

# BEREAN BAPTIST ACADEMY



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## BBA NATIONALS TEAM

Fine Arts competitions for BBA's Middle and High School students this year was a three-part process, with soloists competing in February, larger groups in March, and all categories competing one after another in April. Students had the wonderful opportunity of competing in more than one organization this year—both the NCCSA (North Carolina Christian School Association, part of the AACS) and the ACIS (Association of Christian Schools International). For this reason, several students earned multiple awards, and had the opportunity to receive constructive feedback from various trained adjudicators. High school students who placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the NCCSA competitions (February and March) had the unique opportunity to compete again early in April, this time on a national level. On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, BBA's Large Instrumental Ensemble (Madison Andrews, Cherry Chen, Natalie Curry, Steven Dzama, Yisak Kim, Chiara Messex, Andy Park, Sally Park, and Shinae Ra), soloists David Ahn (cello) and Cherry Chen (clarinet), and debate team members Craig Hamm and Miles Scarborough headed down to Bob Jones University in SC to meet with other AACS students who had placed 1<sup>st</sup> in other states. Mr. and Mrs. Ra served as the chaperones.

For the students, this was a great time to not only get away from the normal flow of school and acquire an appreciation for what other students around the nation are doing with their skills, but also to get a glimpse of college life, especially what it might be like to be a Fine Arts student on a campus such as BJU. This event for the students culminated in an exciting awards ceremony at the end of the week, and at this time, the hard work of Berean's Bulldogs paid off. Among numerous Christian schools throughout the nation, Cherry Chen placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the woodwind category, and the Large Instrumental Ensemble placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, no doubt contributing to the State of North Carolina earning recognition as worthy of the AACS "Cup of Excellence."

We are grateful to the Lord for all of His blessings, and each Berean is encouraged to take his or her talents and skills and find ways to hone them for Christ!

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