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## In Loving Memory

### Chapter 3134

### Little Axe High School—Norman, OK

By Emma Velez, Tri-M President

This year marked the one-year anniversary of the death of a beloved coach, teacher, athletic director, administrator, and friend whose sudden death sent the entire Little Axe High School community into mourning. The school administrators and students of Little Axe High School wanted to do something to honor Bobby Hicks and his commitment to the high school in a way that would be as permanent as his impact on the lives of those he touched. The Little Axe High School Tri-M® Music Honor Society decided to answer this call.



PHOTO BY: NEAL ELKINS

Members of Little Axe HS Tri-M around the memorial tree and bench.

Chapter members began to brainstorm ideas about a suitable memorial and decided a memorial tree and engraved memorial bench to be set on campus would be the best way to honor Mr. Hicks. When asked why the chapter decided to take on the task, chapter advisor Lana Beerhalter said, "The faculty and students loved and respected Mr. Hicks. This tree and bench will be a constant reminder of the positive influence he had on our lives." The memorial will beautify the campus as well as serve as a reminder of the beauty he brought to the lives of students, faculty, and staff. "It makes me happy that future generations of students at Little Axe will be able to know the impact Mr. Hicks had on our school," said senior class President, Trixie Russell.

## Tri-M Chapter of the Year Winners

### Senior Division

- Winner: Villa Maria Academy, Chapter #1227 of Malvern, Pennsylvania, advised by Joyce Prichard
- 1st Runner Up: Nazareth Academy High School, Chapter #2096 of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, advised by Margaret Lafferty
- 2nd Runner Up: Unionville High School, Tri-M Chapter #2351 of Unionville, Ontario, Canada, advised by Dennis Beck



Tri-M members of Villa Maria pose for the camera.

### Junior Division

- Winner: Ranney Middle School, Chapter #4410 of Tinton Falls, New Jersey, advised by Lillianne Torrente
- 1st Runner Up: Alma Middle School, Chapter #3585 of Alma, Michigan, advised by Patrick DeWitt

Chapter of the Year winners and runners-up receive scholarship funds for summer music study. For more information on Chapter of the Year, visit [www.menc.org](http://www.menc.org) and search, "Tri-M Chapter of the Year". Want to be the 2009–2010 Chapter of the Year? Submit your chapter scrapbook by April 30, 2010.



Tri-M members of Ranney MS.

## International Tri-M Chapters Perform

### Tri-M Concert for Children at Baan Nonthaphum, Chapter 601, International School Bangkok—Bangkok, Thailand

By Kuntiga Chaturabul

“Let me hear some noise for these musicians!” said the MC as she rallied up some excitement from the kids at Baan Nonthaphum during the NHS-Tri-M Charity Concert on a Tuesday afternoon. (Baan Nonthaphum is a government home in Pakkred for about 400 children with physical disabilities.) With eight acts organized by the NHS Service Committee headed by Eleanor Fang and Tri-M president Ken Lippiatt, as well as volunteer musicians from Tri-M, the concert consisted of a variety of genres and instruments. International School Bangkok (ISB) students performed songs ranging from classical to traditional to pop music. “Both the kids and performers enjoyed themselves very much,” said Eleanor Fang.

Perhaps the highlight for the kids was when the artists mingled with them and let them play with their instruments. A little boy laughed as he reached his hand into Howard’s saxophone and felt the vibrations as Howard played a few notes. That little boy wasn’t even as tall as the instrument itself! The looks of amazement in the children’s faces as they held violins and flutes for the first time were definitely a great reward for those involved with the NHS-Tri-M Charity Concert this year. Quoting Ken Lippiatt, “Having the kids interact with our students enthusiastically near the end of the concert really showed how welcoming and grateful the local Thai community is. With this becoming an annual event, we hope that next year’s charity concert will continue to involve students wishing to brighten the lives of others through music and entertainment.”



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE TANAWONE

Tri-M members share their saxophones.

### Nothing Like “The Sound of Music” Chapter 2351 Unionville High School—Ontario, Canada

By Michelle Kam, Tri-M President

During one of our monthly visits to a local senior residence, Tri-M members got the chance to socialize with the residents. With our desire to entertain our senior audience, Tri-M members asked for requests on what our audience would like our members to perform. The senior residents were enthusiastic as many suggested selections from “The Sound of Music.” Our Tri-M chapter arranged and rehearsed various songs from “The Sound of Music” and proudly presented our version to two local senior homes during the month of June. This worthwhile experience gave much satisfaction from knowing that our Tri-M chapter had brought a little something dear to our local senior residents.



Unionville High School Tri-M members performing “The Sound of Music.”

### Tri-M made a National Tour! Chapter 5744, Cheong-Shim International Academy—Gyeonggi-do, Korea

By SungHa Chang, Tri-M President

The 3rd Triple-C CheongShim Charity Concert was a student-organized concert where all the proceeds went to charity. In contrast to the 1st and 2nd Triple-C concert, the 3rd Triple-C made a nationwide tour. From August 14 to 18, 2009, Tri-M Society members of CheongShim International Academy visited 5 different provinces to entertain



Tri-M President playing saxophone

and meet their residents. Tri-M members made a tour to Seoul, Jeolla, Chungcheong, Gyeong-sang, and Kangwon provinces. In this concert, most of the Tri-M Honor Society members either worked as staff or performed. Student performances included saxophone, dancing, violin, clarinet, singing, and comedic skits. Students even danced with residents. By running a student-organized concert, Tri-M members had a valuable experience. All in all, 2009 Summer Triple-C was a big success and another bright week for CheongShim students.

## Tri-M Serves Up Breakfast Chapter 2973

Jackson High School—Massillon, OH

By Michele Monigold, Advisor

Jackson High School's Tri-M Music Honor Society Chapter 2973 hosted a pancake breakfast on May 9, which raised \$1,799 for Akron Children's Hospital. The money raised will

be used to build a therapy center, which will include music and art therapy. Tri-M members helped to organize the event, serve the breakfasts, and wait tables. Many thanks to our wonderful sponsors: Smith's Dairy, Gabe's Meat & Deli, Giant Eagle on the Strip, and Dinnerplans.



Tri-M member serving pancakes to State Representative, W. Scott Oelslager.

## Tri-M Adopts Veterans Chapter 3134

Little Axe High School—Norman, OK

By Emma Velez, Tri-M President

The Little Axe chapter serves their community in a lot of ways. Each year the chapter adopts eight veterans from the Norman Veterans Center and delivers gifts to them at Christmas time. The veterans adopted are those who have no family to share gifts with them at Christmas.

The chapter has also recently completed a service project to benefit the faculty at the high school as well as solve the parking problem. The chapter made personalized signs for each teacher and administrator so they could mark their designated parking spots, and thus solve the problem many were facing of having their spaces taken by students or visitors at the high school. High school secretary, Cathy Miller, was someone who had to deal with this issue every day. When asked what she thought about the new signs she had this to say, "thanks so much Tri-M! It was so nice to have a parking space all to myself. I have to carry mail to and from my truck in the morning and now I have a space close to my office."

## Global Youth Service Day

Each April, millions of young people participate in and lead service projects, working with their families, schools, community organizations, faith-based communities, and businesses to improve their communities by addressing critical issues such as global climate change, education and illiteracy, poverty, health, hunger, and homelessness. In 2010, events will be held April 24-26 across the globe. Visit [GYSD.org](http://GYSD.org) for information!

## Sharing the Gift of Music Chapter 4225

Heritage High School—Leesburg, VA

By Maggie Twigg, Tri-M Historian

This school year, Tri-M members from Heritage High School, located in Leesburg, Virginia, have gone above and beyond by showcasing their talent and dedication to their community. They have performed for various audiences, as well as achieved great accomplishments unique to each of their music talents.

HHS Tri-M members performed at two different nursing homes this past winter. This was their first outreach to the community, and it was a huge success. Members performed solo as well as in groups for the nursing home residents. The performances included vocals, guitar, piano, and trumpets. These first two performances of the year launched a spark of confidence throughout the society members that has held beautifully throughout the year.

During Music in Our Schools Month®, HHS Tri-M members spread music throughout the halls of Heritage by performing in the main hallway every Tuesday and Friday morning. These performances attracted a large crowd of students and teachers. They showcased a variety of talent, including many solo and group vocal performances; solo cello, guitar, and trombone performances; and duet trumpet and marimba performances. To promote this event, members created a commercial for the school's television morning announcements and hung posters to help students understand the importance of keeping music in our schools.

HHS Tri-M members will also be participating in Relay for Life this May to support cancer research. HHS Tri-M has participated in this event for the past three years and will continue to support this great cause in years to come.



Tri-M members singing at a nursing home this past winter.

## Chapter of the Year Scrapbook Highlights

### Parkview High School, Chapter 5317, Springfield, MO

**Advisor:** Linda Wegmann

Giving to our troops—This chapter collected a variety of items that they sent to the 101st Airborne Division serving in Afghanistan. On April 6, 2009, a soldier in that division presented a flag that was flown over their camp on Jan 22, 2009, in honor of their chapter and the packages that they sent to the soldiers.

### Highlands Ranch High School, Chapter 4754, Highlands Ranch, CO

**Advisor:** Nancy Allwein

Mariachi Music Madness—This chapter planned a benefit concert on March 6, 2009, for an elementary mariachi group called "El Mariachi Juvenil de Bryant Webster." They were able to raise \$700 to give to this very under-funded group.

### West Bridgewater High School, Chapter 5757, West Bridgewater, MA

**Advisor:** Toni Beaver

Pie Your Teacher!—This chapter held a contest where you could throw a pie at your teachers for \$1; they raised \$201 for their chapter, and had a great time doing it!

### Danbury High School, Chapter 4695, Danbury, CT

**Advisor:** Susan McKenzie

February 27, 2009—This Tri-M chapter helped organize and cosponsored a musical night called "Green Rhythms," which was a collaboration with Tri-M and Green Club. They had a showcase of musical acts, while raising \$1000 to help support the 2 clubs, and helping the school to go "green." In lieu of printed programs, they announced all the acts and gave the audience tips to help promote recycling and going green.

### Syosset High School, Chapter 1982, Syosset, NY

**Advisor:** Patricia Koppeis

Tri-M Game Day—April 2009, this chapter raised money for Habitat for Humanity by setting up 4 gaming areas in the student lobby where students could pay \$3 and play a round of either Wii Music, Rockband, Guitar Hero, or Karaoke.

## Chapter of the Year Junior Division Winner

Chapter 4410

Ranney Middle School—Tinton Falls, NJ

One of the highlights of the year for Ranney Middle School was their "Toys for Tots" drive. After raising \$500 through fund-raising efforts. Tri-M



Tri-M members of Ranney MS.

students purchased

musical toys for the U.S. Marine's "Toys for Tots."

Ranney students donated nearly 70 musical-themed toys.

One of the most unique activities that they did was their Daily Musical Trivia Contests during "Music In Our Schools Week." They would broadcast a different musical trivia question every morning, students would fill out a ballot slip, and the official answer was determined the next day. Prizes included \$10 gift cards from various businesses.

## Chapter of the Year Senior Division Winner

Chapter 1227

Villa Maria Academy—Malvern, PA

One of Villa Maria Academy's highlights of the year was organizing a charity event called "Reindeer Romp" to benefit the Special Olympics of Delaware County. Over 160 participants helped raise \$3500, walking (in the cold) around Villa Maria's campus. "Reindeer Romp was a perfect way for students to experience what joy it brings to give to others in such an unselfish way," says Joyce Prichard.

Villa Maria Academy also participated in Penn State University's THON program. THON raises money to help families of children with cancer to offset their medical treatment costs. It's a two-day no-sitting, no-sleeping dance marathon, and Villa Maria's Tri-M chapter helped by contributing \$500 to the THON program. Well done!

This very active chapter attends plays and musicals throughout the year; participates in orchestra, band and choral performances; writes welcome



Tri-M members of Villa Maria Academy.

letters to incoming freshman at their school; and does various fundraisers throughout the year to raise money for local and national charities.

## Chapter Provides Scholarships For Its Own Members

Chapter 3245

Patuxent High School—Lusby, MD

By Kelsey Krieder, Tri-M President

Chapter 3245 presented its annual talent show to raise scholarship money to a future music major. This year's event had nineteen acts of all varieties. From the Patuxent High Step Trio to a Phantom of the Opera trio, students showed their stuff to try to win the cash prizes. First place went to the band known as "Them." Tri-M president Ashley Adams, Tri-M publicity chair Kristine Bizzarro, and future Tri-M members Michael Killius and Emma File, members of "Them," not only won the \$75 first place prize, but also the over \$100 in audience choice prizes. The chapter managed to raise over \$1000 for its annual scholarship fund and awarded it to Jon Sawyer.

## Fun Induction

### Ceremony

Chapter 2522

Midview High School—Grafton, OH

By Justin Caithaml, Tri-M President

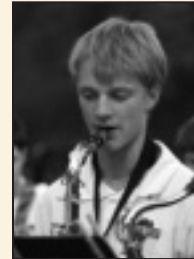
Chapter 2522 capped off the exciting 2008-2009 school year with a very entertaining induction ceremony on May 6, inducting 16 new members into the organization. Audience members were treated to numerous musical selections performed by new and continuing members. Midview Tri-M was honored to have Brian Myers, the OMEA State Tri-M advisor, in attendance as the guest speaker. Mr. Myers gave a lively and entertaining speech—as he quoted several contemporary movies—helping to inspire the audience to continue to value music and its role in schools. Continuing members of the chapter were recognized, as well as the 10 graduating seniors, who were given honor cords at graduation.

## Tri-M Student Wins Top Award

Chapter 4410

Rye High School—Rye, NY

Colin Leslie, 17, of Rye, N.Y., was named one of America's top ten youth volunteers for 2009 in a ceremony at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, winning a national Prudential Spirit of Community Award for his outstanding volunteer service. Selected from a field of close to 20,000 applicants across the country, he received a personal award of \$5,000, an engraved gold medallion, a crystal trophy for his school, and a \$5,000 grant from The Prudential Foundation for the nonprofit charitable organization of his choice.



Colin has raised more than \$150,000 for the Celiac Disease Center at Columbia University over the past three years by organizing an annual walkathon in his community. When he was 14, Colin began experiencing excruciating joint pain and migraine headaches. After four months of visits to many specialists, he was finally diagnosed with celiac disease, a genetic autoimmune disorder triggered by eating gluten from wheat, barley, or rye. The difficulty that doctors had in diagnosing his ailment convinced Colin that something needed to be done to increase awareness of celiac. He decided on a walkathon.

"All of the money raised will go toward promoting awareness of celiac disease and research, so that one day a cure will hopefully be found," said Colin.

## Notable Guest Speaker at Induction Ceremony

Chapter 2605

Great Neck North High School—Great Neck, NY

By Matthew Shore, Tri-M President

Chapter 2605 hosts an annual multi-chapter dinner in November, and it has been customary for several years now for speakers to enlighten all the students from the various chapters throughout Long Island (New York). This year, the students were lucky enough to have renowned pianist Dr.



Dr. Laura Leon Cohen at the annual Fall Tri-M Long Island Dinner.

Laura Leon Cohen, exceptional music educator and Maestro of the esteemed Band of Long Island. She relayed how she became interested in music to the point of choosing music as her career, and what her daily life entails as a professional musician. This chapter was also lucky enough to have exemplary Radiation Oncologist and active board member of the Young Concert Artists Dr. Marvin Rotman, who talked about the high sense of respect he holds for all musicians and about his involvement and experience working with the Young Concert Artists.

## Chapter Organizes 2nd Annual Tri-M Music Conference Chapter 3891, Shenendehowa High School—Clifton Park, NY

By Sarah Abelson, Chapter Community Liaison

To reach out to our musical community, Shenendehowa's Tri-M has, for their second year, brought to New York State's Capital Region, a convention for musicians, where students and teachers got to enjoy and learn more about music.

This particular conference included a vocal master class, conducted by Susan Harwood (soprano, with a D.M.A. from Peabody Conservatory) and a brass instrument master class, conducted by Dennis Johnston (trumpet, with a Ph.D from the University of North Texas). Both of these professors teach at the College of St. Rose, which has just expanded its music program. At these master classes, students were encouraged to perform and be critiqued by the professors, so that they could improve their skills, as well as prepare for the ever nerve-racking college auditions.

Attendees also participated in a Tri-M Forum, where new Tri-M members as well as students from other schools, learned about what Tri-M is and what Tri-M does and also got a chance to ask questions.

To end the musical day, students and teachers made rhythms in an outdoor World Drumming Practicum. In this fun activity, participants played a variety of instruments, such as drums and maracas, while making friends and playing games. These events made for an outstanding and successful day. Shenendehowa plans to continue offering its Tri-M Music Conference annually.



Students participating in World Drumming.

PHOTO BY LAUREN BERGERON

## Tri-M Participates in Relay for Life Chapter 3405 United High School—Armagh, PA

By Anthony Shingler, Tri-M President



The "set-up crew".

On May 29 and 30, 2009, United High Schools' Tri-M Chapter 3405 sponsored a team in the local "Relay for Life Rally." The theme for this 24-hour Relay was "Wave Goodbye to Cancer." The team consisted of 18 Tri-M members. Each participant took a shift walking the 1/3 mile track at the recreational complex, in Indiana, PA. Our team raised close to \$1,000 through family donations, school staff donations, and our newest hit fundraiser, which allowed students to purchase songs to be played during lunch periods and morning announcements. Even though this was United Tri-M's first Relay, there is no doubt that we will continue to make this an annual effort. The Relay comes with lots of fun activities for the walkers, including volleyball, ice cream eating contest, pajama contest, etc. We definitely had the most musical tent!

## A Worthwhile Fun Fundraiser Chapter 2351 Unionville High School—Ontario, Canada

By Michelle Kam, Tri-M President

Aside from performing at local seniors' residences, our Tri-M chapter wanted to further contribute to our community. At one of our performances, our members noticed a posted message for donations. This inspired our chapter fundraiser. Handmade music items were designed and created by our "factory" and sold in our school's music department. All our proceeds were donated to the Unionville Home Society in hopes of helping our local senior residence. This fun fundraiser not only provided an opportunity to contribute to our community, but also strengthened the friendships within our Tri-M chapter.



Tri-M members present donation to Unionville Home Society.

## Who Says Students From Band and Chorus Don't Work Well Together!

Chapter 5822

The King's Academy—West Palm Beach, FL

By Kimberlee Aliapoulios, Advisor

The King's Academy had their first Tri-Music Honor Society induction last November. We were privileged to have our Head Master, Kevin Colling,



Members of the Tri-M Society at The King's Academy.

inducted as an Honorary Member. "I am honored to be a part of this group, Thank you!" said Mr. Colling.

Chapter #5822 established its officers and goals for the year. Our goals included World Vision, Musical Tutoring Program, Musical Chapels, School Project and a Car Wash for the Junior Class. The students voted to give \$60.00 from our dues to buy musical instruments for children over in Africa. The Musical Tutoring Program was offered to the elementary, junior high and high school students who needed any extra assistance in band, choir or drama. Our school project for beautification was accomplished by painting the benches outside of the Sports and Fine Arts Center. We were proud to give \$272.00 from our car wash donations to our Junior Class.

## Collecting Labels to Benefit Physical Education

Chapter 5960

Crain Middle School—Victoria, TX

By Miranda Sanchez, Advisor



First members of the newly chartered Tri-M Society.

The Crain Middle School Band chartered the Tri-M Music Honor Society in Decem-

ber 2008. Chapter Advisors Miranda Partida and Ron Ledbetter led 23 students in a service project throughout the year that would benefit the school's physical education program. The students collected Nestle Pure Life labels off of water bottles and other Nestle Pure Life products to earn points for their school. Once the members counted the labels and bundled them together, the chapter advisors sent the labels in to be redeemed. In their efforts, Tri-M Music Honor Society donated stop watches, whistles, and dry erase boards for the coaches.

## Chapter Hosts "Sweets and Swings" Dance, Chapter 5317

Parkview High School—Springfield, MO

By Hanna McLemore, President

The Parkview High School Tri-M Society was newly formed in November 2008.

Already we've had multiple service and volunteer projects.



Tri-M seniors recognized for graduating with Honors

On May 1, 2009, Parkview's Tri-M Society hosted a "Sweets and Swings" senior citizen dance.

Students and local senior citizens joined together in Parkview's very own cafeteria to dance the night away. The very fitting swing music was provided by Parkview's Jazz Bands and Missouri State University's Dues Band.

Several members of our chapter received scholarships to perform and further their music education this fall. One student received a \$20,000 renewable scholarship to perform with Missouri State University's Orchestra. Another received \$15,000 from Drury University to play violin.

## A Successful First Year

Chapter 5840

Jenkintown High School—Jenkintown, PA

By Fred Eyrich, Co-Advisor

In December we inducted 8 members and began meeting to explore ideas and activities for our chapter. We held a successful CD and DVD drive for the Tunes 4 the Troops program and celebrated Music In Our Schools Month® with

a concert at the Wyncote Church Home on St. Patrick's Day. The residents really enjoyed the program, especially the Irish song sing-a-long!



Members of the new Tri-M Society at Jenkintown HS.

## From Your National Chair

### Greetings Tri-M Students and Advisors,

Welcome back to another school year and congratulations in your continued involvement in Tri-M. Tri-M is more than just another music club or activity. It is an Honor Society which recognizes high achievement in academics, leadership, and service to our community.

### Tri-M Connections

I encourage all of our Tri-M chapters to reach out and make connections with each other. With the social networking that drives our way of communication, it is really easy to make connections with other people. Chapters might consider creating a Facebook or Web page connection to other Tri-M chapters in your area. Also, as you develop your chapter activities for the year, try to connect and collaborate with other school groups within your school.

### Tri-M Creations

Music is an art of creation. We compose new music—we create connections with other people through performances and by sharing our music. Create an atmosphere of musical sharing of performances and advocacy within your school and community.

### Tri-M Cares

President and Michelle Obama have encouraged all Americans to reach out to our communities and SERVE. Community projects have been a focus point of Tri-M in the past, and I encourage each chapter to continue to reach out and support a worthwhile community service project.

I also hope that many of our Tri-M students will consider music education as a career. The future of music education depends on energetic young people that have the passion of music. Even if you do not follow music as a career path, ALL of you will become important advocates of the POWER OF MUSIC.

Sincerely,



Lance D. Nielsen  
National Tri-M Chair

## Performing and Visual Arts College Fairs

Brought to you by the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), these fairs give fine arts students the opportunity to meet representatives from colleges, conservatories, and festivals that have arts programs. The fairs are free and open to the public. Visit [www.nacacnet.org](http://www.nacacnet.org) to learn more and find a fair near you.

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