



Berkner Area Orchestra Club

A Message from the President...



Dear Orchestra Students and Parents,

As this school year draws to a close, I 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.

Directors: Craig Needham, Mark Davenport, Janet Lattanzi, Lynne Thornton, Jody Cies and Phyllis Jones-Burright.

2009- 2010 Board Members: Carl Lorey-Secretary; Stacy Butler-Treasurer; Ellen Parsonault-Assistant Treasurer; Cheryl Holiwell-Historian; Amanda Aiuvalasit-Newsletter; Frank Baek-Fund Raising, Pat Fox-Publicity, and Valerie Siverling and Lupita Villarreal-Hospitality.

As you know, all the parents of students in our orchestras 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 to fill the Historian and Publicity positions on our board for next year. If you like photography or are good with words and would like to know more about these positions, please contact a director or email me at lynn_hoffman723@yahoo.com.

I hope you enjoy tonight's concert and time of recognition. For some this is the end of a journey. Now the real adventure begins. Take the things you have learned by being a part of the orchestra namely discipline, team-work, a competitive spirit and a sense of pride in your accomplishments with you as you go.

CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2010 -- THE WORLD AWAITS YOU!

Lynn Hoffman

BAOC President

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....see you next year

Berkner Ram Orchestra

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Berkner Ramblings...

BERKNER FINALE NEWS!



It's been an amazing spring for members of the BHS Orchestras. Fresh off their **UIL successes**, everyone prepared for the **Winter Park Music Festival in Colorado**...and met fresh success. The Symphony and combined Philharmonic (including Concert and Chamber students) each received perfect first division scores from all three judges AND each was named Best in Class of the respective Varsity and Non-Varsity categories. The awards ceremony concluded with the naming of the **Best In Festival**. Imagine the excitement when the "winner's recording" was played and it was our very own BHS Symphony! Was it hard to find room for all five trophies on the bus? We made room.

Many thanks to **Assistant Principal Shannon Bennett** for putting himself on the slopes for the first time. We are also very grateful to our parent chaperones: **Mr. and Mrs. Villarreal, Mrs. Holiwell, Mr. and Mrs. Baek, and Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman**. We could never do a trip without their help!



Two weeks after the trip, Berkner hosted the district's **Chamber Music Festival**, affectionately known as Solo and Ensemble. Berkner has a long list of winners:

First Division Solo

Haimi Ayalew, violin
 Gina Chou, violin
 Jasmine Chowdhury, violin
 Jeremiah Dalmacio, violin
 James Lee, violin
 Tiffany Lin, violin
 Amber Lo, violin
 Hunter Porter, violin
 Veronica Posadas, violin
 Tiffany Wong, violin
 Emily Wright, violin
 Steven Zhang, violin
 James Aiuvalasit, viola
 Kristen Reichert, viola
 Alyssa Anderson, cello
 Katie Hames, cello
 Colin Horton, cello
 Eric Rangel, cello
 Natalie Sobotka, cello
 Halley Terleski, cello
 Evan Wright, cello
 Jesse Dadres, bass

First Division Ensemble

Jonathan Chari and Hunter Porter, violin duet
 Amy Luu and Katie Hames, violin/cello duet

Judge's Honor Award Solo

Thomas Baek, violin
 Jonathan Chari, violin
 Garrett Jackson, violin
 Benjamin Su, violin
 Daisy Su, violin
 Lisa Sun, viola
 Hanna Choi, cello

Judge's Honor Award Ensemble

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 Hanna Choi, cello
 Calvin Owens, clarinet
 Benjamin Su, violin
 Lisa Sun, viola

CONGRATULATIONS to all the participants!

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Berkner Ramblings... continued

As this year closes, we say a fond farewell to our beloved Seniors and wish them all the happiness and success in the world.

James Aiuvalasit
Angel Alvarado
Nancy Alvarez
Bryan Chen
Bryan Co
Jan Cruz
Zuri Giang – **2010 TOP TEN!**
Belen Gomez
Shannon Hapeman
Emily Hoffman
Marisa Holliwell
My Huynh
Truc Huynh – **2010 TOP TEN!**
Lily Kim
Kevin Kong
Ralph Lee

Jackie Lin
Allison Linsteadt
Carol Liu
Bryce Lorey
Wesley Lue
Julia Luna
Savannah Medina
Julia Rodriguez
Jessica Tong
Tracey Tran – **2010 TOP TEN!**
David Truong – **2010 SALUTATORIAN!**
Lydia Villarreal
Courtney Vittes
Amanda Wong
Matthew Wong
Evan Wright



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**The BHS Orchestra banquet was held on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Oakridge Country Club.** Along with dinner and a dance, the graduating seniors were presented with personalized coffee cups and next year's officers were announced. They are **Claire Armour, John Chang, Hanna Choi, Jeremiah Dalmacio, Tiffany Horta, Garrett Jackson, James Lee, Tiffany Lin, Gina Nguyen, Benjamin Su, Daisy Su, Lisa Sun, Kyle Wong, Tiffany Wong,** and President Thomas Baek.  
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HAVE A GREAT SUMMER...

THANKS FOR A WONDERFUL YEAR !!!



Apollo Junior High Panthers

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Apollo Orchestra



Notes



UIL News

Both Apollo orchestras participated in the district wide middle school orchestra Eisemann Festival on Thursday, February March 25. This gave the students 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 10 and 11, the Concert and Symphony Orchestras performed at the UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest held at the Lake Highlands Freshman Center. The Symphony Orchestra had superior performances and earned first divisions in both the concert and the sightreading portions of the contest. The Concert Orchestra had excellent performances and earned a second division in both the concert and sightreading portions of the contest. Mrs. Cies and Mrs. Thornton were very proud of the students.

Thank you to our parent chaperones for our UIL events!



Chamber Music Festival

The district Chamber Music Festival was held Saturday, April 24, at Berkner HS. Apollo had 27 entries. Students spent many hours practicing and preparing solos and ensembles.

The following students earned a first division rating:

Violin solo: Joshua Chari, Wing Chik, Benjamin Damkroger, Mandy Kok, Marie Lawrence, Emily Lin, Kayla Needham, David Ni, Emily Parsonault, Kelly Robinson, Emma Swope, Camille Tooley, Danielle Vaguine,

Viola solo: Elaine Brock, Daniel Choi, Kiasha Robinson, Alex Sobotka

Cello solo: Nicole Radabaugh

Also earning an honor award for a violin solo was Kelsey Auldrige

The following students earned a first division rating for their ensembles:

Duet: Emma Swope and Texas Keeton

Duet: Mia Ivos and Marie Lawrence

Quintet: Christian Anniboli Mia Ivos, Texas Keeton, Emily Lin, Alex Sobotka,

The following ensembles earned a first division rating and received an Honor Award:

Octet: Yale Elementary Orchestra: Landon Adcock, Julissa, Alex, Angel, Stephanie Luciano, Emma Petty

Quintet: Kelsey Auldrige, Daniel Choi, Kayla Needham, Nicole Radabaugh, Kiasha Robinson

Sextet: Reagan Jarman, Jennifer Lam, Emily Parsonault, Camille Tooley, Gwen Dalmacio, Robyn Lam

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Apollo Orchestra Notescontinued

Peak Music Festival

On Wednesday, May 5, the Symphony Orchestra along with the Symphonic I and Symphonic II Bands went to the Peak Music Festival which was held at the Murchison Performing Arts Center in Denton. The Symphony Orchestra and the Symphonic Band combined for a full orchestra performance and received a first division rating from all the judges. After the performance, the students spent a fun afternoon of playing games at Main Event in Plano.



Sandy Lake Festival

On Wednesday, May 12, the Concert Orchestra performed at the Sandy Lake Orchestra Fun-Fest and earned a 1st Division along with a gigantic trophy. Fun was had by all!



Recruiting Concert

On Thursday, May 13, the Apollo feeder elementary 5th graders were bused to Apollo to take one last look at the band and orchestra before signing up for an instrument for next year. The Symphony Orchestra performed a variety of songs with a surprise visit from the Phantom of the Orchestra and Scooby-Dooby-Do. **Instrument sign up nights will be held on May 24 and May 26 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Apollo Orchestra Room.**



Spring Concert

Our end of the year Orchestra Spring Concert will be held on **Wednesday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Apollo Cafeteria.** Everyone is invited. The students will wear their formal dress uniforms and 7th graders need to bring cookies.



Hawaiian Falls

Orchestra students can meet each other at the Hawaiian Falls in Garland on **Saturday May, 29, from noon to 6:00 p.m.** Parent chaperones are needed. Let's have some fun in the sun! Bring your sun screen! More details to follow.



Liberty Junior High Patriots



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Patriot Notes.....



Solo and Ensemble

The Liberty Orchestra students performed at the RISD Chamber Music Festival and earned 31 first division ratings. **Esther Bae, Hiu Ching Kam and David Cheung also received a first division rating with Honors.** Congratulations to all those who participated in the festival.



Sandy Lake Festival

All of the Liberty Orchestras, including the sixth grade elementary orchestras, Intermediate and Advanced received 1st division ratings from all three judges at Sandy Lake this year. We are proud of you!

Spring Concert

The concert will be at Liberty on May 18, at 7:00 pm in the gym. **We have special guests for this performance. Mrs. Cook will be there and Del, Mr. Cook's son, will be playing percussion with the Advanced Orchestras's performance.** The program is as follows:

Beginning Orchestra will perform "Apache" by Nunez and "Sourwood Mountain" by Gruselle.

Intermediate Orchestra will perform "Shaker Hymn" by O'Reilly, "Joust" by Meyer and "Sailors Song" by Williams.

Advanced Orchestra will perform "Dragon Hunter" by Meyer, "Swallow Tail" arr. By Matesky, "Pink Panther Theme" by Mancini and "Fiddle O'Finnegan" by Sharp.



The Liberty students will end their year by having a great time at Six Flags on Thursday, May 27th!!!



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 2010 has 32 seniors. Some of them have shared their thoughts to our top 9 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. Why did you join the orchestra?
 5. Why have you stayed in as long as you have?
 6. What was the most memorable experience you have had?
 7. What advice would you give beginners?
 8. What are some of your hobbies?
 9. List any activities you have participated in at school or in the community since 9th grade.

JAMES AIUVALASIT

1. Play Paintball, find a summer job, and go to college in the Fall.
2. Sam Houston State University
3. I'm currently undecided, but I am leaning towards Music or History.
4. I thought it'd be fun.
5. Orchestra has been challenging, insightful, and fun.
6. I will always remember my amazing stand partner, Ms. Emily Hoffman, and the funny pictures she drew in our music.
7. Take private lessons or ask for extra help.
8. Singing, reading, and Paintball.
9. I cantor and sing in the St. Joseph Youth Choir.

JAN CRUZ

1. Go on many roadtrips during the summer around the United States.
2. University of Texas at Austin
3. B.S. in Geological Sciences
4. I was fascinated with the orchestras that came to play for us and was swayed into joining.
5. I've gradually made many close friends from orchestra and memories.
6. The orchestra trips (especially snowboarding this C.O. 2010 trip)
7. Keep on practicing, it pays off to sound amazing during competitions and win the most trophies!
8. Music (piano, guitar, violin); napping; traveling (roadtrips); cooking
9. Berkner Girls Service Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Berkner Association of Medical Students, Saint Joseph Youth Ministry

ZURI GIANG

1. Attending university and having fun with friends.
2. University of Texas at Dallas
3. Business Administration
4. It seemed like a good opportunity to learn music.
5. It's enjoyable with many people you can trust.
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7. Don't quit and stay in it until graduation.
8. Writing lyrics, drawing, listening to music, sports, sleeping.
9. National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, BAMS, BGSS

EMILY HOFFMAN

1. I plan to find a job and work during the summer, then begin attending the University of North Texas in the fall.
2. University of North Texas
3. Fashion and Retail Merchandising
4. Basically because I don't like spit, so band didn't sound like such a good idea at the time.
5. I really enjoy the entire atmosphere of orchestra, it is laid back but everyone has so much skill that the music ends up being beautiful while everyone still gets to enjoy each other's company.
6. I would definitely have to say the fire drill in Colorado because of the bacon, sorry guys!
7. Love what you do; don't settle for feeling like you only sort of like what you are doing.
8. Color Guard, arts and crafts, making new clothing out of old shirts, and eating as much pasta as I can consume.
9. Color Guard freshman representative, guard committee member, guards social officer, and finally Color Guard Captain. Freshman, Philharmonic and Symphony Orchestra viola player. VBS worker and art director at The Heights Baptist Church. KDOG 741 band. Peer Mediator and mentor at Spring Ridge Elementary. National Honor Society member.



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TRUC HUYNH

1. Immediate plans: Breathe. First summer without homework!! And I have a car :)
Future plans: college, M.D., Ph.D., save the world, you know...
2. I will be attending Rice University
3. I will be studying biomedical engineering/research. Yup. If that fails, I will pursue a career in the medical field, interior design, or culinary arts.
4. Curiosity. My friends did it. Impressed by performances in elementary school.
5. I didn't want to forget my musical skills, and it was an opportunity to meet new people and make new friends!! I'm glad I never quitted :) :) Oh, and the trips. Love the trips. Love them. LOVE.
6. That moment I heard the Concerto for 4 Violins (that Symphony played at Winter Park 2010) blast through the stereos, following the anxious hushed silence, and the uproar that accompanied it, and chanting "BERKNER! BERKNER!" It jumpstarted my heart, no joke :)
7. Explore. Expose yourselves to the power of music to evoke emotions and relieve them. Be motivated to master the art of music. And, have fun. And be nice.
8. Baking, picture-taking, sports...basically anything that involves design and creativity.
9. Debate, Mu Alpha Theta, Berkner Association of Medical Students, Teens Offering Peer Support, National Honor Society, volunteered for the Richardson Humane Society...I will join a contemporary dance club in college :)

RALPH LEE

1. Plans after graduation would be going to the University of Texas at Arlington for a year then transferring to the University of Texas at Austin. Also, to pursue greater things and get ahead.
2. The college I am going to would be the University of Texas at Austin
3. The major that I will pursue in college would include biology/kinesiology.
4. I first joined the orchestra because of my older sibling and cousin. I also thought it would be cool to learn how to play another instrument and that I would be able to meet new people, experience something new, and get involved.
5. I've stayed in orchestra because throughout every year, I've grown closer to people and enjoyed the atmosphere and it has been an awesome experience. I've always seen orchestra as something to look forward to during the days at school. The orchestra is like my other family and it is a great group to be involved in.
6. The most memorable experience I've had would have to be Colorado of 2010. Considering it in being the last orchestra trip I will go on, and being there with the orchestra, it was a great experience. From the snowboarding to losing our voices because of the loud chanting at the award ceremony with Berkner Orchestra receiving all five trophies, it will be something that I will always remember.
7. The advice I would give beginners would be to never give up, keep pushing forward and never consider quitting as an option. Joining orchestra would probably be a handful of experiences that a person would cherish and never forget.
8. Some of my hobbies would be playing sports, listening to music, dancing, playing the piano and guitar, photography, going out and having fun.
9. Activities I have participated in at school would include: football, orchestra, NHS, Mu Alpha Theta, BAMS, Key Club, APES and Berkner Exchange Club.



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CAROL LIU

1. To attend college.
2. UTDallas
3. Biology
4. My parents suggested it.
5. It was fun.
6. The trip to Winter Park.
7. Practice, Practice, Practice
8. Reading and gardening
9. Japanese Club

JULIA LUNA

1. After graduation I plan on going off to college.
2. I will be attending Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.
3. I will be a pre-law Political Science major.
4. I joined orchestra in 6th grade because my grandfather played the violin and I wanted to play too.
5. I stayed in orchestra all seven years because it was never extremely time consuming and a lot of my friends were there. I had fun and I had room on my schedule.
6. All of our spring trips have been extremely fun and all of the great friends who I have been with for years!
7. I would tell them to stick by orchestra because it isn't too time consuming and you will have great friends in there always. You do a lot of fun trips and activities and it's better than band ! :)
8. Playing soccer, volunteering, playing volleyball, swimming, reading.
9. I have been in Key Club since 9th grade. I was an officer this year. I was president of the French Club my junior and senior year. I have been in National Honor Society since sophomore year. I was in Berkner Girls Service Society for three years. I am also the AVID Senior Representative this year. I played soccer from 9th—11th grade.

SAVANNAH MEDINA

1. Summer traveling and college.
2. Richland for 2 years, then VNT, UNL, or A&M.
3. Fashion Designing, Business & Elementary Education
4. I joined in 6th grade because I had a "natural talent" and I couldn't play anything in band.
5. I enjoyed it. The people in orchestra and the Spring Trips!
6. Sophomore year, Corpus Christi '08. My room pulled a prank on the boys. We had a mini b-day party in our room. Super funnn!
7. If you like it, stick with it. Don't give up. Push yourself, even if you are involved with other sports or activities. BHS Orchestra is a unique organization.
8. Dancing! All sports, mainly soccer! Shopping.
9. BHS Freshmen Volleyball
BHS Soccer Lady Rams-Freshman & Sophomore year
BHS JV Cheerleading-Sophomore year
BGSS, Key Club, Spanish Club
Bandoleras-Senior year
RSA Soccer & indoor soccer
FLS dance crew

JESSICA TONG

1. To go on vacation with my family and just relaxing with friends.
2. University of North Texas
3. Interior Design
4. Because my brother used to play the violin, and it interested me when I was younger.
5. Because I have made great friends through orchestra, and I would hate to lose them. Also, because the songs we play are so much fun.
6. Winter Park, Colorado, and Breckinridge, Colorado, when we took home a lot of trophies.
7. To never give up and to stay in orchestra.
8. Sleeping, listening to music, hanging out with friends.
9. NHS, BAMS, BGSS, BWAC, French Club, Mu Alpha Theta



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DAVID TRUONG

1. College
2. Yale University
3. Undecided (possibly Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology (MCDB) or Ethics, Politics and Economics (EPE))
4. To be musically involved.
5. I actually quit after junior high school and decided to come back because I missed playing the violin and because Berkner's orchestra program is so amazing.
6. My auditions, especially my first one when I decided to come back. I was so nervous for those 5 minutes that while I was playing my audition, I could not stop violent shaking. My right leg was shaking so hard that I had to stop playing in the middle of the piece to stomp my foot down so that it would stop shaking. How embarrassing!
7. Stay motivated, practice, don't EVER quit (you will regret it!), love what you do and enjoy every minute.
8. Reading, relaxing, watching television (Grey's Anatomy!)
9. NHS, Key Club, Academic Decathlon, Mu Alpha Theta, BAMS, Chess Club, and Orchestra (of course!).

LYDIA VILLARREAL

- 1.-3. I plan to attend the University of Texas at Austin and major in Mechanical Engineering
4. I joined orchestra because ever since kindergarten I have wanted to play harp and I finally had my chance to join in sixth grade and I was not going to let that opportunity pass me by.
5. Orchestra is one of the greatest things that ever happened to me in my whole life. We are like family and I would never leave my family. We have so much fun and I cannot imagine my life without orchestra and the influence of the music we have played.
6. I will always remember when we went to Colorado my freshman and senior year. Coming down the mountains skiing will never leave my memory. I will also remember the feeling of finishing a concert.
7. No matter how hard something seems, never give up because you can always succeed and it will be a great accomplishment.
8. Reading, watching baseball, eating, hanging out with friends, and of course being with my family.
9. National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Berkner World Affairs Council, Marching Band, Church Youth Group, Church Choir, Altar Server, Mesquite Symphony Orchestra, Computer Science Club



AMANDA WONG

1. Just relaxing and hanging with family and friends.
2. University of North Texas
3. Biology
4. I've always wanted to play the violin ever since I was little.
5. The friends I've made and the wonderful directors :)
6. The orchestra trips were definitely the best!
7. No matter what happens, DON'T QUIT ORCHESTRA !!!
8. Baking, shopping, sleeping, and just having a good time.
9. National Honor Society, BWAC, Mu Alpha Theta, BAMS, BGGs, Key Club



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MATTHEW WONG

1. I will be traveling, spending time with the family, and getting ready for college!
2. Baylor University
3. Biology
4. My piano teacher and parents encouraged me to join orchestra because it was more suitable for me. At first I didn't want to, but looking through all the possible string instruments, I picked the one with the most beautiful sound: the cello.
5. Music is my life, and I don't know what I would do without it. There are also experiences that I can never forget, that happened in orchestra. (Also that banner in the Orchestra room that has my name on it)
6. The most memorable experience I had was of course, being part of the TMEA Berkner Symphony Orchestra in 2007 when we were the best String Orchestra in the whole state of Texas, and performing in a huge auditorium in front of around five hundred people from all over.
7. Stay in orchestra, stay determined, and practice. It will bring so much happiness once you are good at something, and making music is the best gift.
8. I like to play tennis, basketball, spending my time getting to know my friends better, spending time with my family, and I also enjoy playing the cello and the piano.
9. Berkner Varsity Tennis Team, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Church Servant Team, Volunteering at hospitals, nursing homes, homeless shelters, and food pantries, Worship Team, Berkner Association of Medical Students, and the World Affairs Council.



FROM THE BAOC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WE WISH EACH OF YOU AND THE ENTIRE 2010 GRADUATING CLASS ALL THE BEST AS YOU GO OUT AND *TAKE ON THE WORLD...*

