

Academy for Academic Excellence students win honor band audition

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Four students from the Academy for Academic Excellence along with students throughout the entire San Bernardino County, auditioned at Apple Valley High School for the San Bernardino County Honor Band on Jan. 13. All four students were thrilled to learn they had won a place in the honor band.

Ninth grader Armando Quintana, plays the tenor saxophone. In addition to being in the county honor band, Armando is an alternate for the national honor band. Armando loves music and hopes to earn a scholarship to play in a college band.

Johan Snider, an eighth grader, plays the snare drums. Seventh grader Joshua Marsden plays the mallets percussion instrument, consisting of the xylophone, bells and others. Brandon Sauer, grade 8, plays the alto saxophone. All four students competed against approximately 20 others in their sections.

Visual and Performing Arts Instructor, Kenneth Sockwell said, "It's an accomplishment for a school our size to have everyone who auditioned to make it into honor band." The AAE band consists of 27 students. The four students received a certificate and a notation on their school transcripts. The San Bernardino County honor band concert will be held at Barstow High School on Feb. 17.

For more information regarding the AAE school and the band, visit www.lewiscenter.org/aae/ or call 946-5414.



Pictured from left to right, Armando Quintana, ninth grade, Johan Snider, eighth grade, Brandon Sauer, eighth grade and Joshua Marsden, seventh grade.