

Two Warner Middle School students selected for the Honorary All-State Ensemble

Farmington, MI -- Two Warner Middle School students were selected for the Honorary All-State Ensemble.

The Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association hosts auditions each year for five Michigan All-State Music Ensembles which include the Middle and High School All-State Bands, Middle and High School All-State Orchestras, and the All-State Jazz Band. Due to Covid-19, auditions were held via recording. Students had one opportunity to record an assigned etude and major scales and upload it to the audition website. Approximately 1,500 students from around the state auditioned for these five ensembles. In a typical year, chosen students would be invited to the Michigan Music Conference in January to rehearse and perform in Grand Rapids.

This year, a panel of judges selected the top students and assigned them to their section of the Honorary All-State ensemble.

The following Warner students were selected for the MSBOA Honorary All-State Ensemble:

Emily Kim - 8th Grade - Trumpet
Nene Takama - 8th Grade - Trumpet

Due to the pandemic, the 2021 Michigan Music Conference will be held virtually. Therefore, the All-State ensembles will not perform and each member will receive an honorary certificate from MSBOA instead.

"I have had the pleasure of teaching both Emily and Nene in band class and within our extracurricular jazz band at Warner Middle School for the last two years," stated Katelyn Fauls, band director for Warner Middle School, Kenbrook and Hillside Elementary Schools. "They are both tremendously talented musicians who worked very hard to learn difficult repertoire in a time where teaching and learning music is much different and more challenging than we are used to.



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They embraced the opportunity to push themselves and improve their playing skills and I'm thrilled that the MSBOA adjudicators have recognized their talents with this honor.”

Congratulations, Emily and Nene! To learn more about Farmington Public Schools, please visit www.farmington.k12.mi.us.