

# KHS America Announces 2018 TBA Melody Competition Winner



Congratulations to Jose Salinas, freshman at Glenda Dawson High School in Pearland, TX, for being selected as the winner of the 2018 TBA Student Melody Competition. Mr. Salinas began playing the tenor trombone in 6th grade band and plays the bass trombone in his high school wind ensemble. Jose also plays the piano and likes to compose music. He recently wrote a piece for his high school choir. In addition to playing in his school's ensembles, Jose is a member of the Houston Youth Symphony and studies Music Theory.

Jose's winning melody, titled "Inevitable," will be used as thematic material for a new wind ensemble piece composed by Grammy nominated composer Rick DeJonge. The resulting piece will be premiered by the United States Air Force Band of the West on Thursday, July 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lila Cockrell Theatre during the annual Texas Bandmasters Association Convention/Clinic. As the composer of the selected melody, Jose and his parents, along with his band director Ryan Agard, will travel to San Antonio and be given accommodations at the Marriott Riverwalk. They will attend this premiere performance, all courtesy of the KHS America Academic Alliance.

The 2018 Student Melody Competition received 76 entries submitted by 6th-12th grade students from across the state of Texas. A panel comprised of KHS America Academic Alliance musicians, educators, composers and industry professionals initially narrowed the

field to three finalists before selecting the winning melody. The 2nd and 3rd place melodies will be featured on the Jupiter website and Jupiter Facebook page, with one being posted each week starting on Monday, May 21 and continuing through Monday, May 28.

