

FINE ARTS

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Drama Students perform for Jeannette Clift George of AD Players fame

The Fine Arts Department of Cypress Christian has continued to pray for open doors to perform in our community. This year, students from CINDERELLA, our high school musical, performed for The Christian Women's Club of Houston alongside Jeannette Clift George, the featured speaker for the event. Students, (directed by Miss Shepson and Mrs. Matranga), included Keeley Lambert, Kasey Witherow, Luke Jones, Michelle Anderson, Courtney Higgs, Alayna Matranga and Josh Graber. Our students were blessed to hear the legendary actress/director/writer/producer share her testimony about turning her life over to Christ and how He directed her talents and to glorify Him. Thanks to Beverly Deputy and the Christian Women's Club for including us in this very special community event.

Cypress takes First Place at the TAPPS District Art Meet

Cypress Christian took first place overall in the TAPPS District Art Meet which was held Saturday, March 4, at Cypress Christian in the Elementary Building. Special thanks are given to Miss Cress for making facilities available and to Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Reed, and Mrs. Green for providing food for our judges and art teachers. Cypress had a total of 26 pieces that qualified for state. First place District winners – Drawing-Ink, Evan Wepler, Architectural Design-Whitney Green, Relief Sculpture-Caroline Carthey, Sculpture-Brandon Maddox, Printmaking-Nick Yalamanchili, Commercially Processed Photography-John Boone, Senior Portfolio-Josh Neuneker

Cypress makes "History" at TAPPS State Art Awards

Rachel Reed (below) made history by taking 1st & 3rd place in the Photography Category at this year's competition! Congratulations to Rachel and the other students who placed at this year's event. John Boone, 4th place in



Photography; Kate Bennett, 6th place in Crafts; Whitney Green, 4th place in Architectural Design; Aaron Johnson, Honorable Mention in Relief Sculpture; Nick Yalamanchili, 4th place in Print Making; Ryan Thornton, Honorable Mention in Print Making; Rachel Reed, Honorable Mention in On-Site Photography.

TAPPS District Academic Meet – 1st place winners

Solo Acting- Alayna Matranga; Duet Acting- Rachel Wroblewski and Bronwyn Rasmussen; Prose Reading-Andrew Robertson; Poetry-William Medendorp; Spelling-Evan Wepler; Spanish-Aaron Johnson

State Results: Cypress Academic Team took 5th Overall at TAPPS State Level!

1st in Spanish: Aaron Johnson
 2nd in Duet Acting: Keeley Lambert
 Hunter Floyd
 3rd in Duet Acting: Kasey Witherow
 John Medendorp
 4th in Duet Acting: Rachael Wroblewski
 Bronwyn Rasmussen
 4th in Spelling: Evan Wepler
 5th in Prose Reading: Caroline Carthey

2nd in Newspaper and 6th in Yearbook

Finalists: Rachel Wroblewski in Original Speech, William Medendorp in Poetry, Hunter Floyd in Persuasive Speech

High School Choir "Exalt" receives District and State Awards

District: "Exalt" received a superior rating. Eight soloists received



superior ratings- Michelle Anderson, Genesis Devine, Josh Graber, Bryan Jackson, Luke Jones, Sarah Mathewes, Charis Medendorp, and Nick Rodriguez. The choral small ensemble including Aubrey Hill, Lindsay Adam, Samantha Ridder, and Allie Borkovich received an excellent rating. The small ensemble including Josh Graber, Luke Jones, Beau Adam, and Jon Gray received a superior rating.

State: Our soloists performed some very difficult music. Our gentlemen: Nick Rodriguez, Bryan Jackson and Josh Graber – received Good and Excellent ratings. Our ladies: Michelle Anderson, Sarah Mathewes, Genesis Devine and Charis Medendorp – all received Superior ratings. "Exalt" received an Excellent rating overall and some great comments from the judges!

In addition, the audience was entertained by our senior and junior guys – Josh Graber, Bryan Jackson, Beau Adam and Jon Gray. These guys won over the audience by involving the crowd and singing with much expression. They received a Good rating with a plea from the judge to "continue to pursue and enjoy their music!"

TAPPS Instrumental Competition – Historical First!

District: All of the band students – Kristen Lipscomb, Stephanie Dinges, Christian Chicas, Lar-Ree Wilkins, and Christie Gamble received superior ratings on their performances.

State: Christie Gamble (at right), CCS's first instrumentalist to perform at State, rendered a trumpet solo and the judge awarded her a Superior rating! Congratulations Christie!

