

Evergreen Choral Program

The Evergreen Vocal Music Program was active in January and February, and more activities are still to come.

Fifty members of the choir returned from the band and choir trip to Walt Disney World on January 2. While in Disney, aside from time in the parks and the New Year's Eve fireworks celebration, the choir students attended *Disney Sings*, a Disney Performing Arts Workshop. The students experienced what it was like to be a professional vocalist in a recording studio while working with the clinician, Gloria, a professional Disney vocalist who led the choir through learning and recording excerpts from the Disney animated classic film *The Lion King*. The students recorded the animal sounds, dialogue and music for our film, and at the end of the workshop, saw their two and a half hours of hard work on the big screen at the Saratoga Springs Resort Recording Studio. This workshop is recognized by MENC, the National Association of Music Education for meeting content standards established in the National Standards for Arts Education.

When the students returned to school January 5, choral students began preparations for the OMEA District 1 Solo & Ensemble Competition. Forty-one students participated in 32 events – 24 solos and eight ensembles – earning 12 'I' ratings (superior), 17 'II' (excellent) ratings, and three 'III' ratings (good).

Katelyn Fandrey and Nate Hess, seniors, both prepared class A solos, the most difficult level, for this year's event. Katelyn prepared three different solos, receiving I's on two of her solos and a II on the third. Nate received a II rating for each of his solos.

The following students competed with class B solos and received a 'I' rating: Tiffany Dowling, Heidi Lucarelli, and Alex Lulfs, seniors; Katie Kerekes and Marina Langhans, juniors. Nicole Riebe and Kelsey O'Neil, seniors and Kelsey Pierce, junior, received a II on their class B solos and Nick Pupos, sophomore, received a III for his class B solo.

Students who competed in class C and received a 'I' rating were Bria Double and Jake Meek, sophomores, and Kristen Fandrey, freshman. Blair Bohland, senior; Tabitha Edelman, Collen Eppink, and Cheyenne Knapp, sophomores; Maria Lucarelli and Julie Mann, freshmen, received 'II' ratings for their class C solos. Carlos Sanchez received a 'III' for his class C solo. All soloists worked to prepare their solos with Miss Caresse Boyers.

Two ensembles received 'I' ratings. Students making up the class B mixed ensemble were Blair Bohland, Ryan Damazyn, Tiffany Dowling, Katelyn Fandrey, Nate Hess, Alex Lulfs, and Kelsey O'Neil, seniors; Dakota Bick, junior; and Nick Pupos, sophomore. The students who participated in the class C ladies ensemble were Brooke Watz, sophomore; and Melissa Buckenmeyer, Kristen Fandrey, Allison Hess, Maria Lucarelli, Logan Patek, and Millie Silvestri, freshmen.

Receiving 'II' ratings were five Evergreen ensembles. The class A ladies ensemble included Courtney Chupurdy, Reann Figley, Heidi Lucarelli, Kelsey O'Neil, and Nicole Riebe, seniors. The class B ladies ensemble was Tiffany Dowling and Alex Lulfs, seniors; and Harlie Helm, Sarah Istefan and Katie Kerekes, juniors. Cassandra Bucher, Bria Double, Tabitha Edelman, and Cheyenne Knapp, sophomores; and Lauren Smith and Naomi Taylor, freshman, participated in a class C ladies ensemble. The fourth group was a freshmen class C ladies ensemble of Jill Grinos, Miranda Harmon, Lisa Helm and Lauren Krohn. The male ensemble of Dakota Bick, junior; Jake Meek, Jared Monroe, Nick Pupos, and Marc Tanner, sophomores, and Carlos Sanchez, freshman, also received a 'II' rating for their class C ensemble. Seniors, Courtney Chupurdy, Heidi Lucarelli, and Nicole Riebe, and sophomores, Marc Tanner and Jake Meek received a 'III' for their class B mixed ensemble.

Katelyn Fandrey, senior, traveled to Cincinnati on Wednesday, January 27, to rehearse with the OMEA All-State Choir. Katelyn was the only representative from Fulton County in this 162-voice choir that performed on Friday, January 29 at the OMEA State Conference. The choir was under the direction of Dr. James Jordan, Senior Conductor at Westminster Choir College of Rider University.

Following All-State Choir, Katelyn, along with Marc Tanner, represented Evergreen High School in the OMEA District 1 Honors Choir. The two students were selected by recorded audition to perform in this honors ensemble. Middle school students from Evergreen in the Junior High Honors Choir were Josh Kolasinski, Hannah Monaghan, Bryan Mildestein, and Elijah Tipping. Both the high school and junior high choirs rehearsed at Otsego high school for their Sunday, February 21 performance at the Stranahan Theater in Toledo.

NSCC Announces Plans for New Nursing, Allied Health & Public Services Building

Archbold, Ohio – At February's Board of Trustees Meeting, Northwest State Community College announced that Poggemeyer Design Group from Bowling Green, Ohio will be designing a new Nursing, Allied Health & Public Services Building with a planned completion in fall 2011. This 20,000 square foot building will house the College's nursing program including classrooms, a nursing lab and faculty offices. The building will also include a community training room to be used by area health care professionals and organizations for education, training and recertification opportunities.

"The state-of-the-art facilities in the new Nursing, Allied Health & Public Services Building will allow us to continue to give our nursing students the cutting-edge training that will prepare them for successful careers," said Dr. Thomas Stuckey, president of Northwest State. The Northwest State Community College Nursing program is the recognized leader in northwest Ohio. The program has maintained consistent accreditation through the National League of Nursing since it was originally approved in 1991. The RN program has a 97.8 percent passing rate on the National Council Licensure Exam, this is 10.6 percent higher the Ohio annual pass rate.

Included with the plans for the new building is an extensive renovation of the second floor of the "A" Building which currently houses the nursing program. Originally built in 1972 the "A" Building served as the original campus building. According to Stuckey, "Moving the nursing program to the new Allied Health building will allow the College to grow new programs and expand current offerings in the renovated space to accommodate the needs of our students and the communities we serve."

This announcement comes as the College is celebrating the largest enrollment in their 40 year history. Over 4,700 students are registered for classes with a second round of 8-week classes scheduled to begin in March and still open for registration.

In other Board action:

- Elected new officers including Philip Ennen of Williams County as chair, Robert Hall of Henry County as vice chair and Philip McCartney of Williams County as secretary. Philip Ennen was appointed to the Board of Trustees in 2007 to fill the unexpired term of William Pepple and was recently reappointed by Governor Strickland to serve a full six year term. Along with his volunteer service to the NSCC Board of Trustees, Ennen is the President/CEO of Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers in Bryan, Ohio.

- Approved employment contracts for: Angela Miller as admissions secretary, Loren Weith as manager of network/systems engineering and support, and James Drewes as sales account manager for Custom Training Solutions.

- Approved the revised 2009-2010 operating budget.

- Approved miscellaneous part-time faculty and support staff contracts.

- Appointed Philip McCartney as delegate and Sue Derck as alternate to serve on the Governing Board of the Ohio Association of Community Colleges.

- Established regular meeting dates for April 2010 through February 2011. These dates are March 26, June 4, August 6, October 1, December 3 and February 4 beginning at 12:00 p.m.

The weekend after All-District Choir, 13 Evergreen vocal music students were members of the Fulton County Honors Choir. Alex Lulfs, Katie Kerekes, Tiffany Dowling, Bria Double, Kelsey O'Neil, Kelsey Pierce, Heidi Lucarelli, Tabitha Edelman, Katelyn Fandrey, Nick Pupos, Marc Tanner and Nate Hess were in the choir which was comprised of the top choral students from the seven schools in Fulton County.

Coming up in March, Evergreen will send two choirs to District Contest. The 85-member mixed choir will be split into two different ensembles – a men's chorus and a women's chorus. These two groups will compete at the class B level at Archbold High School in the evening on Friday, March 12. To prepare for this contest, the choirs, along with the high school bands, will perform in a Pre-Contest Concert on Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym. The public is invited to both performances.