



South O'Brien High School

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South O'Brien Music Students Visit Memphis and Nashville for 2022 Music Trip

By Sam Wilbur and Kaedon Louscher

Monday, March 21

Thirty-seven South O'Brien High School band and choir students and chaperones, along with music teachers Becky Lickiss and Becky Meyer, departed for a four-day trip to Tennessee. The chaperones for the trip were Heidi Farquhar, Joel Gnade, Holly Wagner, Moriah Oliver, and Jenny Johnson. They traveled throughout the night until 7 a.m. where they arrived in Memphis, Tennessee, to start the trip.

Tuesday, March 22

The travelers hit the Hard Rock Cafe for a bite to eat for breakfast. They then took a guided tour down Beale Street, where they learned about the history of the city. For lunch they split into groups to explore restaurants on Beale street. Next, the students loaded up the bus and took a tour of Sun Studios. The group saw where Elvis Presley recorded his first song "My Happiness," a song written for his mom when he was only 18. The students then took a Mississippi riverboat cruise although

it rained, the group found it relaxing. They ended their day with bowling, eating pizza, and spending time with friends.

Wednesday, March 23

The students visited Graceland Mansion, the home of Elvis. They were able to explore his house and airplanes. The Memphis Rock n' Soul museum was next on the agenda with a self guided tour. Next they went to Slave Haven Underground Railroad Museum where students learned about the underground railroad and got to stand in a bunker used during the time. Students gathered as a group and ate at the Hard Rock Cafe for supper before heading to a guided ghost tour to finish out the day.

Thursday, March 24

The students loaded up on a bus and departed for Nashville for the next two days.

They visited the Belle Meade Plantation and toured the mansion. Students divided into groups and explored Broadway Street where many ate, explored shops, and listened to live music.

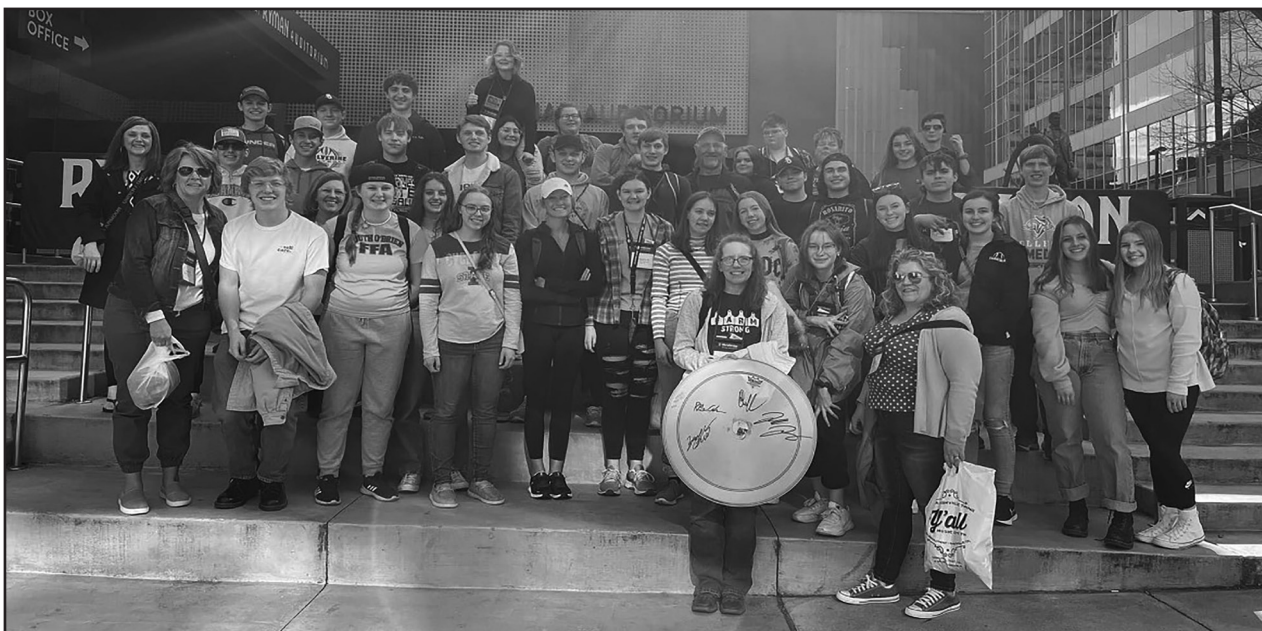
Next, students made their way to the Ryman Auditorium where they were able to go backstage and sit in dressing rooms where many famous singers have gotten ready. They ended their night at Dave and Busters for supper and game time.

Friday, March 25

Friday was the last day in Nashville. The students arrived at Vanderbilt University where choir members attended a clinic. While the choir students participated in the clinic, band members took a self-guided tour of the university. At 11 a.m. the band also took part in a clinic. Later in the day, band members performed their favorite pep band songs in front of the Country Music Hall of Fame. Next, there was free time at the Opry Mills Mall. The students enjoyed a meal at the Santa Fe Cattle Company and then enjoyed a show at the Grand Ole Opry for the final event on their trip.

Saturday, March 26

Saturday everyone loaded up their bags at 6 a.m. and hit the road to head back to Iowa.



The South O'Brien music students with chaperones take a picture in front of the Country Music Hall of Fame. Music Trip Travelers included Aiden Ball, Brecken Coady, Greenlee Cromer, Samuel Daniels, Whitney Einck, Brett Evans, Heidi Farquhar, Payton Farquhar, Lydia Flinders, Aaron Funkhouser, Chloe Gergen, Joel Gnade, Joshua Gnade, Alexandra Grimm, Elizabeth Grimm, Kester Grimm, Ashlynn Gunnerson, Alyssa Harper, Tirzah Hill, Ashton Hunt, Dante Johnson, Jenny Johnson, Kyan Kruse, Sofia Leng, Becky Lickiss, Kaylie McKinny, Rebecca Meyer, Edie Oliver, Ian Oliver, Mariah Oliver, Addison Presthus, McKenzi Puhmann, Bensen Rohwer, Luis Salazar, Leo Sells, Sydney Sickelka, Abby Stout, Danielle, Waggoner, Claire Wagner, Grant Wagner, Holly Wagner, Samantha Wilbur, Elodie Wilson, and Benjamin Woodall.



Music Directors Becky Lickiss and Becky Meyer pose under the famous BB King's Blues Club.



South O'Brien students explored the famous Beale Street while in Memphis.



Senior Kester Grimm and sophomore Claire Wagner play their duet during the clinic at Vanderbilt University.



Instructional Coach Abby Fish and former NHS advisor addresses the new members of NHS at the induction ceremony.



National Honor Society President Willa Sickelka welcomes the new members and audience by giving a speech at the induction ceremony.



The 2022 South O'Brien High School National Honor Society members are (front) senior Willa Sickelka, juniors Lydia Flinders, Payton Farquhar, Karlee Warnke, Abby Stout, sophomore Claire Wagner, and junior Sam Wilbur (back) juniors Whitney Einck, Dain Moermond, Dante Johnson, Jacob Van Lith, Hudson Oolman, senior Parker Struve, and sophomore Ben Woodall. The induction ceremony was held on Monday, March 28th.

New Members Inducted into NHS

By Abby Schreck and Pete Bottjen

Seven new members were inducted into the South O'Brien High School National Honor Society Dolphin Chapter on Monday, March 28.

The group consisted of one senior Parker Struve; four juniors Sam Wilbur, Dante Johnson, Karlee Warnke, and Lydia Flinders; and two sophomores Claire Wagner and Ben Woodall.

Students selected for the National Honor Society are chosen based on their character, scholarship, service, and leadership. After an application process, students are notified of their acceptance. They are then invited, along the audience. Abby Fish, South O'Brien's previous NHS advisor, also addressed the group, about the pillars of NHS. Current members of NHS pinned the new members. Following the ceremony, Michelle Aberson, current NHS advisor, thanked everyone for coming.

At the induction ceremony NHS president Willa Sickelka, welcomed the new members and

South O'Brien Students Qualify for State History Day

By Miranda Draper and Jinger Nieuwenhuis

Juniors were recently selected to move on to the State History Day Competition after competing at the Regional Competition in March.

Hudson Oolman, Dain Moermond, and Camden Stevens qualified with an exhibit about Apollo-Soyuz Mission: How Specific Diplomacy Thawed The Cold War. Three individuals qualified for state as well. Shay Hatting, qualified with a paper on The Universal Declaration Of Human Rights. The second individual was Grant Wagner. His project was a paper on The Ever Modifying Debate: GMOs. The third individual was Charles Cochran, who created a website on the Cuban Missile Crisis.

The students received feedback from regional competition judges and have been updating their projects in preparation for state with the help of history instructor Kevin Hanlin and English instructor Kris

Faust. The projects must be submitted for the state competition by the end of the month. Results will be announced in May. As part of the state competition, students can earn scholarships and the opportunity to compete at the national level.

The state competition will be held at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines on Monday, April 25. The theme of this years competition was "Debate and Diplomacy in History: Successess, Failures, Consequences." Projects for both regional and state competitions were based on the theme. The contest is sponsored by the State Historical Society of Iowa and the National History Day organization.

According to Hanlin, the students have been working hard to improve their projects. He said, "Submitting online does create additional steps in the submission process, but it is a great experience for students to see a project through from beginning to end."



Juniors Hudson, Camden Stevens, and Dain Moermond stand by their project about the Apollo-Soyuz Mission that made it to the state competition.

What are you most looking forward to as the weather starts warming up?



Freshman
Reagan Draper

"Spending more time outside with friends getting tan."



Sophomore
Trevor Fiddelke

"Playing baseball because it's my favorite sport, and I get to play it with my friends."



Junior
Tatiana Conley

"Going swimming with my sisters at the Sanborn pool."



Senior
Mario Salazar

"Going to visit my dad in Mexico."



Staff
Mr. Poeckes

"Getting to go fishing in Northeast South Dakota."