



Altus High School musicians named to All-State Choirs

Eighteen young Altus musicians were named to the prestigious All-State Choirs for 2010. They performed in Oklahoma City and Tulsa during the month of January.

Selected to the All-Oklahoma Choral Directors Association (OCDA) Junior High All-State Choir (Mixed) were Jacquelynn Null and Morgan Gover.

Named to the All-OCDA Junior High All-State Choir (Women's) were MiKayla Balderas, Maddie Mays, and Hannah Henry.

John Morrow was named to the All-OCDA High School Jazz Choir.

Performing in the All-Oklahoma Music Educator's Association (OMEA) All-State Women's Choir were Grace Fairchild, Amanda Dann, Sarah Hubner, Katrina Goforth, and Shelby Barboza.

Selected to the All-OMEA All-State Mixed Choir were Jordan Brickhouse, Jordyn Richards, John Morrow, Chris Cheaney, Connor Long, Diego Lopez, Jessica Roy, and Stacie Price.

The Altus High School Choirs are directed by Mrs. Patti Ray and Ms. Sheryl Waters.

Shelby Barboza is the daughter of Audrey Sims and Bento Barboza. She moved to Altus a second time as a sophomore. Previously, she attended Burk Burnett and Guyer High Schools in Texas, where she made the All-Region Choir and earned a superior rating on her solo. While at AHS, Shelby has participated in First Ladies Choir and Show Choir, as well as National Honor Society, Junior Rotary Club, and Academic Team. She earned a superior at the state competition with her solo and has been selected to both the All-Region and All-State Women's Honor Choirs. Currently, she is the junior managing editor for the school newspaper. She plans to take five Advanced Placement classes next year in preparation for college. She hopes to attend Berkley, where she will study Music Performance.

Jordan Brickhouse is the daughter of Mark and Gigi Brickhouse. A senior at AHS, she plans to major in Music Education at Cameron University. Jordan has been involved in Sweet 16 Show Choir, Chamber Choir, That Altus Band, and Flag Corps. She has served as flag captain and as treasurer of the band. She is a three-time member of the Southwest Oklahoma All-Region Choir and a two-time member of the OMEA All-State Choir. Jordan has received superior and excellent ratings in her solo and ensemble performances. Her hobbies consist of reading, writing, singing, playing trumpet, flag twirling, attending church, and being with her friends.

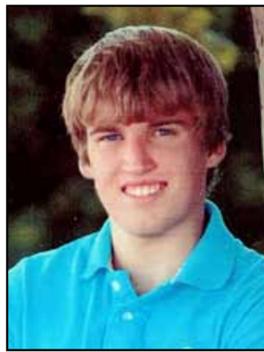
Chris Cheaney is the son of Rick and Becky Cheaney. A National Merit



Shelby Barboza



Jordan Brickhouse



Chris Cheaney



Amanda Dann



Grace Fairchild



Katrina Goforth



Sarah Hubner



Connor Long



Diego Lopez



John Morrow



Stacie Price



Jordyn Richards



Jessica Roy

Scholar, this is his second time to be named to the OMEA All-State Choir. He is a six-time member of the All-Region Honor Choir and has served as bass section leader in the Altus High School Chamber Choir. Chris played the lead role of General Waverly in the recent AHS musical production of *White Christmas*, and he was also in three other school musicals. He has been selected twice to attend the prestigious Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute, and he is a three-year member of the All-OCDA Junior High Honor Choir. Chris has also been active in That Altus Band, earning his six-year medal for All-Region Band. He has lettered in tennis for three years, advancing to the state championship. He was also the Chickasha USTA Meet #1 Singles Champion in tennis last summer. In addition, Chris is a member of the AHS Swim Team, National Honor Society, Interact Rotary Club, and First Baptist Church Youth Group. He plans to major in Zoology at the University of Oklahoma.

Amanda Dann is the daughter of Larry and Carrie Dann. A member of Prince of Peace Catholic Church, her musical accomplishments include being a five-year member of the All-Region Choir and a three-year member of the All-State Choir. She has been in the Altus High School all-school productions of *Oklahoma!*, *Disney's High School Musical*, and *White Christmas*. She participated in Bullpup Singers in the seventh and eighth grades and was in the Sweet 16 Choir as a freshman. She is currently a member of the AHS Chamber Choir.

Grace Fairchild is the daughter of Michael and Diane Fairchild. She started singing when she was just a little girl, and loved it. Grace made All-Region Choir all six years of junior high and high school. She was selected to the Junior High All-State Choir as a freshman and to the High School All-State Choir this year. She has been in numerous solo and ensemble performances throughout her singing career. Grace plays varsity soccer for AHS and maintains a 4.0 grade-point average. She plans to attend Western Oklahoma State College.

Katrina Goforth is a senior at Altus High School and the daughter of Glen and Rhonda Goforth. This is her first year to make All-State Choir. She is a three-year member of the Altus High School Chamber Choir and sings Soprano 1. Katrina has made All-Region Choir for the past five years and has participated in the solo and ensemble contest for three years. She is a member of the Praise Team at Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church.

Sarah Hubner is the daughter of Gabrielle and Matthew Holmes. This is her second year to be selected to the High School All-State Choir and her third year as an All-State member. For four years straight, she has received superior ratings at the district solo and ensemble contest. She has also twice received excellent ratings at the state contest. Sarah is a junior at Altus High School and receives excellent grades in all of her Advanced Placement classes. She takes French and loves to sing. She began singing almost eight years ago and has taken it up as her passion.

Connor Long is a junior at Altus High School and the son of Matt and Christine Long. As a first year Chamber Choir member, he was selected to the 2010 OMEA All-State Mixed Choir. Connor is also first chair percussion in That Altus Band and has made the All-Region Honor Band five consecutive years. He played the drum set in the orchestra for AHS's all-school production of *White Christmas*. Connor plays doubles on the AHS Varsity Tennis Team and participates in USTA tournaments during the summer. He is consistently on the honor roll and is a member of the National Honor Society. He loves music and plays guitar and drums in his spare time. Connor attends Elm and Hudson Church of Christ and is an active member of the youth group.

Diego Lopez is the son of Diego Lopez, Sr. and Delia Lopez. He is an active member of the First Baptist Church Youth Group and serves as vice president of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Diego has been named to the OCDA All-State Choir two times and to the OMEA All-State Choir two times. He is also a four-year member of the All-Region Honor Choir. Diego plans to attend Oklahoma State University, where he will major in Vocal Music or Pre-Dentistry.

John Morrow is a senior and the son of Johnny and Rebekkah Morrow. He has been a member of the Altus High School Chamber and Show Choirs. John has been a three-year member of the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute, a two-year All-State Junior High Choir member, and most recently, an All-State Jazz Chorus member. President

of his senior class and active in Student Council, he also currently serves as president of National Honor Society. He is a two-year member of the AHS Academic Team and a three-year That Altus Band member. John has participated in four AHS all-school productions, serving in the chorus of *Oklahoma!*, as pianist in *Disney's High School Musical*, as the lead role of "King" in *Cinderella*, and as the lead role of "Bob Wallace" in *White Christmas*. He has earned superior ratings for his solos, duets, and ensembles at district and state contests. He is a five-year All-Region Choir member and was the state winner of the Poet Laureate's Oklahoma Centennial Poetry Contest. John has won district with his speeches in the Voice of Democracy contest and is a national winner with his "Shaping the Presidency" essay, which allowed him to study privately at Mount Vernon about the presidency and George Washington. A member of the Youth Leadership Oklahoma Class IX, John has also been a Boys State delegate and a member of the Oklahoma Honor Society. He was selected to Choir Royalty for the last three years by his classmates. An active volunteer and golfer, he serves as the organist for the First United Methodist Church, where he has also served as a Sunday School pianist and choral accompanist. A Coca-Cola Scholarship finalist and Elks "Most Valuable Student" recipient, John enjoys spending time with his family and friends. He is a three-year member of the OMEA Mixed All-State Chorus.

Stacie Price is a senior at AHS and the daughter of Velvest and Kathi Price. An honor roll student, she has received numerous band, leadership, community, and scholar awards. She has been involved in Sweet 16 Choir, Show Choir, and Chamber Choir for five years, and she has competed in all district and state vocal and solo contests throughout her seven years in vocal music, always earning su-

perior ratings. Stacie has been selected three times to the All-State Mixed Choir, and once to the Women's All-State Choir. She recently received her three-year All-State medal. A six-year member of the All-Region Choir, she has won various titles in talent in district and state pageants. Stacie has been in four all-school productions, and she has played flute and piccolo as a member of That Altus Band. She is a section leader for the flutes and serves as the principle flute player for the Symphonic Band. A six-time All-Region Band member, she was selected to participate in the American Ambassadors of Music program, where she traveled to seven European countries to perform. Active in First Assembly of God Church, Stacie serves as worship leader for the youth group Face to Face, and she sings on the adult praise and worship team. Stacie has completed all levels of the Missionette girls program, starting with Rainbows and ending with Girls Only. She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma, where she will major in Physical Therapy and minor in Music. She plans to participate in the OU Band.

Jordyn Richards is the daughter of Lee and Jill Richards and the granddaughter of Lorin and Jan Winters, Dicky and Kathy Bills, and Jim and Peggy York. She has made the All-State Choir every year in high school and has scored high on all of her solos and ensembles in competition. Jordyn is in the Chamber Choir at Altus High School, and she plans to stay in choir throughout her college career.

Jessica Roy is a senior at Altus High School and the daughter of Rodney and Jolynn Roy. She has participated in choir since the fifth grade, when she was a member of the honor choir at Rivers Elementary School. Jessica is a three-year member of the All-State Choir, as well as a three-year member of the All-Region Honor Choir. Her hobbies include hanging out with friends and listening to music.