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## Message from the President

### Rachel Heard



To: Members of the MMTA Executive Committee  
May 22, 2010

The past few months have been exciting, most notably with my attendance at the MTNA National Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. As MMTA president, it is my pleasure to present the MMTA report to the Southern Division meeting. I've included this report for your records.

During the State President's Advisory Council Meeting, reports were given by the top leaders in MTNA. President Ann Gipson noted that the attendance for the national conference was down possibly due to the downturn in the economy. She also encouraged members to recruit at the grassroots level and to invite student members and other young professionals to become involved in leadership roles. Treasurer Cheryl Pachak-Brooks ensured all members present that MTNA is in good financial health, much improved over the previous year. As of February 28, 2010, MTNA's current assets were \$2,527,468, a net gain of over \$554,000; and short-term cash was \$363,358, a net gain of over \$100,000 since February 2009. Executive Director, Gary Ingle, presented an update on the Leadership Summit which had been cancelled last fall due to the economy. Instead of holding the Summit in early September at the beginning of our teaching year, this year's Summit will be held during the March national conference. This will expand the national conference and also allow the Summit to invite not only state presidents, but other state and local leaders.

As MMTA president, it is always an honor to present awards during our 2010 State Finals Recitals held this spring in Hattiesburg at William Carey University. The success of this event is in large part due to the tireless efforts of Ellen Price Elder, VP-Performance and this year's host. Her organizational skills and ability to maintain calm as so many little ones were forced to be both inside and out due to inclement off and on rainy weather were once again truly admirable. From my vantage point, everything seemed to run smoothly. Again, I thank you for allowing me to serve our organization.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rachel Heard



## New MTNA Certification Guidelines

The new MTNA Certification process is now available for piano, voice, violin and flute teachers.

Certification candidates are now required to complete these projects: explanation of teaching philosophy, analysis of teaching pieces, video of teaching, description of teaching environment, discussion of business ethics and studio policies. Teacher Profile Project workbooks for each instrument are available on the MTNA Certification website. The workbooks are accompanied by a document titled, "What Will The Evaluators Be Looking For?" which guides candidates as they complete the profile projects. Other materials, including articles about video recording lessons, can also be found on the Certification website.

For more information about the new process, visit [www.mtnacertification.org](http://www.mtnacertification.org) or e-mail [mtnacertification@mtna.org](mailto:mtnacertification@mtna.org).

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"Pre-College Evaluations," previously known as "Pre-College Auditions," were held at 10 District locations on March 27, and April 10, with 450 students registered, and 410 participating. Of these students, 269 participated in all areas of evaluation, called "Basics." After expenses for judges' fees, meals, and printing, the net income was \$6840, which is used for expenses related to State Finals.

Evaluation 2011 will be held on the first two Saturdays of April, as prescribed in the Syllabus. District Chairs should arrange for their site as soon as possible. When Group A and Group B comply with the schedule, alternate locations are convenient for students with conflicts.

"Thank you!" to District Chairs who have expended time and energy preparing for, and administering the Evaluations. Beginning with reserving the evaluations site and engaging judges, and ending with completing multiple reports, their can be an exhausting job. Colleagues, we appreciate the service you provide for MMTA and for our pre-college students.

Once again, I want to thank Carolina Whitfield-Smith, without whose computer skills and wisdom the Evaluation materials might still be a work in progress!

District chairs and local association presidents are urged to encourage teachers in their areas to prepare their students for MMTA Evaluations. Most beginner students are capable of successfully completing the requirements for Grades 3 and Below. The "non-competitive" option offers a realistic goal for transfers or older beginners. Any students may participate on the level considered appropriate by the teacher. E-mail: [jsthornell@bellsouth.net](mailto:jsthornell@bellsouth.net)



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Submitted May 22, 2010



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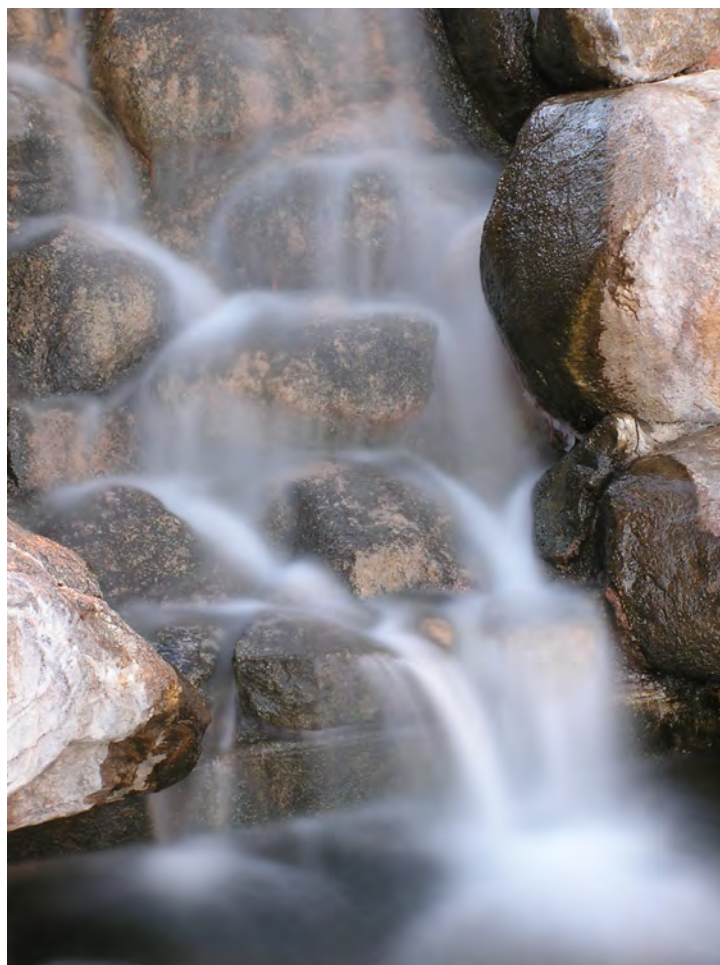
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Report from Scottye Adkins

Vice President for Membership and Web Management May 22, 2010

Spring greetings!

Spring 2010 has been a slow time in regard to membership. Nevertheless, looking ahead, I am extremely pleased to tell you that I have received the first membership renewals for 2010-2011, which consists of 49 members. This is a great way to begin our new year. If you have not renewed your MMTA membership, you can do it at any time. Don't forget to encourage your peers to join as well. To join MMTA or renew your membership go to:

<http://www.mtna.org/membership/JoinNow/tabid/236/Default.aspx>

As for the website, we have added some updates and new features that I hope will be helpful to all of you. These additions are on the Student Activities page.

<http://msmusicteachers.org/competitions-precollege-auditions.php>

- \* A link to the Outstanding Pre-College Student Achievement Award Form  
<http://msmusicteachers.org/OutstandingPre-CollegeStudent%20AchievementAward.pdf> and
- \* A map which shows the Pre-College Evaluation Districts that provides access to contact information for each District chairperson simply by clicking on the district on the map.

I had the privilege of adjudicating the voice Pre-College Evaluations in Vicksburg in April. This experience reminded me just how successful our organization continues to be.



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## Hattiesburg Music Teachers League

The spring semester has been a very busy one for HMTL teachers and our students. NFMC Junior Festival was held on Feb. 20 at William Carey University. We have deeply appreciated the fine organization of our festival for the last seven years by outgoing District III NFMC Jr. Festival Chair, Anne Kathryn DeViney. 131 students and 11 teachers participated in the festival this year and one student was awarded the NFMC District III scholarship to attend the Music Camp @ MC in July.

Our annual music camp league scholarship auditions were held in mid-April. With financial assistance from both Wolfe Gang Music and Mississippi Music, we are pleased to be able to provide scholarships to two high school pianists to attend the Music Camp @ MC in July, as well as scholarships for two violinists to attend the Festival South Chamber Music Workshop @ USM in June.

Hattiesburg MMTA Pre-College Evaluations were held on April 10 at William Carey University and very successfully organized by co-chairs Cristina Moreland and Dixie Lawson. Our annual Spring Concert, which showcases outstanding high school musicians who are students of league members, was held on April 25 in the Lucille Parker Art Gallery at William Carey University and chaired by Susan Fairchild.

MMTA Pre-College Finals were held on May 1 at William Carey University. On behalf of the entire HMTL, I want to express our appreciation again to our own Dr. Ellen Elder for all of the hard work she put into organizing and running another successful state finals for all pre-college students who qualified in our state.

Our year concluded with a business meeting and lovely luncheon on May 13. New officers were elected at the business meeting for 2010-2012 as follows:

President	Ellen Elder
Immediate Past President	Laura Broughton
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Respectfully submitted,

*Laura Broughton*, D.M.A., NCTM

(Immediate Past President, HMTL)

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**COLLEGIATE COMPETITIONS RESULTS***MARCH 6, 2010, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI***Piano Competitions**

## Freshman/Sophomore Solo

First Place: Gabrielle Richardson (Student of Rachel Heard, Millsaps College)

Second Place: Claire Welch (Elizabeth Moak, The University of Southern Mississippi)

Honorable Mention: Vera Zholondz (Bernardo Scarambone, Alcorn State University)

## Junior/Senior Solo

First Place: Joseph Mueller (Student of Rachel Heard, Millsaps College)

Second Place: Katy Koehler (Jun-Won Shin, Delta State University)

Honorable Mention: Hannah Thomas (Stephen Sachs, Belhaven College)

## Concerto

Matthew Pettigrew (Bernardo Scarambone, Alcorn State University)

**Voice Competitions**

## Freshman/Sophomore Solo

First Place: Jordan Hammons (Cheryl Coker, Millsaps College)

Second Place: Gabrielle Richardson (Cheryl Coker, Millsaps College)

## Junior/Senior Solo

First Place: Steven Keen (Cheryl Coker, Millsaps College)

Second Place: Ekaterina Kotcherguina (Cheryl Coker, Millsaps College)

## Aria

First Place: Ekaterina Kotcherguina (Cheryl Coker, Millsaps College)

Second Place: Rachel Alexander (Cheryl Coker, Millsaps College)

**Woodwind Competitions**

## Freshman/Sophomore Solo

First Place: Dustin Hazlett (Sheri Falcone, Mississippi State University)

Second Place: Christine Pulver (Danilo Mezzadri, The University of Southern University)

Honorable Mention: Robyn Rouse (Shelley Collins, Delta State University)

## Junior/Senior Solo

First Place: DeAundrae Clayton (Sheri Falcone, Mississippi State University)

Second Place: Jennifer Hatfield (Shelley Collins, Delta State University)

Honorable Mention: Charles Sanders (Sheri Falcone, Mississippi State University)

## Concerto

First Place: Steven Hugley (Bret Pimentel, Delta State University)

Second Place: Austin White (Bret Pimentel, Delta State University)

Honorable Mention: DeAundrae Clayton (Sheri Falcone, Mississippi State University)

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## Collegiate Competition Results continued from previous page

### Guitar Competitions

#### Freshman/Sophomore Solo

First Place: John Oeth (Michael Patilla, Mississippi State University)

Second Place: Dustin Cartee (Michael Patilla, Mississippi State University)

#### Junior/Senior Solo

First Place: Juan Zabrodiec (Michael Patilla, Mississippi State University)

Second Place: Jay Gandy (Michael Patilla, Mississippi State University)

Honorable Mention: Jacob Gibson (Jimmy Turner, Millsaps College)

#### Concerto:

John Oeth (Michael Patilla, Mississippi State University)

### Chamber Music Competitions

#### Freshman/Sophomore

First Place: T.H.E. Quartet (Richard Perry, The University of Southern Mississippi)

Second Place: All Tuba Quartet (Richard Perry, The University of Southern Mississippi)

#### Junior/Senior

First Place: Delta State Saxophone Quartet (Bret Pimentel, Delta State University)

Second Place: Delta State Flute Trio (Shelley Collins, Delta State University)



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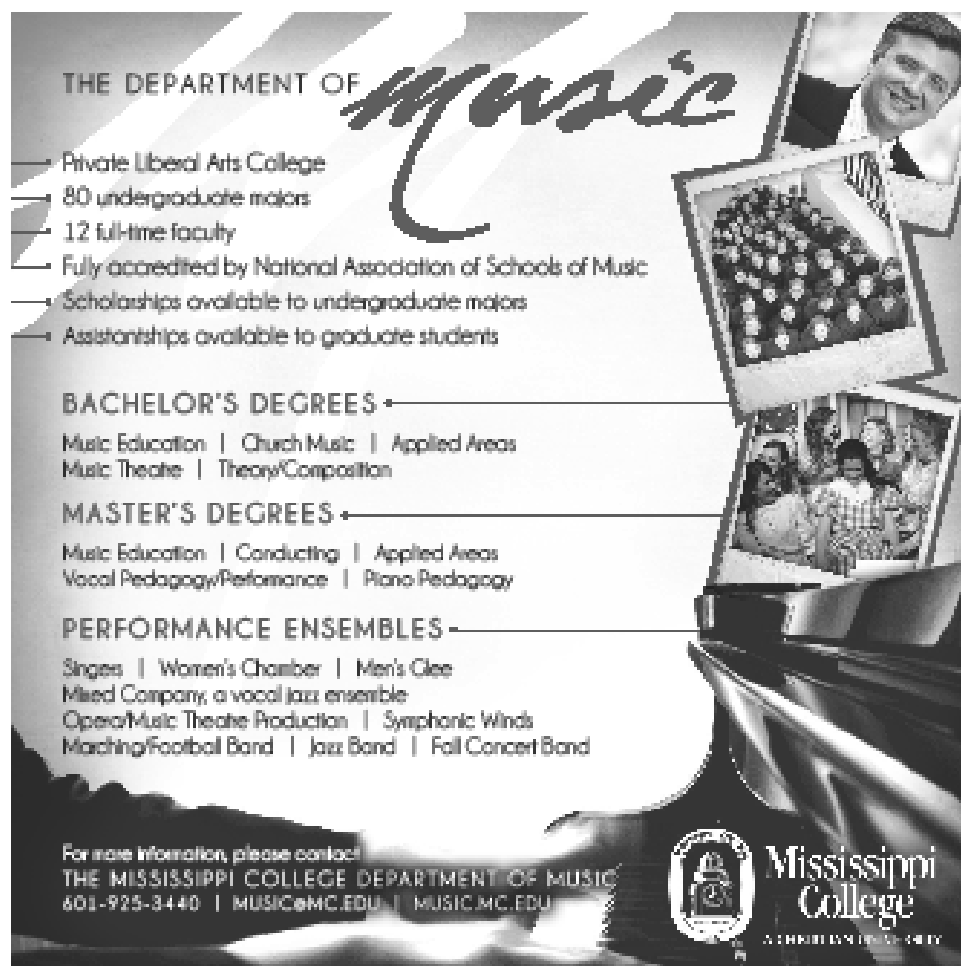
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**2010 MMTA Pre-College Performance Report by Ellen Price Elder**

On Saturday, May 1, 2010, the MMTA Pre-College Finals were held at William Carey University in Hattiesburg. There were 302 eligible student entrants, with 245 students participating on that day. The William Carey University Music Department very graciously provided a hospitality room throughout the day for teachers, students, and guests. William Carey University student workers were also there to monitor practice rooms, and to assist wherever needed.

Lunch was catered by McAllister's Deli and teachers paid \$6.50 for a sandwich bar. Twenty-three lunches were sold for a total of \$149.50.

There were eleven judges this year. The judges were cooperative and every recital produced winners and numerous ribbon recipients. Approximately thirty teachers assisted with the recitals and in the workroom. Drs. Rachel Heard and Ian Hominick ably represented our organization through the presentation of awards, and Dr. Darwin Brooks took pictures for the *MMT*, with Melinda Porter serving as assistant.

There were six Eight-Year Achievement Award Winners and 219 High Composite Score certificates. This was the second year that teachers and students were asked to pay three dollars for program booklets, in order to offset the cost of printing. We made \$552.00 profit on these booklets.

The event was successful. I am deeply grateful to the teachers who assisted on that day. The MMTA Pre-College Finals are scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2011, location TBA. District auditions will be scheduled during the Executive Board Meeting in May. This information will be available on the [msmusicteachers.org](http://msmusicteachers.org) website.



Ellen Price Elder  
Vice-President for Pre-College Performances

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Mississippi Music Teachers Association Balance Sheet

As of May 21, 2010

Michael Rushing, MMTA Treasurer

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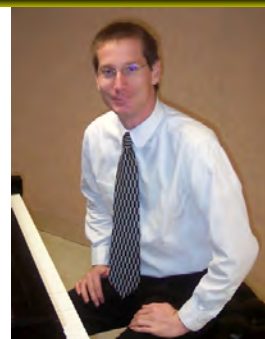
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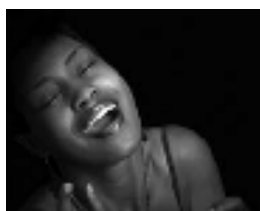
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# Collegiate Competitions Photos

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Woodwind Concerto Competition Awards: (from left to right) Honorable Mention: DeAundrae Clayton; 2nd Place: Austin White; First Place: Steven Hugley



Piano Competitions Freshman/Sophomore Solo: (left to right) Claire Welch (2nd), Vera Zholondz (Honorable Mention) and Gabrielle Richardson, (Gold Medal)



Freshman/Sophomore Solo Guitar: Dustin Cartee (2nd Place) on the left and John Oeth (Gold Medal) on the right in photograph



Guitar Concert: John Oeth,



Junior/Senior Guitar Solo Competition Awards: (on the left) Jay Gandy (2nd) and (on the right) Juan Zabrodiec (Gold Medal); not pictured is Jacob Gibson (Honorable Mention)



Woodwind Competitions Junior/Senior Solo: (from left to right) DeAundrae Clayton (Gold Medal); Jennifer Hatfield (2nd); and Charles Sanders (Honorable Mention)



Woodwind Solo Competition Freshman/Sophomore Awards: Christine Pulver (2nd) and Dustin Hazlett (Gold Medal); not pictured is Robyn Rouse (Honorable Mention)

Freshman/Sophomore Solo Voice: Gabrielle Richardson (on left) (2nd) and Jordan Hammons (Gold Medal)





Voice Performance, Junior/Senior Solo: (left to right) Steven Keen (Gold Medal), Ekaterina Kotcherguina (2nd place). On the far right is Rachel Alexander who was a participant.



Voice Competition, Aria Division (left to right): Ekaterina Kotcherguina (Gold Medal) and Rachel Alexander (2nd) in Voice Aria



Participant in the Piano Competitions Concerto Event was Matthew Pettigrew



Piano Competitions, Junior/Senior Solo Division: (left to right) Hannah Thomas (Honorable Mention); Kaaty Koehler



Chamber Music Competitions: Pictured is "T.H.E. Quartet" (USM First Place) but Casey Nation is not pictured. The



Chamber Music Junior/Senior Div. Second Place was the Delta State Flute Trio pictured here.



Vocal Participants with their adjudicator



Chamber Music Competitions, Junior/Senior Division First place winners were: Delta State Saxophone Quartet which is pictured above.



Woodwind participants with their adjudicator before Master Class.

We are unfortunately losing some of the fine leaders due to moves and changes of jobs. As new chairs are appointed by our State President, we will list them in the future issues of MMT. Should you not get a response from the listed officers, contact our State MMTA President to see if a new officer has been selected.

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# MMTA Performance Area Chairs



## VICE PRESIDENT FOR COLLEGIATE AND NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

May 22, 2010

The spring MMTA Collegiate Competitions took place at the University of Mississippi on March 6. Approximately 50 students participated in the competitions; a healthy turnout, though lower count than last spring's event. The brass and strings solo events were cancelled due to low participation. I'd like to thank Libby Vanatta for staffing the Registration Table and coordinating the day's events in my absence. You will see photographs of winners in this issue of the MMT.

The MTNA state-level competitions will take place on November 5 during the MMTA State Conference at Delta State University.

I have accepted a position in Texas starting in the fall and must resign this office. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve MMTA for the past four years. I wish the organization continued success.

Respectfully submitted by Daniel Kelly



Daniel Kelly  
Vice President for  
Collegiate and National  
Competitions



## FROM THE **MMT** EDITOR

It seems that the summer has come early this year with the higher than normal temperatures throughout our great State. Sit back, relax a little as you have time, and enjoy the change of pace that many of our members have.

You may not have the summer off, but the majority of our MMTA members do have a little more variety in their jobs during the summer, it would seem. This is a welcome change to most of us and it encourages us to be creative.

Thanks for the chance to bring you the news about our State organization. Please let me know how the MMT could be improved and I will pass that along to the next Editor. Hope to see you all at the State Conference in November.



*L. Darwin Brooks*  
MMT Editor

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