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## **AHS Students Triumph at MSBOA State Solo & Ensemble Festival**

Adrian, MI- On March 15, four Adrian High School students performed in six events at Chelsea High School for the annual Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) State Solo & Ensemble Festival. To qualify for the MSBOA State Solo & Ensemble Festival, students had to earn a Superior rating at the MSBOA District Solo & Ensemble Festival, which was hosted on February 1 at Tecumseh High School.

Adrian High School was proud to have 68 band and orchestra students participate in the MSBOA District Solo & Ensemble Festival. Students in 13 events earned Superior ratings and qualified for the MSBOA State Solo & Ensemble Festival. The following students performed at the MSBOA State Solo & Ensemble Festival and earned medals in their events:

Chance Allen- Division 1 rating on a Proficiency 2 Marimba Solo  
Ian Kesterke- Division 1 rating on a Freshman Marimba Solo  
Chance Allen- Division 1 rating on a Proficiency 2 Snare Solo  
Ian Kesterke- Division 1 rating on a Freshman Snare Solo  
James Yoder and Chance Allen- Division 1 rating on a Snare Drum/Drum Set Duet  
Owen Whitely- Division 2 rating on a Proficiency 1 Euphonium Solo

“Solo and Ensemble is such an important opportunity for our student musicians,” said Sheri Powers, Adrian High School Band Director. “Whether they choose an individual or group event, students are applying their musicianship skills to prepare for a performance that extends their learning.”

As performers at the MSBOA State Solo & Ensemble Festival, students receive constructive feedback from highly respected judges in the field of music education. These evaluations help students refine their techniques and set goals for future improvement. In addition to their prepared repertoire, soloists in grades 10-12 must perform Proficiency Exams, which include scales and sight reading.

“We are excited to recognize the achievements of our student musicians at all levels,” said Superintendent Nate Parker. “Success at the MSBOA Solo & Ensemble Festival is a testament to the dedication and talent of these students and our music educators across the district.”

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Chance Allen, Marimba and Snare Solos



Ian Kesterke, Marimba and Snare Solos



Left to Right: James Yoder and Chance Allen, Snare Drum/Drum Set Duet