

Two SWOSU Students Selected for National Flute Event

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University music students Tiffany Piper of Enid (Chisholm) and Hayden Stephenson of Comanche are the first SWOSU music students on record to be invited to participate in the 43rd annual National Flute Association convention being held August 13-16 in Washington, D.C.

A celebration of music, pedagogy and performance, the NFA convention draws acclaimed soloists and pedagogues from around the country and world each year.

Piper, a master's of music education student, was awarded an internship at the NFA convention. One of eight students selected for this competitive position, she will work alongside NFA board members and staff, gaining valuable hands on experience.

Stephenson, a sophomore music education major, is a winner of the National Flute Association's Collegiate Flute Choir Competition. She will perform in concert with the ensemble on the final day of the convention under the direction of Angeleita Floyd and Project Trio.

Piper and Stephenson are flute students of Dr. Shelley Martinson, assistant professor of music at SWOSU. Both flutists were selected from a nationally competitive pool of college students and will represent the SWOSU Music Department on this national stage. This opportunity is made possible in part by the generous support of the SWOSU Foundation.