Certainly
6. I thought that band was too loud.
7. I love the people.
8. On stage at the TMEA concert when Mr. Needham motioned to the basses and we blew kisses to the audience.
9. If at first you don't succeed...try the double bass. You'll love it.
10. Theatre, reading, cooking, and watching old movies
11. Orchestra 9th - Symphony at Apollo, 10-12th Symphony at Berkner, All-Region 11th and 12th grade, Chamber Music Festival 9th -12th, TMEA Honor Orchestra 11th, Graduating with honors, AP Scholar, National Honor Society 10-12th, National French Honor Society 10-11th, Student, Recognition Breakfast 12th, Berkner Exchange Club Student of the month 12th, World Affairs Council 9-10th, Theatre 9-12th, Theatre Club 10-12th, International Thespian Society 12th, Musical 11th and 12th *Pajama Game* and *Anne of Green Gables*, Dance 11-12th, French Club 9-11th



Senior Thoughts

MURTAZA ASLAM

1. College
2. (undecided) OU, or UTA
3. Undecided
4. No
5. No
6. Orchestra Trip
7. Orchestra Trip and Ms. P
8. Colorado Trip
9. Go on the Orchestra Trips
10. Sleeping
11. Football, National Honor society

NICOLE BALDERAS

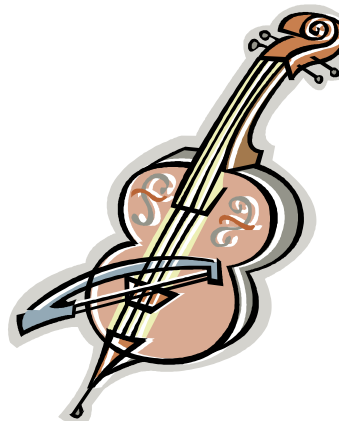
1. I plan to go to college and study music and/or Biology.
2. University of North Texas
3. Music/Biology
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. I like the kind of music we play; it's different from the music that I listen to and its fun to be part of a group of dedicated people.
7. It's something that once I started I didn't want to give up, like smoking except good for you.
8. Definitely doing pops music in Jr. High and High school; it's always really fun music that is totally different than what we normally play.
9. Stick with it. Don't get discouraged if you aren't amazing right at the beginning, it takes time, but once you've been with it for a while you will feel really good about it and appreciate your ability to play an instrument.
10. Singing, playing guitar and space aerobics.
11. I received an outstanding ensemble of the day award at choir solo and ensemble in ninth grade, and was a member of the ninth grade honor choir. I was a member of the mixed All-Region choir in tenth grade, and won Berkner Idol my senior year. I had a lead role in the school musical senior year, and am currently the president of the Berkner Choir.

ANTHONY CHENG

1. Bachelors then Medical School
2. University of Texas at Austin
3. Biochemistry
4. No
5. No
6. Something to relieve school stress
7. Parents
8. All region 6th grade
9. School is about learning and applying what you learned
10. Violin, exercise
11. National Junior Honor Society (1), National Honor Society (3), Asian American Youth Association (1), Mu Alpha Theta (3), Physics Club (1), Film as Literature (1), Chess Club (1), All-Region(7), Chamber Music Festival (3), Orchestra (4)

JESSICA CO

1. Go to college, make big bucks, and perhaps buy a white tiger or panda.
2. University of Texas at Austin
3. Biology
4. No
5. Sure
6. Because most of my friends were doing it, and I wanted a reason to get out of class in 6th grade.
7. I see no reason to quit, and I enjoy the spring trips.
8. Our TMEA Trip last year, the concert was pretty amazing.
9. CHOOSE THE VIOLA
10. Tennis, eating, cooking, making stuff
11. NHS (3), JNHS(3), Mu Alpha Theta (3), Japanese Club (3), Treasurer, President), BWAC, 6 years, orchestra officer, all region twice, 1s in solo & ensemble.



Senior Thoughts

ALYSSA CONCHA

1. Family Celebrations!
2. I plan on attending the University of New Mexico on a full scholarship.
3. I want to get my first degree in child development or biology. I then want go on to graduate school and become an Occupational Therapist.
4. I won't be majoring in music.
5. I am going to participate in the orchestra, and look into joining a quartet.
6. I began playing when I was 7 or 8 so it was natural for me to join at the junior high level.
7. Music is a big part of my life, and I plan on playing through college and hopefully after. I can't define myself without music.
8. I have been lucky enough to participate in several great programs. It's hard to pick out one specific moment, but the trip to San Antonio was amazing. The performance was so exhilarating and gratifying.
9. Don't lose sight of your love for the music and the instrument itself.
10. Photography (I've entered local shows and competitions Richardson photography contest- 1st place award), Reading, Running.
11. Symphony I (sophomore, junior, and Senior), Concert Mistress '07-'08, All region member all three years of HS, Solo Ensemble: solo '08-I; ensemble '08-I, Honor Roll (NHS)(10th-12th), Mu Alpha Theta(10th-12th), BHS JV. Soccer (9th,10th), Berkner World Affairs Council 12th, Peer Tutor 12th, St. Joseph's Youth Music Ministry (9th-12th), Film as Literature (11th and 12th -Director), National Hispanic Scholar & AP Scholar, First Prize winner of Huffines Photography Competition, Member of '06-'07 Texas Honor Orchestra & '05-'06,'06-'07, &'07-'08 All Region Orchestras, Accepted into competitive RISD Professional Internship Program.



LAURA CRINELLA

1. Attend college
2. University of Texas at Austin
3. Engineering
4. No
5. Probably not my first year, but later I would hope to join an organization.
6. I loved that the music had no boundaries. In orchestra, the rules of music can be bent to create a more passionate style.
7. I wanted to improve my violin skills and I love having music as part of my day.
8. Some of the most memorable times were the spring trips to Corpus and Colorado, and going to TMEA.
9. Just the cliché "Never give up" because it's really a rewarding experience to get this far. You develop close friendships with everyone.
10. Cooking, bicycling, and drawing
11. Symphony Orchestra - 3 Years, Chamber Music Festival - 9th-12th grade, receiving I every year, and I with Honor in 10th grade, Graduating with honors- top 10, Honor Roll, National Honor Society- 3 years, Musical- Member of the pit orchestra for Anne of Green Gables- 12th grade, Mu Alpha Theta-3 years, Girl Scouts -9 years.

WINNIE GUAN

1. Go to college
2. University of Texas at Austin
3. Biology and/or Business
4. No
5. Yes
6. I liked the music that I heard at the concerts, interested in violin
7. Friends, Spring trip
8. Colorado Spring trip.
9. Keep practicing and everything else will fall into place
10. Photography, swimming
11. Orchestra, All-Region, Chamber Music Festival, All-State Orchestra, National Honor Roll, National Honor Society, Who's Who Among High School Students, Swim Team, Mu Alpha Theta, Chess Club, Key Club, Japanese Club, Japanese National Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, Beta Club

Senior Thoughts

HAFAWATI HAMZAH

1. College and get a job Theatre
2. Richland for 2yrs and then switch to UTD or SMU
3. I'm not sure yet hopefully it'll come to me soon
4. No
5. Yes
6. I always like the sound of orchestra then that of band and my lung capacity was not enough to play the clarinet.
7. It was fun and it helps to have a class to take a break from all the stress of school
8. When my viola's G String kept breaking and I told Mijee Park in Spanish class without saying it was my viola. I got some pretty strange stares.
9. They should keep practicing and not feel bad if there is someone who can play something better or faster since they're going at their own pace and they should be proud of that.
10. I like to read from time to time an interesting novel and listening to music. I also like to write occasionally when I get inspired by something.
11. Orchestra, All-Region – one year during Jr. High, Mu Alpha Theta – Sophomore and Junior year, Japanese Club – all three years at BHS, Japanese National Honor Society – Junior and Senior year – Secretary, Key Club – Junior year, Berkner Girls Service Society – Senior year, Masjid

GRACE HWANG

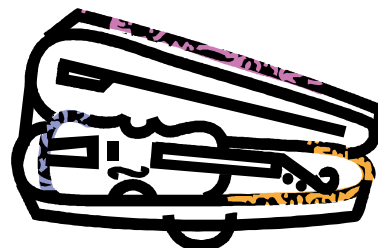
1. I plan to go to a 4 year college.
2. Either A&M or Midwestern University
3. Undecided
4. No
5. Probably not
6. My mom wanted me to have an extra curricular activity in music.
7. Out of habit. I've been in orchestra for so long that it'd be weird to quit.
8. The first Corpus Christy trip.
9. Just because you can play one piece, doesn't mean you can play them all. So practice!
10. Painting
11. Japanese club, art club – 12th, NHS - 10th, 11th, 12th, Beta Club - 9th

NATALIE HOLMES

1. Attend college
2. Ouachita Baptist University
3. Early Childhood Education
4. No
5. No
6. My sister was in band and I wanted to do something different.
7. I like to be a part of different organizations and meet new people.
8. N/A
9. Practice makes permanent.
10. I enjoy baking and volunteering my time
11. Philharmonic Orchestra, Honor Roll, National Honor Society, Student Recognition Breakfast, Musical "Anne of Green Gables", Student Council, Student Council Officer (VP, Secretary, Representative), Junior Usher, Umoja Tops, Young Life, Ramblers, Teens Against Tobacco Use, Key Club, Peer Helpers, Church, Church choir, Church Youth Group, Girl Scouts, Film as Literature; Awards: Superlatives, "Most Friendly", Ramblers "Best Attitude", 2006-07, 2007-08.

MICHAEL JACOBS

1. Go to college
2. UT at Arlington
3. Business Management
4. Possibly
5. Maybe
6. I wanted to learn how to play something that sounded beautiful.
7. I wanted to be committed and I loved the classes.
8. Going to Corpus Christi twice
9. Stay committed, practice, but have as much fun as you can.
10. N/A
11. Chamber Music Festival, Student Recognition Breakfast, French Club, Japanese Club, Church, Church Youth Group.



Senior Thoughts



LAUREN JACOBSEN

1. Attend college
2. University of Texas at Austin
3. Radio-Television-Film
4. No
5. Yes
6. I joined orchestra because I couldn't handle the loud, aggressive noise of band and I absolutely loved the sound of the bass.
7. I fell in love with music and my double bass.
8. N/A
9. Stick with it! As crazy as it may sound, the directors know what they're talking about and will help you.
10. My two favorite things in life (besides orchestra) are bowling and watching movies.
11. Orchestra: Symphony II (2005-2006), Symphony I (2006-2008), All-Region: 2006-2007, Chamber Music Festival: I rating for solo 2005-2006, Graduating with honors (top ten percent), Honor Roll, National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Sports, Bowling (District Champions two years straight and competed in state championship), Theater, Marching Band, Film as Literature Club Officer, French Club President, Professional Internship Program at Big Fish Films

ANNIE LAM

1. College then graduate school
2. UTD
3. Biology or Psychology
4. No
5. Considering
6. I like the violin
7. I enjoyed the class and the friends I've made.
8. All the orchestra trips!
9. Go to orchestra trips to bond with the other students!
10. Guitar, swimming, and tennis.
11. BHS Orchestra (4yrs) –officer (1yr), Chamber Music Festival (4 yrs), Graduating with honors, National Honor Society (4yrs), Who's Who Among American High School Students, Swim Team (1 yr), Tennis (1yr), Berkner Association of Medical Students- Founder (1yr), Mu Alpha Theta (3yrs), Chess Club (2yrs), Spanish Club (3yrs), Envirothon- Captain (1yr), Richardson Youth Leadership (1yr), Professional Internship Program- Medical Center of Plano-ER Department (1 semester)

SAMUEL LEE

1. Work this summer, attend college in Fall 2008.
2. University of Texas at Austin
3. Plan II Honors (interdisciplinary major with core curriculum).
4. No
5. Yes
6. Up to that point, I had been playing piano, and I wanted to try something new. A less compelling reason: everyone was doing it.
7. Camaraderie
8. Going down to San Antonio for State each February for four years. Each year had a distinct feel, but each year was special.
9. Life isn't all about being happy.
10. Napping
11. Orchestra - 7 years, All-Region - 7 years, 1st chair in 8th, 11th, 12th, Chamber Music Festival - 6 years, All-State - 4 years, Graduating with honors - Top 10, National Honor Society - 3 years, Student Recognition Breakfast - October 2007, Tennis - 3 years, Piano - 14 years, Band – 2006 - Marching Show, *Modern Duality*, cello soloist, Musical - musical pit, *Anne of Green Gables*, Mu Alpha Theta - 3 years, President, Berkner World Affairs Council - 2 years, Secretary, Church - Dallas Chinese Fellowship Church, 17 years



Senior Thoughts

JESSICA LIN

1. I plan to attend Cornell University.
2. Cornell University
3. Biological engineering
4. No
5. Maybe just for fun
6. Seemed cool at the time
7. I wanted to make it to symphony; plus, my friends are in orchestra and the trips are fun.
8. Too many good memories to remember – one of them involves Maggie drifting off in the ocean at Corpus while me and Christine swim back to shore.
9. Don't stress over things and enjoy every moment of life.
10. Drawing, reading, cooking, baking, swimming, biking
11. Orchestra 6th – 12th, Graduating with honors, Honor Roll 9th – 12th, National Honor Society 9th – 12th, Tennis 12th, Mu Alpha Theta 10th – 12th, French Club 9th – 11th Secretary (9th) Historian (11th), National Junior Beta Club 8th – 9th Treasurer(9th), Hua-Hsing Chinese School K - 12th, Church AWANA leader 9th – 12th, Berkner World Affairs Council 11th -12th, Richardson Public Library Volunteer 11th – 12th, Vacation Bible School Teacher 12th, Medical City of Dallas Volunteer 12th

GERRY LIN

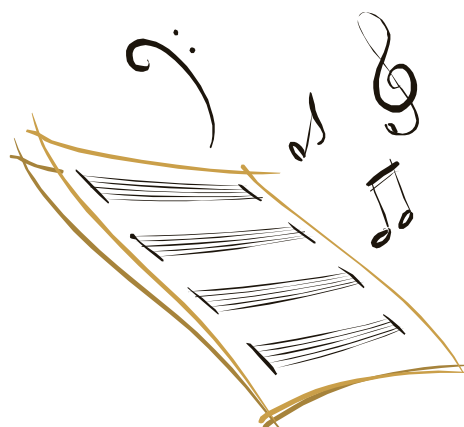
1. Go to college
2. University of Texas Austin
3. Biology / Pre-Dental
4. No
5. No
6. To learn to play the cello, and to make new friends.
7. I enjoyed playing the Cello, and enjoyed the environment as well as the friends.
8. The trips, all of them.
9. Don't slack off. Practice.
10. Sports, Games, and Sleep
11. Orchestra, Swim Team, Chamber Music Festival, Graduating with honors, National Honor Society, Honor Roll, Mu Alpha Theta, Tennis, Key Club, Martial Arts, City of Richardson Swimming

CHRISTINE LIN

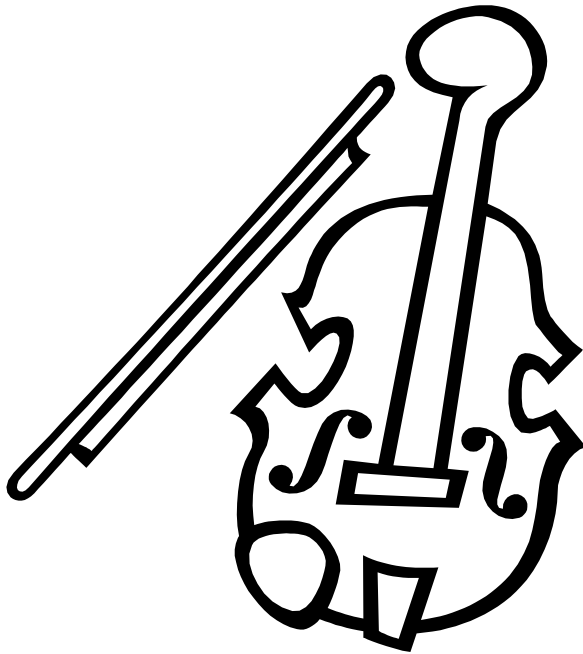
1. Learn how to count cards
2. Rice University
3. Bioengineering
3. No
4. Probably
5. I honestly have no idea.
6. It serves as a good balance to academic stress.
7. Colorado and Corpus trips
8. Take private lessons
10. "Tennising", spending hours on the computer, and sleeping
11. Orchestra - Symphony I- 6 years, orchestra officer, All-Region- 6 years, Chamber Music Festival- 6 years, National Honor Society- 4 years, Who's Who Among American High School Students- 2 years, Mu Alpha Theta- 3 years, Vice-President, Tennis, Berkner World Affairs Council- 2 years

JESUS LUCIANO

1. Attend Richland Community College then transfer to Texas A&M Commerce
2. Richland Community College
3. Psychology
4. No
5. Yes
6. Because I wanted to play violin
7. Because I enjoy playing my violin
8. I don't know
9. Practice even if you don't like it
10. Watching TV, eating, video games



Senior Thoughts



LUU MAC

1. Have fun, go to college
2. University of Texas at Austin
3. Architecture
4. No
5. Yes
6. I enjoy playing the violin and hearing orchestral music.
7. I regret quitting back in the beginning of 8th grade.
8. The trip to watch the DSO perform at the Myerson
9. Practice, have fun, and look up music you would like to play—then try it.
10. Basketball and drawing
11. Orchestra, National Honor Society – 3 years, Mu Alpha Theta - 2 years, Film As Literature Club – 2 years (officer: Producer), Key Club – 3 years, Berkner World Affairs Council – 2 years, Church – 7 weeks as teacher's assistant, National Society of High School Scholars, T.E.A.M.S. – silver medal (11th grade), gold medal (12th grade), Professional Internship Program

JOSE MACHUCA

1. Travel the world in a month
2. UT Austin
3. International Business
4. Maybe
5. Yes
6. The line for band was too long and Classical Music inspired me
7. Easy grade
8. Going on the Orchestra trips
9. If you do something, do it to the best of your ability
10. Rock Climbing, Hang Gliding, music, video games, Urban Landscaping, sports, and flying.
11. Symphony Orchestra - 3 years, All-Region-High School, 3 years, Chamber Music Festival, 4 years, Ivy Camerata Youth Orchestra 4 years, Graduating with honors, National Honor Society, 9th-12th , Berkner JROTC C/Captain, Tae Kwon Do Black Belt, Philmont 76 Mile Hike, Billy Mitchell Award, Amelia Earhart Award, Military Officers Association Award, Football, 10th grade, Track 10th 11th , Martial Arts 1st-9th grade, French Club 9th-10th , Mu Alpha Theta, Berkner World Affairs Council (11-12th), Junior ROTC RAM Battalion, Church, Church Band- 10th grade, Church Youth Group- 9th-12th , Boy Scouts 9th-11th , Patrol Leader, Star Scout, World Quest Academic Competition (12th), United States Air Force Auxiliary (8th – 12th), Honor Cadet, Cadet Captain, Berkner Track, Long Distance (10th – 11th), Berkner Film as Literature Club (11th-12th), Movie Directing Leader (11th), L.V. Berkner AJROTC Ram Battalion (12th), Battalion Commander (12th), Executive Officer (12th)



Senior Thoughts

JOHN PIERCE

1. I plan to work during the summer to earn money for college in the fall. After one year at BYU I plan to go on a two year mission trip. I then plan on spending another two years at BYU to finish my undergraduate. I don't know where I will get my graduate degree but I that's too far in the future for me to worry about.
2. Brigham Young University – Provo
3. Mechanical Engineering
4. No
5. No
6. Combination of my parents and my own incentive.
7. Most of my friends are in orchestra.
8. Skiing at Breckenridge
9. Decide what you want to do and where you want to be as early as possible and then make it happen.
10. T.V., Video Games, Church Stuff, Sleep, Food
11. Philharmonic Orchestra (3 years), National Honor Roll, National Honor Society (3 years), Top Ten Luncheon, Mu Alpha Theta (3 years), Film as Literature Club (2 years) – officer, Berkner World Affairs Council (1 year), Latin Club (1 year), Richardson Stake Youth Committee (1 year) – member, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (life) – 1st assistant to the bishop, President of the Teacher's Quorum, President of the Deacon's Quorum, Boy Scouts of America (6 years) – senior patrol leader

WILSON POON

1. Go to college
2. UNT
3. Something along the medical field
4. Don't think so
5. Possibly
6. To play an instrument and have fun.
7. It's a hobby to play an instrument and the spring trip also.
8. Going on the orchestra trips
9. Have fun playing
10. Play sports, run around, play games, play on the cello, sleeping
11. Orchestra, All-Region, Chamber Music Festival, National Honor Society, Tennis, Mu Alpha Theta, French Club

WILLIAM SCOTT

1. After graduation I plan to go to college and get a business degree and possibly travel the world as a tennis coach.
2. I will be attending Baylor University. CLASS OF 2012!!!
3. Double major in Business Marketing and Management.
4. Nope
5. Maybe I have been thinking about it but as of right now I don't think I will.
6. Honestly I only started playing the cello because both of my brothers did and I am a very competitive person so I felt I had to do it as well and do it better than both of them. That and I heard stories from them and how much fun they had so I figured that I would give it a shot.
7. The trips, the people, and the experience. Especially the trips those memories will last a lifetime. What happens on the trip stays on the trip. And I probably shouldn't go into how that motto came about.
8. I couldn't pick out a most memorable moment if I tried. There are wayyyyy too many. In Corpus on the latest trip there was the trip to the hospital where we took the charter bus on a ferry across the inlet; at Breckenridge we had the girl competition with the guys in our room. That one was interesting....before that there was the unforgettable hot tub experience in Corpus, and on the same trip a certain person (won't mention any names...) nearly burned the condo's down by burning the eggs; that and another person...got sunburned and made his own aloe lotion out of some plant that was on the balcony. I never could tell if that concoction worked or not. I remember in Breckenridge I hadn't quite mastered skiing yet and I ran into a big yellow sign on my way down the mountain and that somehow made its way down with me. I will never forget that ride.
9. Stay in orchestra. You will not regret it.
10. Almost any and every sport especially tennis. For those that were in Corpus I'm going to take up skimboarding. I love cars I have always had a passion for them. I don't consider girls a hobby, but they are definitely included in everything I do. I also learned how to play bass guitar; not very well yet but I'm working on that. Last but not least I love to country dance. The girls, the music, the atmosphere; it can't be matched.
11. Orchestra – 4 years, Chamber Music Festival – all ones, Honor Roll – 3 years, Tennis – 4 years, team captain '08, Church Youth Group – 4 years, Young Life – 1 year, GANG GREEN!!! – 3 years

Senior Thoughts

DAVID SHU

1. I'm going to take summer classes and try to get and hold a job for the summer
2. University of Southern California
3. I'm signed up for Business Administration
4. Nope
5. If I have time
6. My parents made me
7. I find it fun, especially since most of my friends are orchestra members.
8. My roommates and I ran out of food in Corpus '06, and resorted to obtaining sustenance through several creative methods. Corpus '08 was the opposite; we ate fajita's all night long before our departure.
9. When other kids tell you they don't practice, don't believe one word of it. They're a bunch of liars who want people to think they're innately talented. However, it's not true. So practice! Oh, also, get a private teacher. They help. Props to mine, Mrs. Demattia!
10. I've taken up tennis this school year, and have a bit of experience at juggling.
11. Orchestra 9th-12th, Officer 11th-12th, All-Region 11th-12th, Chamber Music Festival 9th-12th, National Honor Society 10th-11th, Officer 12th, Tennis 12th, Musical Pit 12th, Mu Alpha Theta 10th-11th, Treasurer 12th, Berkner World Affairs Council Secretary 11th, Vice-President 12th

JAMES SO

1. College
2. St. Johns
3. Pharmacy
4. No
5. No
6. I knew how to play
7. No reason to leave
8. Orchestra trip
9. Don't be discouraged
10. Martial arts, other music
11. Billiards (Sophomore), Church Praise Team, Drums/Vocals, Hapkido Demo Team

STACY YUAN

1. Continuing my education at college
2. Pomona College, Claremont, CA
3. Biology
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. I didn't want to have to march in band.
7. Orchestra is great and I love playing viola
8. All the experiences on our Spring Trips and at TMEA
9. Don't leave your instrument in the car on a hot day.
10. Minesweeper, Tetris, watching dramas
11. Berkner Symphony Orchestra (Top High School String Orchestra in Texas, 2006-2007), Principal Violist, 2005-2008; Officer, 2006-2008, Dallas Chinese Youth Association: Junior Representative, 2005-2005, Apollo Junior High Student Council: Treasurer, 2004-2005, Beta Club: President, 2004-2005, National Honor Society: 2005-2008; Vice President, 2007-2008, French Club: 2004-2007; Treasurer, 2004 - 2006, National French Honor Society: President, 2006-2007, Berkner World Affairs Council: 2006-2008; Treasurer 2007-2008, Mu Alpha Theta: 2005-2008; Secretary, 2007-2008, Apollo JH Geo Council Representative: 2004-2005, Key Club: 2005-2006, DFW Chinese Youth Camp (each summer): 2000-Present; Assistant Counselor, 2005 & 2006; Counselor, 2007, Dallas Asian American Youth Orchestra: Principal Violist, 2003-2005, Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra (Philharmonic): Principal Violist, 2005-2006, Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra (GDYO): 2006-Present, Richardson Youth Leadership (RYL): 2006-2007, TMEA All-State Symphony Orchestra: 2006 - 2008



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