

# 2018 TBA Student Melody Competition

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Congratulations to Jose Salinas, freshman at Glenda Dawson High School in Pearland, 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," was used as thematic material for a new wind ensemble piece composed by Grammy nominated composer Rick DeJonge. The resulting piece was premiered by the U.S. Air Force Band of the West at the TBA Convention/Clinic this summer. The 2018 TBA Student Melody Competition received 76 entries submitted by 6th-12th grade Texas students. 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. Jose and his parents, along with his band director Ryan Agard, were given accommodations at the Marriott Riverwalk to attend this premiere performance, all courtesy of the KHS America Academic Alliance.