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Several high school students at Chase County Schools have been chosen to attend honor bands both in Nebraska and Colorado.

The first arrives next week when Kristina Pflum attends the Kearney High School Honor Band, which is restricted to freshmen and sophomores. Also chosen to participate were Indy Smith and Destiny Reinke, but they are unable to attend.

Director Agnes Strand said the Kearney Honor Band was put together from high school director recommendations, with each director rating their 10 best ninth and 10th graders. From there, the hosts chose attendees according to instrumental needs.

Pflum will be on flute in the Honor Band that will perform Monday, Jan. 20, after a day of rehearsal.

Three students will perform in the University of Nebraska-Kearney (UNK) Honor Band and Festival Band following auditions.

Jessica Hartman qualified for UNK's top Honor Band on flute, and will play more challenging music as part of that group, Strand said.

Sheldon Bartholomew on percussion and Pflum, who also qualified for this group on flute, will play in the Festival Band.

Both groups will perform Monday, Jan. 27, after a day of rehearsals.

Anna Bauerle has been chosen for the Nebraska Wesleyan University Honor Band, which will be held Feb. 13-15, and had the most rigorous audition, Strand said. Bauerle's selection for the trumpet section marks the first time any of Strand's students have been selected for the Wesleyan group.

Three other high school students including Kelton Fisher, Darin Knobbe and Josie Peterson were chosen for the Holyoke Honor Band, but cannot attend due to other CCS activities next week.

Students from the CCS junior high were also chosen for Holyoke's Junior High Honor Band, including Peyton Fiedler, Amber Stumpff, Ryelee Christensen and Noah Griffin. They will not be able to attend, either.

Director Strand said it is "an honor to work with these fine musicians and I am excited for them to experience music on this higher plane."