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GUERIN PREP MUSIC STUDENTS EARN HONORS

The music department at Guerin College Preparatory High School, River Grove, recently awarded end of the year honors to its band and chorale members, including inducting 10 new members into Tri-M, the music honor society.

The symphonic band also earned a first-place award at the Toronto “Music in the Parks Festival” held in May.

Name Top Seniors

Seniors Vanessa Norman of Chicago and John Kalibokis of Elmwood Park received special awards as outstanding bands members based on the votes of the other members of the band. Vanessa earned the John Phillip Sousa Award for Band; John won the Louis Armstrong Award for Jazz.

Vanessa also was named the recipient of the “National Choral Award,” an honor given to a senior who has been a significant part of the music program throughout her high school career. It recognizes the dedication, loyalty, leadership, and musical achievement of that student.

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Senior Sara Santoria of Chicago was given the Director's Award in recognition of her leadership and service as part of the choral program for the past four years.

TRI-M New Members

TRI-M is the international music honor society for middle/junior high and high school students. It is designed to recognize students for their academic and musical achievements, reward them for their accomplishments and service activities, and to inspire other student to excel at music and leadership.

TRI-M at Guerin Prep recognizes students involved in music classes and programs, including one of Guerin Prep's five bands, three choirs, orchestra, piano class or the Spring musical.

The new inductees were welcomed into TRI-M during an awards ceremony May 20 at the school and include two juniors, six sophomores and two freshmen.

The juniors inducted were Joe Dellaria of Chicago and Eric Schulze of Elmwood Park.

The sophomores are Katia Aiello, Natalie Carrasco, Becky Kopec, Janalee Monroig, AJ Motzny and Marcie Wiklanski, all of Chicago.

The freshmen inductees are Judy Wrobel of Chicago and Melissa Gorski of Elmwood Park.

Senior members of TRI-M received special pink tassels during the awards ceremony, which they attached to their graduation caps as a sign of recognition and honor.

These seniors are Kathy Nguyen of Bloomingdale; Lindsay Alesia, Kevin Klasen, Mike McCormick, Claudia Medrano, Vanessa Norman, Sarah O'Donnell, Sarah Podraza, Sara Santoria, Amanda Tufano, Gaby Viamontes, Maggie Wiener, all of Chicago; Gianna Alamo, Karen Back, Aimee Forte, John Kalabokis and Nick Radice of Elmwood Park;

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Alexis Coffey of Forest Park; Ashley Hock of Franklin Park; Elise Parsons of Norridge; and Valerie Fila of Northlake.

Music in the Parks

The symphonic band participated in the annual “Music in the Parks” festival in Toronto, Canada, the weekend of May 9-11. They brought home a first place trophy with a rating of excellent in the double AA division.

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