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## **Duluth HS Orchestra performs at Lincoln Center, lands 1st place**

Gwinnett County students from **Duluth High**'s Chamber Orchestra recently delighted judges with their musical talent at Lincoln Center in New York during the National Band and Orchestra Festival. The students, enrolled in Duluth High's music program, earned 1st place in the national event. The Duluth High Chamber Orchestra earned top honors after competing against colleges and high school ensembles from across the United States and Canada on Sunday, April 21, in New York.

The national recognition for the students began during the afternoon adjudication phase. Under the direction of **Duluth High music teachers Ms. Shawn Morton and Dr. Peter Lemonds**, Duluth High's Chamber Orchestra received a unanimous decision by the nationally recognized guest clinicians-conductors to advance as the featured ensemble on the evening concert in Avery Fisher Hall, the home of the New York Philharmonic.

Duluth High's music program was honored earlier this school year when the American String Teachers Association-Georgia Chapter named Dr. Peter Lemonds its 2013 Educator of the Year. With 308 student-members, the Duluth High music program is one of the largest in Georgia. 32 of those students make up the school's Chamber Orchestra.

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