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GCPS students accepted in prestigious national music ensembles

Joelle Choi, an 11th grader at **Peachtree Ridge High School**, and **Emily Kim**, a 10th grader at the school, have been accepted into the **National Association for Music Education's National Honor Ensembles, (NAfME)**.



Emily Kim

Joelle Choi

Kim will perform with the National Honor Band, while Choi will perform with the National Honor Choir for the second consecutive year. The NAfME All-National Honor Ensembles represent the top performing high school musicians in the United States. Its mission is to advance music by encouraging the study and making of music by all.

David DuBose, Gwinnett County Public Schools' director of Fine Arts, says these students' latest honors are a product of their hard work and the commitment of a talented musical staff at Peachtree Ridge High. "We are thrilled over their accomplishments and are excited to have them represent Peachtree Ridge and Gwinnett County Public Schools on the National Stage," DuBose said.

Choi and Kim spent last school year working to make it into Georgia All-State Ensembles, which made them eligible to apply and audition for the National Honor Ensembles. The high schoolers will now travel to Orlando in November to study under the direction of nationally recognized conductors.

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