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## **50<sup>TH</sup> GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CLARK COLLEGE JAZZ FESTIVAL DALE BEACOCK MEMORIAL SWEEPSTAKES TROPHY TO WINNER, MT. VIEW HS FROM VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON**

VANCOUVER, Wash. -- After three full days of exciting vocal and big band jazz, the outstanding musician awards and the evening finals results for the 50<sup>TH</sup> Golden Anniversary Clark College Jazz Festival have been announced. In recognition for their “uncompromised vision” that led us to this milestone event, two honorary Legacy Sweepstakes Awards were presented to Mr. Dale Beacock (posthumously), Festival Coordinator from 1970 to 1984, and Mr. Chuck Ramsey, Festival Coordinator from 1985 to 2007. Finally, in a fitting tribute for his contributions to the Clark College Jazz Festival, the coveted Sweepstakes Award was renamed, “The Dale Beacock Memorial Sweepstakes Award.”

**For 2012, the Dale Beacock Memorial Sweepstakes trophy was awarded to Mt. View High School from Vancouver, Washington.**

**Thursday, January 26, 2012 awards:**

Outstanding middle school jazz musician certificates were presented to:

Alex Vischer, Skyler Gearing from Beaumont Middle School, Portland, Oregon

Shelby Vermeulen from La Center Middle School

Caleb Smith and Ben Tycksen from Pleasant Valley Middle School

Emily Kohnke from Vancouver School of Arts and Academics Middle School

Larissa Sleeper and Steve Montecucco from Chief Umtuch Middle School

Alex Jones from Aspire Middle School, Lacey, Washington

Outstanding high school vocal jazz musician awards were presented to:

Emily Finchum from Grass Valley Elementary

Austin Ebert from Battle Ground High School

Nick Duncan and the alto trio Kayla Highsmith, Emily Rathburn, and Arika Matoba from Fife High School in Tacoma, Washington

Cassidy Baskerville from West Linn High School, West Linn, Oregon

Grant Booker from Woodland High School

The following high school vocal jazz groups were invited back to perform as guest performers in the inaugural “Clark College Vocal Jazz Showcase” Thursday evening:

Fife High School from Tacoma, Washington

Skyview High School

Woodland High School

A special Honorable Mention went to Grass Valley Elementary who was asked to start off the evening.

**Friday, January 27, 2012 jazz ensemble finals results:**

A Division: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Ridgefield High School Jazz I  
2<sup>nd</sup> place – Overlake High School from Redmond, Washington  
3<sup>rd</sup> place – Creswell High School from Creswell, Oregon  
Ridgefield High School II was also asked to return for the finals competition but could not perform due to a schedule conflict.

AA Division: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Hockinson High School  
2<sup>nd</sup> place – Fife High School from Tacoma, Washington  
3<sup>rd</sup> place – Milwaukie High School from Milwaukie, Oregon

Outstanding high school musician awards were presented to:

Vinnie Sepe from Ridgefield High School II  
Jennifer Baird and Dean Millett from Ridgefield High School I  
Caidin Cheney from Hockinson High School  
Kacey McKrae and Lee Burlingame from Milwaukie High School, Milwaukie, Oregon

**Saturday January 28, 2012 jazz ensemble finals results:**

AAA Division: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Mountain View High School I  
2<sup>nd</sup> place – Cleveland High School from Portland, Oregon  
3<sup>rd</sup> place – Roosevelt High School II from Seattle Washington

AAAA Division: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Garfield High School from Seattle, Washington  
2<sup>nd</sup> place – Battle Ground High School  
3<sup>rd</sup> place – Puyallup High School from Puyallup, Washington

Outstanding high school musician awards were presented to:

Chris Gayler from Mountain View High School  
Trevor Jones from Mountain View High School  
Noah Conrad from Cleveland High School in Portland, Oregon  
Josiah Makinster from Cleveland High School in Portland, Oregon  
Garritt Stever from Battle Ground High School  
Cameron Vohr from Garfield High School in Seattle, Washington  
Troy Schiefelbein from the Portland Youth Jazz Orchestra, Portland, Oregon

Please join us next year for the 51<sup>st</sup> Clark College Jazz Festival!