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### **TF North Senior to play at Elmhurst University for Illinois Music Educators Association Festival**



**Calumet City, IL-** Thornton Fractional North High School senior Jessica Williams was selected by the [Illinois Music Education Association](#) (ILMEA) to participate in the District 1 music festival to be held at Elmhurst University on Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Williams will rehearse with other top Chicagoland high school musicians at the one-day festival to perform a concert at the end of the day. She is the first student since 2009 to be selected from TF North.

Auditions were held virtually for the District 1 Honors Band members that will meet to rehearse and perform at the festival. Students submitted a recorded audition which included performing all of the major, minor, and natural minor scales, a lyrical etude, and a technical etude. Williams plays the flute and piccolo in the TF North band under the direction of music teacher and band director Pietro Pisello.

Williams has been playing the flute since seventh grade and plans to double major in music performance and psychology in college next fall. T.F. North principal Brian Rucinski stated, “I am so proud of Jessica for her hard work and for this fantastic accomplishment. I am excited she will be representing our school and community at the music festival next weekend.”

**About Thornton Fractional High School District 215:** District 215 serves the students of Burnham, Calumet City, Lansing, and Lynwood at Thornton Fractional North High School, Thornton Fractional South High School, Thornton Fractional Center for Academics and Technology, and Thornton Fractional Center for Alternative Learning. The mission of District 215 is to provide diverse learning opportunities that inspire all students to become life-long learners who contribute to their community.

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