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Seven Jericho Students Named All-State Musicians

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Seven Jericho musicians recently traveled to Rochester for the New York State School Music Association's Winter Conference. Each year, New York's finest musicians perform in concerts at the Eastman Theater.

This year, Austin Boral and Deeba Khorrami (chorus), Jae Han Jeong (orchestra), Sarah Barsky and Sonia Joshi (symphonic band) and Michelle Rosenthal and Jordan Shenker (wind ensemble) represented Jericho. Diane Costello accompanied the students to Rochester.

"The all-state experience wasn't just about music," said Jae Han Jeong. "We met new people and made new friends. We got to hear about new ideas and philosophies as well."

Jeong's classmates agreed and shared the following. "Between the music, the people and the entire experience, I can easily say I would do it all again if I could," said Jordan Shenker. "Not only did I get the privilege of playing with such an outstanding band, ... I also gained new friendships that I will cherish," said Sara Barky. "I felt that I was part of something great – memorable music making," said Sonia Joshi. "To have 1,000 of the most talented musicians in New York State come together for four days of uninterrupted music is truly an unbelievable experience," Austin Boral shared.

The students are now eligible for consideration in the National Association for Music Education All-National Ensembles in Washington D.C. in June.

"Having seven students from Jericho in All-State is quite an accomplishment," said Ken Pollitt, Jericho's Curriculum Associate for Fine and Performing Arts. "Not only did we have excellent participation, but our students auditioned and received top seating in their sections, making them the best musicians New York has to offer."



Pictured (back row, L-R) are Austin Boral, Jae Han Jeong, Jordan Shenker and Ken Pollitt, Curriculum Associate for Fine and Performing Arts. (Front Row L-R), Sara Barsky, Michelle Rosenthal, Deeba Khorrami and Sonia Joshi.