## HARKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL

## Master Singers

KILLEEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## THE TEXAS MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

**January 25, 2024** First United Methodist Church Killeen, Texas 7:00 PM February 6, 2024 Harker Heights High School Harker Heights, Texas 8:00 PM

February 8, 2024 Stars at Night Ballroom San Antonio, Texas 7:30 PM







I – ONE-YEAR TMEA ALL-REGION CHOIR MEMBER

- $\textbf{2}-Two\text{-}Year\ TMEA\ All\text{-}Region\ Choir\ Member$
- 3 THREE-YEAR TMEA ALL-REGION CHOIR MEMBER
- 4 FOUR-YEAR TMEA ALL-REGION CHOIR MEMBER

5 - 2020-2021 TMEA ALL-STATE CHOIR MEMBER 6 - 2021-2022 TMEA ALL-STATE CHOIR MEMBER 7 - 2022-2023 TMEA ALL-STATE CHOIR MEMBER 8 - 2023-2024 TMEA ALL-STATE CHOIR MEMBER **9** – TSSEC Outstanding Soloist **10** – HHHS Choir Officer

Sean Barnum – 1 Megan Barr – 1 Leilani Barreto Gonzalez – 1 URIEL BENITEZ – 2 Sy Bodolus Ciré Bondurant MADISON BRATTON - 3 JASMINE BROWN - I Janicesta Browne – 1 Elena Bryan – 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 Emma Buechi – 3 I'MANI CHILDS – I HAYLEIGH COYLE - I, IO MALICK DAN – 2 CALEB DIAZ - 2 ETHAN FISHER Mattais Fraçoso – 4, 5, 8 ANGELICA GONZALEZ JACKOWIAK - 3 ASHLYNN GRADICK – 2 JOHN-AUGUST GREEN - 2 Colton Hanks – 1 Elly Hanks – 1 BAELEIGH HOGAN – I LUCAS HOSTETTLER AUSTIN ISHEE - 2 Hadia Khan – i Samuel Kubichko – i MUSA LANCE - 3 LANDON LEMACKS - 2 KALEB MANDELL – I CALEB MARES - 2 CESILY MCNUTT - 2 Isabella Miller – i ISABELLE MOSQUEDA Mervin Narito – 2, 10 AAMORI NAVARRO NADIYA NUNN – I NADIA OWENS – 2 Emma Pierce – 1 MATTEW QUITUGUA – 2 BENJAMIN SABAN CONTRERAS - 2, 7, 8, 10 Addie Schoel – 2 TAESIA SCURRY - 3 TAMIRYN SHARPER – 2 JALYNN SHREPEE - 2, IO Nylia Siler – 1 JA'KHARI SIMPSON – I JACK SMITH JAEDON TREVINO - 2, 8, 10 Mariela Valdez – 3, 10 XANDER WILSON - 10



## SPENCER WILEY

Graduating from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education, Spencer Wiley began his teaching career at Henry Middle School in Cedar Park, Texas in 2005. During his time at Henry MS, he was fortunate enough to assist with preparing the Varsity Treble Choir for their TMEA invited choir performance in February 2008. In the fall of 2008, he began working towards a Master's Degree in Music Education at Texas State University-San Marcos. While attending graduate school, he remained very active in several Austin area choral programs, teaching private voice lessons to young men and women and serving as a choral clinician.

In the fall of 2010, Mr. Wiley was hired as the assistant choir director at Rouse High School in Leander, Texas. Over the course of three years at Rouse HS, choirs under his direction earned multiple first division ratings at numerous choral festivals and U.I.L. Concert & Sight-Reading competitions. Mr. Wiley became the head director at Leander High School in the spring of 2014. During his time at LHS, his choirs continued to receive consistent sweepstakes awards at UIL contests and choral festivals. He also piloted Leander High School's first International Baccalaureate (IB) music program, AP Music Theory course, and show choir ensemble.

Mr. Wiley has been the head choir director at Harker Heights High School in Killeen ISD for five years. With a focus on singing a variety of styles of choral music, choirs under his direction have received recognition not only at UIL Concert & Sight-Reading contests, but also at contemporary a cappella contests such as the International Championship of High School A Cappella (ICHSA) and Aca-Tex Vocal Festival. He has served as a TMEA invited clinician for Regions 9, 10, 19, 26, and 32 and is a frequent adjudicator for UIL Concert & Sight-Reading contest around the state of Texas. His professional affiliations include TMEA, TCDA, and TMAA.



## AMBER MOON

Amber Moon is enjoying her seventeenth year as a music educator, and her fifth year as the Associate Choir Director at Harker Heights High School. She received her Bachelor of Music Studies (Education) and Certificate in Vocal Performance from the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Mrs. Moon has shared music with the students of Killeen ISD since 2008. She was previously the Choir Director at Live Oak Ridge Middle School, and has worked with students from across the region through All-State camps, summer musical productions, and the district's Music Enrichment Program. Students under her direction have consistently received Superior ratings in UIL Concert/Sightreading and Solo & Ensemble Competitions, and frequently represent the campus and district in All-Region and All-State Choirs. In addition to her work in KISD, Mrs. Moon has also served as a Church Director of Music, Choir Director for the UMHB Music Conservatory, and as a private voice instructor.

Mrs. Moon is an active member of TMEA, TCDA, and TMAA. She previously served as her Region's TMEA Vocal Middle School Coordinator, has participated in local and statewide committees, and is a frequent adjudicator for choral competitions across the state.

Mrs. Moon is honored to be here with Mr. Wiley and the outstanding young musicians of the HHHS Master Singers!



## GORDON PYLE

Gordon Pyle is a collaborative pianist, arranger, and vocalist from Houston, Texas. He is an advocate for live music around the United States and is heavily involved in the performing arts and the entertainment industry in Central Texas, Northern California, and Las Vegas. Currently, he is the head pianist for the musical theater department at Baylor University, and assists in many other stage productions around the Central Texas area. He studied songwriting and arranging with a concentration in piano performance at McLennan Community College and trombone performance at Baylor University. He has also been a studie performer and has worked or is featured on several recordings for various projects. He has affiliations in choral and church music as well, serving as pianist at First UMC in Round Rock, Texas, and has been working as the accompanist with Harker Heights High School and Killeen ISD Fine Arts Programs since 2017.





## AUDREY ESCOFFERY

Audrey L. Escoffery began working in the Killeen Independent School District in August of 2016. Audrey currently works as a private voice teacher half time between Harker Heights high school and Chaparral high school in the district. She also runs a private voice and piano studio. Audrey holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Vocal Performance from Cameron University in Lawton Oklahoma and a Master's in Secondary education from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix Arizona. She is a member of the Texas Music Educators Association, and the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS).



## ASHLEY CARTER

Ashley Carter is a choral music director, church vocalist, composer, and founding artistic director of Las Voces. She teaches voice at Harker Heights High School and Chapparal High School in Killeen ISD. She formerly taught middle and high school choir in KISD and is a graduate of Harker Heights High School (2006). Ashley holds a Bachelor's in Music Education from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and a Master's in Choral Conducting from the Hochschule für Musik in Nuremberg, Germany.

## **REECE MORGAN**

Reece Morgan is currently in his 5th year of teaching as an Associate Choir Director at Nolan Middle School. Mr. Morgan has been teaching for five years as a Music Educator. He received his Bachelors of Music All-Level Certification with Vocal Emphasis at West Texas A&M University. Mr. Morgan has thoroughly enjoyed teaching choir for the past five years. Previously he also taught at Roy J. Smith Middle School as an Associate Choir Director split with Nolan Middle School for the first three years of teaching.

## **JANICE NEEDHAM**

Mrs. Janice Needham currently serves as the director of choirs at Eastern Hills Middle School and co-music minister at Trinity Baptist Church in Harker Heights, TX. After eleven years of teaching musicians of all ages, no level brings her as much joy, laughter, dad-jokes, and weekly voice changes as that of her middle school choir. She is thrilled to work alongside a passionate team of colleagues within the Harker Heights HS Choir community. Mrs. Needham holds a B.M.E. from Eastern New Mexico University and a M.M. Conducting from Baylor University and currently resides in Killeen, TX with her husband, Tim and daughter Clara.

## JUSTIN COOPERMAN

Justin Cooperman is a graduate student at The University of Texas and received his undergraduate degree from Sam Houston State University. He has performed across the country at various conventions including PASIC, TMEA, ABA, & CBDNA. Justin previously served as the Assistant Band Director and Percussion Director at Killeen High School before returning to pursue his graduate studies. He also studied composition with Ivan Trevino and Kyle Kindred and has most recently had his music premiered by The University of Texas Percussion Ensemble.



## **ASHLEY HOGAN**

Ashley Hogan is the head choir director at Nolan Middle School. She graduated from Tarleton State University in 2006 and has completed her 17th year in music education, 14 of which have been in Killeen ISD. She loves her students and strives for excellence in every aspect of her life and the lives of her students. She was the NMS Teacher of the Year 2022, and she continues to fulfill leadership roles, serving as a mentor, team lead, and currently as the Region 8 middle school coordinator. When she is not in the classroom, she loves to bake, read, fish, camp, and spend quality time with her husband Dr. Jeffery Hogan, and daughter Baeleigh.



## **CANDACE DUNNING**

Candace Dunning is a graduate of Texas A&M- Commerce, where she majored in Music Education and returned to pursue her Masters in Choral Conducting. While at TAMUC, she was the Music Director for the Sigma Alpha Iota Mu Theta chapter and performed lead roles in The Magic Flute and Hansel and Gretel. Mrs. Dunning now teaches at Union Grove Middle School in Killeen ISD where her ensembles consistently perform well and experience success at UIL, Solo & Ensemble, and All-Region events. Mrs. Dunning hopes to continue sharing the love of music with her students while giving them a safe and inviting place to belong.



## NICK MISCHTIAN

Nick Mischtian is a Temple, Texas, native. He learned to play bass in the Temple ISD jazz and orchestra programs. He was the principal bassist for the award-winning Temple High School Highlighters. While studying engineering at Texas A&M, he was the principal bass player for the A&M jazz band. He and friends co-founded Push to Start, a local rock band in College Station. They played to packed houses and in 2022 won the Battalion award for Best Band in Aggieland. He is regularly contracted by the local Temple school district to play for rock, pop, jazz, Broadway, choral, and other performances.

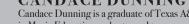


## **ISAIAH CARTER**

Isaiah Carter is a multi-faceted musician, proficient in various styles on the drum set, melodic and auxiliary percussion, as well as piano, organ, and keyboard before becoming enamored with vocal music.

Isaiah has honed both his composition and arranging skills, graduating from Berklee College of Music in 2019 with a degree in Film Scoring. While there, he served as an arranger and the vocal percussionist for the internationally-acclaimed group Pitch Slapped, arranging for and featuring on two full length albums, the latter of which gained recognition from artists like Brandy, Jessie J, Darkchild and more. Outside of a cappella, he has also appeared on the silver screen in feature films Daddy's Home 2 alongside Mark Wahlberg and Will Ferrell and the Whitney Houston biopic, I Wanna Dance With Somebody. In 2022 he was the chosen arranger for the first live performance of the boyband 4\*TOWN from Disney and Pixar's Turning Red at the 20th Annual Unforgettable Gala, and most recently served as the Music Director and Drummer for girl-group Citizen Queen's debut live band show. Isaiah currently works as a composer, arranger and songwriter for multiple media projects, and his work can be heard on Paramount Pictures, Republic Records, and Universal Music among others.









## BOGORÓDITSE DJÉVO (MOTHER OF GOD AND VIRGIN)

O Mother of God and Virgin, rejoice! O Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, for thou hast borne the Saviour of our souls.

## **NECKEREIEN (FLIRTATION)**

## Op. 31, No. 2

My darling, dear, I do mean to woo, I'll make you my wife, you'll be my own, You will be my darling wife, indeed you will be mine, Even though you may not want to be my own.

I'll turn as a dove, with feathers so white, Away I will fly, fly away in the woods, A maid not yet your wife, a maid not yet thine, Not for a moment thine.

I have a little pistol, a gun that shoots so true, I'll shoot me the dove, the dove in the woods, You will be my darling, indeed you'll be mine, Even though you may not want to be my own.

I'll turn into a small fish, a little fish of gold, Away I will leap through the water so clear; A maid not yet your wife, a maid not yet thine, Not for a moment thine.

When the Earth Stands Still

Come listen in the silence of the moment before rain comes down. There's a deep sigh in the quiet of the forest and the tall tree's crown.

Now hold me. Will you take the time to hold me and embrace the chill? Or miss me, will you take the time to miss me when the earth stands still?

Cause there's no use running, cause the storm's still coming and you've been running for so many years.

Come listen in the silence of the moment before shadows fall. Feel the tremor of your heartbeat matching heartbeat as we both dissolve. But I have a small net, that does catch fish well, I'll catch me my goldfish, my golden fish in the wave; You will be my darling, indeed you'll be mine. You will be my darling, indeed you'll be mine.

I'll become a rabbit so fleet and fast, And run in the fields, in the fields; A maid not yet your wife, a maid not yet thine, And not for a moment thine.

I have a small hound with scent keen and fine, Who'll catch me the rabbit in fields far away. You will be my darling, indeed you'll be mine, Even though you are not my own.

And not for a moment thine.

## DON MACDONALD

b.1966

Now hold me. Will you take the time to hold me and embrace the chill? Or miss me, will you take the time to miss me when the earth stands still?

Cause there's no use running, cause the storm's still coming and you've been running for so many years.

So stay with me, held in my arms. Like branches of a tree, they'll shelter you for many years.

Stay with me.

Arvo Pärt b.1935

## Johannes Brahms 1833-1897



THE CONVERSION OF SAUL

Z. Randall Stroope b.1935

Caedite, vexate, ligate vinculis/ Saul! (Murder, harass, bind into chains! Saul!) Vinculis, condemnate vexate! (Chain, prosecute and harass!)

> Why do you persecute me, Saul? Why, why, why? Fall down on your knees, turn hatred into love. Turn darkness into light. Bow down, Saul!

## CITY CALLED HEAVEN

Mattais Fragoso, Soloist

I am a poor pilgrim, a poor pilgrim of sorrow. I'm left in this old wide world, this old wide world alone! Oh I ain't got no hope, got no hope for tomorrow. I'm trying to make it, make heaven my home. Sometimes I'm tossed and I'm driven, Lord. Sometimes I just don't know which way to turn. I heard of a city, a city called heaven. I'm trying to make it, make heaven my home.

MAYBE GOD IS TRYIN' TO TELL YOU SOMETHIN' from *The Color Purple*  Andrae Crouch, Quincy Jones, David Francis Del Sesto, William D. Maxwell Arr. Isaiah Carter b.1996

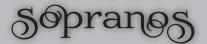
Commissioned for Spencer Wiley and the Harker Heights High School Master Singers for their 2024 TMEA Performance

Cesily McNutt, Soloist

Gordon Pyle, Piano Justin Cooperman, Percussion Nick Mischtian, Bass Guitar Amber Moon, Organ

If I were you, I would say yes, Speak, Lord, speak to me. Won't you speak to me? I was so blind, I was so lost Until you spoke to me. Oh, speak, Lord, and view my mind. Oh, with your ways, view my soul. Oh, you can't sleep at night, And you sure wonder why. Maybe God is tryin' to tell you somethin'. You're cryin' all night long, Something has gone wrong. Maybe God is tryin' to tell you, Tryin' to tell you somethin'!

Arr. Josephine Poelinitz b.1942





Ashlynn Gradick, Leilani Barreto Gonzalez, Mariela Valdez, Madison Bratton, Nadiya Nunn, Elly Hanks, Addie Schoel, Cesily McNutt, Ciré Bondurant, Baeleigh Hogan, Isabelle Mosqueda, Nylia Siler, Jalynn Shrepee





Hadia Khan, Emma Buechi, Megan Barr, Angelica Gonzalez Jackowiak, Aamori Navarro, Janicesta Browne, Emma Pierce, Elena Bryan, Isabella Miller, Jasmine Brown, Tamiryn Sharper, Nadia Owens, I'mani Childs, Hayleigh Coyle Not pictured: Taesia Scurry









Benjamin Saban Contreras, Sam Kubichko, Sy Bodolus, Mervin Narito, Lucas Hostettler, Jaedon Trevino, Musa Lance, Mattew Quitugua, Ja'Khari Simpson, Caleb Mares, Sean Barnum

## Basses



Colton Hanks, Caleb Diaz, Jack Smith, Xander Wilson, Kaleb Mandell, Ethan Fisher, John August Green, Uriel Benitez, Mattais Fragoso, Malick Dan, Landon Lemacks *Not pictured: Austin Ishee* 



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## About Harker Heights High School Master Singers

The HHHS Master Singers are the flagship varsity mixed ensemble at Harker Heights High School.

Master Singers is an auditioned ensemble comprised of 51 fiercely talented high school choir students. This ensemble also encompasses the HHHS Varsity Treble and Varsity Tenor-Bass choirs, as well as three contemporary a cappella groups. Master Singers has consistently received superior sweepstakes ratings at UIL with members selected each year as TMEA All-Region members, All-State members, and TSSEC Outstanding Soloists.

With a focus on musical excellence and performing a variety of styles and genres of choral music, Master Singers is excited to share the culmination of their hard work for the state of Texas at the 2024 TMEA Convention.

## About Harker Heights High School Choir

The Harker Heights High School Choir program is comprised of nine performing ensembles involving 160 students. Our traditional ensembles include the Master Singers (Varsity Mixed), Varsity Treble, Varsity Tenor-Bass, Junior-Varsity Treble, Junior-Varsity Tenor-Bass, and Non-Varsity Treble choirs.

While we prioritize traditional choral excellence, we also strive to provide our HHHS Choir students with a variety of non-traditional experiences through opportunities within our program. Along with our traditional choral ensembles, HHHS choir members also represent the contemporary a cappella genre with three groups: Pitch Black (mixed; 2020 ICHSA Semi-Finalists, 2021-2022 AcaTex Grand Champions), Iron Maidens (treble; 2021-2022 AcaTex Finalists), and the newly-formed Voices of the Knight (tenor-bass). In addition to live performances, students in our contemporary a cappella ensembles have also had opportunities to participate in professional audio recording sessions and music video production.

Students in the HHHS Choir program also participate in an annual, professional-quality production called Knight Club. It is a student-led production from start to finish, encompassing everything from audition song selection and preparation of background vocals and choreography to costuming and stage-managing. Student performers have the opportunity to sing on stage with a professional live band and professional sound and lighting engineers. It is an event that showcases the vast and varied talents of our student membership and brings our community together year after year.

We also take pride in fostering a collaborative environment for our choir members and fine arts team. We are fortunate to have a dedicated village of music educators contributing to the success of our students. We have two outstanding private voice instructors at HHHS, as well as incredibly talented and actively involved middle school directors who continue to support our students long after they leave the walls of their classrooms. Our choir has also had opportunities for collaborative performances with our HHHS Orchestra and Band, and recently had a treble choral ensemble featured along with the 2023 HHHS Red Brigade Marching Band.

We are proud that our students represent not only Choir, but a multitude of other disciplines and extra-curricular activities, as well. The success of one team helps to build that of another, and we are fortunate that it is made possible by our student-centered and incredibly supportive principal, administrative team, and faculty/staff here at Harker Heights High School. It's a great time to be a Knight!



This program turned into my home, to always go to no matter what. It has been a safe space over the years, and I am grateful for it.

## - Malick Dan, 11th Grade



It meant the world to be in this choir program. I have never felt more loved and valued than being in this choir.

- Mariela Valdez, 12th Grade

I feel like I'm growing as a person, as a part of the choir, and as a singer. The most valuable thing to me is the knowledge and skills you have given me to be able to sing this beautiful music.

- Uriel Benitez, 10th Grade



We're all from different backgrounds, involved in different activities separate from this choir, but when we all come together, we find a common ground and make something beautiful.

- Addie Schoel, 12th Grade



The Harker Heights HS Choral program has taught me so much about being an individual. With a continuous passion to treat others well, collaborate with others no matter what status or location, Harker Heights is welcoming. We are built on excellence and continuous hardwork, and I am so grateful for the mentors who have committed to me and our choir program.

- Elena Bryan, 12th Grade, HHHS Choir President



Dear Texas Music Education Association Members,

It is with immense pride and joy that I recognize the Harker Heights High School Varsity Choir's invitation to perform at the prestigious 2024 TMEA Convention. This invitation is not just an honor but a testament to the dedication, talent, and hard work exhibited by our students, choir directors, and our supportive community in Killeen ISD.

At Harker Heights High School, we are deeply committed to nutruing the talents and passions of our students, guiding them to excel in their academic and extracurcicular pursuits. The values of Pride, Courage, and Integrity are the pillars of our educational philosophy and are vividly embodied by our choir students. They serve as outstanding ambassadors of our school's ethos, demonstrating excellence in both their personal and artistic endeavors.

Under the exceptional leadership of Mr. Spencer Wiley and Mrs. Amber Moon, our Choir Program has consistently shone brightly, reflecting the diversity and dynamism of our student body. Their dedication to creating an inclusive and supportive environment resonates particularly with our military-connected students, fostering a sense of community and belonging amidst the unique challenges they face.

The recognition of our Varsity Choir is a source of immense pride for our school. It highlights not just the talent of our students but also the strength and unity of our community. We are excited to share this extraordinary talent with you at the convention and are grateful for the opportunity to represent the spirit and values of Harker Heights High School on such a prestigious stage.

Thank you for acknowledging the hard work and passion of our students and for giving them this wonderful platform to shine.

Sincerely,

Jorge Soldevila





Killeen Independent School District 200 N. WS Young Drive Killeen, Texas 254-336-0000

Dr. Karen Marshall, Director of Fine Arts

Dear Texas Music Educators Association Colleagues,

On behalf of the Killeen Independent School District, I want to personally thank you for your attendance at today's performance of the Harker Heights High School Master Singers, under the direction of Mr. Spencer Wiley and assisted by Mrs. Amber Moon.

The Harker Heights High School Choir program has been under the direction of Mr. Wiley and Ms. Moon since August of 2019. Just a few months later, in March of 2020, came the unprecedented closing of schools due to COVID-19 and then the subsequent school year of remote instruction, social distancing, and singing through masks. I mention this only to emphasize the incredible leadership and vision for the HHHS choral program that Mr. Wiley has exemplified since taking over the program.

Despite the obstacles, Mr. Wiley never wavered in his commitment to quality singing and high student expectations and in only three "normal" teaching years has brought the program to new heights. Under the leadership of Mr. Wiley and Mrs. Moon, the HIHS students are inspired to dig deep and rise to levels of musicianship and ownership in the program and in their own vocal development I didn't believe possible. It is an absolute pleasure to know them and get to work with them along with the other amazing fine arts teachers in Killeen ISD who are so committed to our students' success.

I want to thank these students who have given so much of themselves to prepare for this performance and the parents or guardians who have supported them throughout the process. I also want to offer a special thank you to the students no longer at Harker Heights HS, whose incredible work helped earn the honor to perform today. We wish we could have brought them as well.

We are so grateful to the Texas Music Educators Association for giving our students this opportunity. I hope that you enjoy the program as much as we enjoy providing it for you.

Dr. Karen Marshall Director of Fine Arts





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Dr. Jo Ann Fey, Superintendent of Schools

To the Texas Music Educators Association

Killeen Independent School District is honored to present the Harker Heights High School Master Singers as an invited choir to the 2024 TMEA convention. We extend our appreciation to TMEA for this honor, providing an exceptional platform to showcase the remarkable talents of our students.

Under the excellent leadership of Directors Spencer Wiley and Amber Moon, the Harker Heights Master Singers stand as a testament to the outstanding dedication, talent, and devotion found within Killeen Independent School District. Comprising exceptionally talented, hard-working individuals, these students represent the district's commitment to excellence.

Killeen Independent School District boasts of the passion and commitment to greatness in our fine arts programs. Beyond fostering an enriched capacity for learning, our music programs serve as avenues for students to cultivate a sense of belonging, achievement, and acknowledgment for their unique talents.

We are confident that their performance will not only be a source of pride for our district, but know that it will serve as an enriching, enjoyable experience to all that attend.





## About Harker Heights High School and the Killeen Independent School District

Harker Heights High School, in Harker Heights, Texas, is one of five traditional high schools in the Killeen Independent School District. Originally designed as a ninth-grade campus, Harker Heights High School opened its gates to welcome ninth through twelfth grade students in 2000. Harker Heights is currently a 6A high school serving approximately 2700 students. The campus endeavors to instill "Pride, Courage, & Integrity" in all Harker Heights Knights who pass through their halls, and faculty and staff work diligently to achieve their Mission Statement, to "Teach so that students learn to their maximum potential."

The Killeen Independent School District proudly serves the Central Texas communities of Killeen, Fort Cavazos, Harker Heights, and Nolanville. KISD is committed to providing excellent educational opportunities to ensure all students served are able to reach their maximum learning potential.

KISD serves approximately 44,500 students and has a team of over 6,800 employees. Students within the district attend 31 elementary schools, 11 middle schools, 5 high schools, 3 special campuses, a Career Center, and an Early College High School. It is the 4th most diverse district in Texas and the 24th largest district in the state.

The district supports numerous award-winning programs to include college and career opportunities, and has partnered with world-class universities, innovative businesses, nonprofit organizations and community leaders to prepare our students for college, career and life.

Killeen ISD has a vibrant and supportive Fine Arts Department, committed to providing our students with equitable and enriching artistic experiences that foster a deep love for the arts and create a place where students can belong. For two consecutive years, KISD has been recognized by the NAMM Foundation's Best Communities for Music Education award, celebrating the district's exceptionally high commitment to music education. Year after year, students across all Fine Arts disciplines achieve success via local, regional, and state organizations. These accomplishments, and the students who achieve them, are continually recognized and celebrated by our campuses, district leadership, KISD School Board, and Central Texas community.

## KILLEEN ISD INVITED CHOIR PERFORMANCES

Ellison High School Choir – TMEA 1991 Manor Middle School Choir – TMEA 1992 Killeen High School Choir – TMEA 1999 Charles Patterson Middle School Tenor Bass Choir – TMEA 2020 Charles Patterson Middle School Tenor Bass Choir – SWACDA 2022

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### 2021-2022 HHHS Master Singers

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### Harker Heights HS Choir Team

Audrey Escoffery, Harker Heights HS Voice Instructor Ashley Carter, Harker Heights HS Voice Instructor Candace Dunning, Union Grove MS Choir Director Ashley Hogan, Nolan MS Choir Director Reece Morgan, Nolan MS Choir Associate Director Janice Needham, Eastern Hills MS Choir Director Brooke Bennett, Harker Heights HS Choir Student Teacher

### Harker Heights HS Administra:ve Team

Dr. Jorge Soldevila, Principal Dr. Ivana Saxon, Student Activities Coordinator Kelly White, Curriculum Director Rachel Bailey, Assistant Principal Audrey Cullars, Assistant Principal Jeffrey Houston, Assistant Principal Jesus Uranga, Assistant Principal Jesus Uranga, Assistant Principal Jennifer Roden, Testing Coordinator Kye Robertson, Attendance Officer Joy Salcido, Principal's Secretary Denise Soto, Curriculum Secretary Sarah Carranza, Activity Funds Clerk Harker Heights HS Administrative Staff Harker Heights HS Counseling Department

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