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MHS Senior Makes All-State Band



Matthew Allen, a senior member of the Montgomery High School wind ensemble, will perform with the Texas 5A All-State Band in San Antonio on Saturday, February 16, 2019, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center as part of the 2019 Texas Music Educators Association Clinic/Convention. He was chosen for this prestigious honor through a competitive process held this year across the state at district, region, and area levels.

"I am happy that I was finally able to make it into the TMEA All-State Band. This has been a personal high school goal of mine since my freshman year," explained Allen.

Matthew plays euphonium under the direction of MISD Band Director Robert Cameron who is a member of the Texas Music Educators Association.

"I am extremely proud of Matthew's accomplishment on being selected to participate in the 2019 TMEA 5A All-State Band. Matthew has been a consistent member of TMEA Region 9 jazz bands, orchestras, and concert bands during the four years I have known him through the Montgomery High School band. He exemplifies the hard work and dedication required to become such a talented young musician. I am sure the other band directors in MISD that have also worked with Matthew over the years share my sentiment of congratulations," beamed MISD Band Director Robert Cameron.

High school students selected to perform in the All-State concerts have competed through auditions to qualify at the state level. All-State is the highest honor a Texas music student can receive. The process begins with 72,900 students from around the state vying for the honor to perform in one of 15 ensembles (bands, orchestras, and choirs), and of those only 1,780 students are selected. Only the top 2.4% of musicians who initially audition become All-State musicians.