

Malcolm Helm Scholarship Winner

Jessica Sipple



*TBA Director
Brian Merrill congratulates
Jessica Sipple
as the recipient of the
2008 Malcolm Helm Memorial
Endowed Scholarship.*

Jessica Sipple is a Music Education Major at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. She performs in the Meadows Symphony Orchestra under Dr. Paul Phillips, and the Meadows Wind Ensemble under Dr. Jack Delaney. She studies oboe and English horn with Erin Hannigan, Principal Oboist of the Dallas Symphony. Jessica teaches oboe lessons at Robinson Middle School in Plano. This year she will serve as President of the C-MENC chapter at Southern Methodist University. In addition to her studies she will work part-time as the Children's Music Coordinator at First United Methodist of Hurst where she will direct a children's choir.

Jessica attended Richland High School and performed in the band under the direction of Bill Watson. While in high school Jessica won the Texas All-State Band Award for three consecutive years. Jessica played oboe in the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra for two years. She traveled to Europe with the orchestra, playing in seven concerts in Germany, Poland, and the Czech Republic.

Jessica will graduate from SMU in December 2008. She plans to student teach in Duncanville Independent School District in the following spring.

The Malcolm Helm Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Instrumental music education, Texas bands, and the Texas Bandmasters Association suffered a great loss with the passing of Malcolm Helm in March 1993. To honor his memory, the Texas Bandmasters Association's Executive Board established the Malcolm Helm Memorial Endowed Scholarship to be supported by an endowment funded by donations from friends and colleagues. The recipients of this scholarship are outstanding

undergraduate wind or percussion players who are majoring in music education at a Texas public or private college or university. Tax-deductible donations of any amount to the Malcolm Helm Endowed Scholarship Fund are invited and welcomed. During a time of escalating costs in higher education, TBA has the opportunity as an association to assist talented, promising college students as they prepare for the teaching profession.

For those wishing to make a donation, simply send your check or money order to Texas Bandmasters Association, 14501 Blanco Rd., San Antonio, Texas 78216. There is an acknowledgement form available to honor someone with your donation on a birthday, anniversary, holiday, or just to say a special thank you.

For information on how to apply for the 2009 Malcolm Helm scholarship, visit the TBA web site www.texasbandmasters.org.