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Houston County High All State Band Scholar



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - Houston County High School senior Jonathan Mashburn received the National Band Association All State Scholarship on March 5, 2011, in Savannah. He was awarded the \$500 scholarship while performing with the Georgia Music Educators Association All-State Band. The scholarship was presented to only one senior participating in this event.

The recipient must plan to attend college and major in music. Jonathan has offers so far from the University of Georgia and Georgia Southern University. He is pictured with Michael Oubre, state National Band Association president.

Houston County High Director of Bands Wally Shaw described the selection process as follows: "This past December, 14,000 middle school and high school students auditioned at the district level in the preliminary selection process. In January, approximately 1,200 middle school and 1,800 high school students auditioned at the final round. From the high school audition, around 325 students are selected for three performing groups. Of those groups, about one-third of them are graduating seniors but not all plan to major in music. I figure around 50 to 75 students were considered for this scholarship."

A total of five students from Houston County High were selected for the All-State Band. Of the thousands of students from across Georgia to audition, only 204 were selected.

Houston County High is located at 920 Highway 96 in Warner Robins. Sherri Freeman serves as principal. For more information, contact Shaw at Wally.Shaw@hcbe.net.

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