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## Veterans High Student Wins Competitions for Musical Composition



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Sam Neary, an 11<sup>th</sup> grader at Veterans High School and member of the Veterans High Chorus, will be recognized during the Georgia Musical Educators Association's (GMEA) State Conference for winning their Composition Competition. As the winner, Sam is able to have a choir perform his selection during the GMEA Conference. An ensemble from Georgia College and State University (GCSU) will be performing his selection.

Sam entered the same musical piece in the GCSU Composition Competition and won as well. His selection will be performed by a GSCU ensemble this spring.

Sam has been writing piano pieces and choral music for several years. His selection was performed by the Veterans High Chorus at their 2021 spring concert.

"We are incredibly proud of Sam. Not only for his musical accomplishments but also his character and integrity," said Jeremy Williams, Choral Director for Veterans High School. "He is an outstanding example of what it means to be a Warhawk."

For more information about Veterans High School, visit vhs.hcbe.net.

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