Press Release: Borger Band and Choir Compete at TSSEC.

On Sunday, May 26th, thirty-eight members of the Borger High School Choir and Band traveled to Austin to compete in the UIL Texas State Solo & Ensemble Contest, which was held on May 27th at Kelley Lane Middle School and Hendrickson High School in Pflugerville. To qualify for TSSEC, these students had to earn superior marks on their solo or ensemble selections at the UIL Region 1 Solo and Ensemble Contest, which was held earlier in the year at WTAMU in Canyon. The following soloists received a rating of "Superior" and a gold medal for their performance at TSSEC:

Kristen Baker Vocal Solo Fankie Barraza Vocal Solo Katherine Davis Vocal Solo Kayleigh Watkins Vocal Solo

The following soloists received a rating of "Excellent" and a silver medal for their performance at TSSEC:

Angel Almanza Trumpet solo Kylee Browder Vocal Solo Flute Solo Madison Cummings Kaleb Hughes Trombone Solo Maddie Huval Vocal Solo Marlon Jones Vocal Solo Lars Nelson Piano Solo Vianey Orona Vocal Solo Abby Price Vocal Solo Hope Sharp Vocal Solo

The following soloists received a rating of "Good" on their performance at TSSEC:

Michelle Hull Flute Solo
Jayden Lasley Marimba Solo
Kamryn Phares Vocal Solo

The following ensemble received a rating of "Superior" and a gold medal for their performance at TSSEC:

Kristen Baker Small Treble Ensemble

Frankie Barraza Vianey Orona Kayleigh Watkins Frankie Barraza Saxophone Quartet

Alex Onsurez Efrain Rangel Austin Valdez

Madison Cummings Flute Quartet

Michelle Hull Maya Ogans Mahala Stembridge

The following students received a rating of "Good" on their performance at TSSEC:

Anahi Armendariz Woodwind/ Percussion Ensemble

Pearson Bailey

Dominik Betancourt

Alissa Buchanan

Alex Clements

Maryann Garza

Taylor Hall

Jayden Lasley

Jonathon Marr

Christian Medina

Froilan Mendez

Efrain Rangel

Shayden Rangel

Austin Valdez

Damaris Washington

Jacinda Washington

Donoven Betancourt Euphonium Trio

Madison Line Blake Trevino

While in Austin, the choir and band students visited the grounds of the State Capitol. The choir sang "Our National Anthem" and "May All Our Alleluias" under the Capitol Rotunda. It was very moving and well received by other visitors in the Capital Building at that time. The group traveled home the day after the competition, with a traditional stop in Arlington to spend the day at Six Flags Over Texas. It was a fantastic finish to a successful year for the Borger High School Choral Department and the Borger Band!