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Sixteen Kimberly Students Selected for Wisconsin All-State Choirs

Kimberly, Wis. – December 21, 2018 – Sixteen students from the [Kimberly Area School District](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us) have been selected for 2019 All-State Choirs by the [Wisconsin Choral Directors Association \(WCDA\)](http://www.wisconsinchoral.org). “The WCDA All-State Choirs allow students who are passionate about choral music to be able to make music with the best singers in the state, under the direction of one of America’s best teacher-conductors,” said John Popke, [Kimberly High School](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us) choir director and WCDA Board Member.

Seven Kimberly High School (KHS), five [J.R. Gerrits Middle School \(JRG\)](http://www.jrg.k12.wi.us) and four [Woodland Intermediate School](http://www.woodland.k12.wi.us) students have been selected for All-State Choirs.

These three KHS students will sing with the All-State Women’s Choir, to be conducted by Dr. Betsy Cook Weber, professor of music and director of choral studies at the University of Houston’s Moores School of Music:



Klaire Kulas



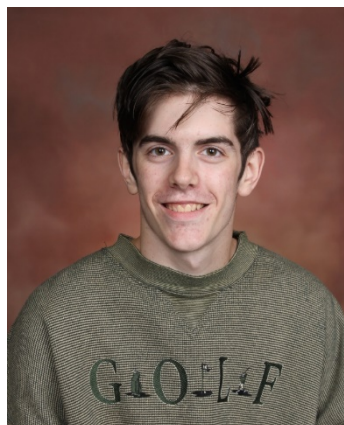
Ellie Midtvedt



Kate Slesar

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The following KHS students will sing with the All-State Men's Choir, to be conducted by Randal Swiggum, conductor with the Madison Youth Choirs:



Paul Been



Judah Sitcler



Justin Torzala



Blake Welhouse

These JRG Middle School students will sing with the All-State Middle Level Choir, to be conducted by Dr. Gary Packwood, program administrator and director of choral studies at Mississippi State University:



Dominick Copeland



Caleb Girard



Adelynn Kohlbeck



Calissa Schumacher



Brayden Vera

“Students in the All-State Choir represent the leaders of our choir. Those who are offered a place in the All-State Choir are expected to spend a fair amount of time in practice, both at school and at home, to prepare for their choir,” said Karrie Been, music teacher at Woodland Intermediate School. “This experience helps them to be better leaders in their home choirs, as well as other areas in their lives.”

The following Woodland Intermediate School students will sing with the All-State Children’s Choir, to be conducted by Marcia Russell, middle-level general music and choir teacher at Platteville Middle School and kindergarten music teacher at the Neal Wilkins Early Learning Center:



Ella Hawkins



Elizabeth Lamine



Natalie Ott



Sophia Strong

Jennifer Boots, Kimberly High School choir director, added, “Students are inspired by this experience and return to their school choirs with increased musicianship, confidence, and leadership skills.” The public is invited to attend the [All-State Choirs](#) performances at the Red Lion Hotel Paper Valley in Appleton on January 10-12, 2019.

About the Kimberly Area School District

The Kimberly Area School District is a progressive public school district committed to providing the best possible education available to students. Its responsibility is to help lead the way in developing well-rounded students and future citizens. The District wants every student to be given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts and co-curricular activities. It encompasses approximately 17 square miles and serves over 5,100 students in one 4K center, four elementary schools (5K-4), two intermediate schools (5-6),

one middle school (7-8) and one high school (9-12). To learn more about the Kimberly Area School District, call (920)788-7900 or visit www.kimberly.k12.wi.us.