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## Ritenour School District Music Students Shine

April 21, 2009 – Music students at Ritenour have celebrated many achievements recently. Talented students earned honors at a national competition, brought home district awards and were invited to take part in many prestigious competitions. Their accomplishments and honors are listed below.

On Saturday, March 28, four Ritenour students helped the Show Me Sound F.O.C.U.S. DRUMLINE earn first place honors in General Effects at Winter Guard International Percussion Competition Regional Finals in Temecula, Calif. The students include Ritenour Middle School eighth grader Terri Janee' Artis and Ritenour High School freshman Nathan Reifsteck, junior Will Lyons and senior Kwanae Johnson. Overall, the ensemble finished second in the class. For more information on Show Me Sound, visit <http://www.showmesound.org/>.

Ritenour High School Music students received Superior or Excellent ratings at the annual District Solo and Ensemble Festival. Students who earn a Superior (1) rating earn the right to participate in the MSHSAA State Solo and Ensemble Festival the first weekend of May at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

“We are proud of all students who participated in the district festival,” said Ritenour director of bands Hadley Haux. “Preparation and adjudication for the festival is a rigorous process. Success is a reflection of not only talent, but commitment and self-discipline.”

RHS students receiving Superior (1) ratings – earning the right to participate in the Missouri state solo and ensemble festival in May:

### Soloists:

Dustin Shrum, trumpet

Corey Frazier, trumpet

Krista Milan, flute

Ellen Hunott, cello

Kathryn Clinkenbeard, violin

Cathrine Peistrup, vocal

Lee Dukes, vocal

### Flute Trio:

Brittany Schneider, Krista Milan and Leah Carlson

### Women's Vocal Ensemble:

Emily Bell, Susie Burton, Elizabeth Clinkenbeard, Krista Daniel, Lauren Fant, Sami Manion, Amy Preis, Janey Wesche

RHS Students Receiving Excellent (2) ratings:

### Soloists:

Brittany Schneider, flute

Leah Carlson, flute

Sophie Browning, clarinet  
Sarah Griggs, clarinet  
Kwanae Johnson, saxophone  
Martin Schulz, baritone saxophone  
Luke Henderson, string bass  
Dalton Heinle, violin  
Kyle Welch, vocal

Women's Vocal Ensemble:

Molly Delk, Rachel Hanser, Cathrine Peistrup, Hannah Peistrup, Emily Reinitz, Kayla Schneider, Anna Shaw and Janey Wesche.

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