



BALLINGER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS COMPETE AT STATE



Ten Ballinger High School students participated in vocal solo competition at Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest, held at Hendrickson High School in Pflugerville, Monday, June 1, 2010:

Freshman Riley Woodruff received a Division I (Superior) rating and gold medal.

Those receiving Division II (Excellent) ratings and silver medals were:

Jacob Arp and Christal Castillo, seniors this past year and now a 2010 graduates of Ballinger High School, their second performances at state, Judd Hatler and Reese Hallmark, both freshmen this past year, and Will Irish, a junior this past year.

The following students received Division III (Good) ratings for their performances:

Alyssa Biscoe and Lindsey Heidenheimer, both freshmen this past year, and Courtney Gibbs and Karina Lemus, both sophomores this past year.

Students in state competition are held to a higher standard of excellence than at region, with a Division I rating at region approximating a Division III at state.

Each of these students qualified for participation at state competition by receiving Division I (Superior) ratings in regional competition held at Howard Payne University in Brownwood this past February.

Magdalena Hogan, a junior this past year, also qualified for the competition, but was unable to attend.

Ida Lee Ellis, music teacher at Ballinger Elementary, served as accompanist for the students. Terri Biscoe, Jackie Gibbs, D'ann Hatler, and Laurie Woodruff server as parent sponsors for the state event. Dale E. Ellis is faculty sponsor for Ballinger High School choral music activities.