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The Honorable Mayor Kevin Foy
Town of Chapel Hill
306 N. Columbia Street
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Dear Mayor Foy:

I am pleased to announce that three Culbreth Middle School students have been selected to participate in the American Choral Directors Association Southern Division Honors Choirs to be held in Nashville, Tennessee. Seventh- grader Marit Nelson and eighth- grader Lydia Costes were selected for the Middle School Women's Honors Choir. Walsh Moore, a seventh- grader, was selected for the Men and Boys' Honors Choir. These students competed by taped audition with singers from eleven states. They will attend the ACDA Honors Choir clinic in Nashville, Tennessee February 25-28, 2004 and perform in a concert held in the War Memorial Auditorium in downtown Nashville on February 28, 2004.

Each of these students is active in many civic and religious groups throughout the Chapel Hill-Carrboro community. Marit Nelson will perform the lead role in the school musical "Once Upon an Island", plays flute in the Culbreth band and has performed with the Triangle Youth Ballet. Lydia participates in the piano division of the Festival of Auditions, was cast in singing roles in Culbreth musicals "Guys and Dolls" and "Once Upon an Island" and performs with the Chapel Hill Studio A Dancers. Walsh is a member and treble soloist of the North Carolina Boys' Choir under the direction of William Graham.

Under my direction, these students were previously selected through auditions to participate in the North Carolina Allstate Chorus and in the North Carolina Honors Chorus. They have each studied with me since the sixth grade and are dedicated Culbreth Chorus members as well as outstanding students. I am pleased to accompany them to Nashville to represent their community, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro school district and the State of North Carolina.

I am enlisting the financial support of the arts community to help with the expenses we will incur for our trip. In addition to housing and travel costs, students will purchase music, practice materials and pay a registration fee. The estimated cost for the students, parent chaperones and myself will be more than \$2,500.00.

We would appreciate any contribution towards these expenses. Contributions may be sent to the Culbreth Middle School PTA, noted to my attention. These students and I appreciate your show of support for their hard work and dedication. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Jenny Anderson
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