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### Certificate of Merit

Seven piano students from Heritage Oak successfully participated in the Certificate of Merit Exams conducted by the state of California this year. The tests were administered throughout various colleges and music schools.

Over 1800 students from all over Orange County were tested by qualified professional judges assigned by the Music Teachers' Association of California, of which Mrs. Rima Antonios, Heritage Oak piano teacher is an active member. Students were expected to have strong acquired knowledge of advanced concepts of music theory, rigorous technical abilities, sharp ear training for musical rhythm and notation, sight reading preparation and above all high piano performances.

The results came in overwhelmingly high. The students were commended for their 'delightful' performances and solid technical training, received 90% or higher on their theory exams, and positive encouragements for a successful future in piano performance.

Congratulations to the below Heritage Oak students who are listed by their Certificate of Merit Level:

Adam Kargenian – Level VII

Danielle Liu – Level II

Chandler Barger – Level II

Stephanie Weissig – Level I

Leena Carvalho – Level I

Aerin Shin – Preparatory Level

Alessandra Spadaro – Preparatory Level

Heritage Oak is a traditional school appealing to parents who are seeking a proven curriculum and a safe, nurturing environment. Community awareness, academic achievement, and family values are just part of a program that focuses on the development of the whole child.

The U.S. Department of Education bestowed its highest honor upon Heritage Oak when it awarded the school the 1998-1999 “Blue Ribbon” award. The “Blue Ribbon”, our Nations most prestigious education award, distinguishes Heritage Oak for its excellence in leadership, teaching, curriculum, student achievement, parent involvement, and community support.