After several years of waiting, planning, and preparing, it is with great pleasure to announce that the Trabuco Hills High School Chamber Choir and Auroras (Chamber Choir Women) returned back from the Hawaii State Heritage Festival in Oahu with a sweeping success. The students had a chance to share and experience choral music from all areas of the country, and competed against some of the most recognized high school choral ensembles from across the fifty states.

Four days of crazy choral shenanigans included a workshop with the choral director of Hawaii Pacific University, a visit with the Hawaiian Youth Opera Chorus, a hike up Diamond Head crater, a visit to the Dole Plantation and the north shore, amazing food, numerous beach visits, and a greater appreciation and respect towards Hawaiian culture.

After months of hard-work and countless lunch and after school rehearsals, THHS was awarded the following:

- Auroras earned 1st place gold in women's choral music.
- Chamber Choir earned 1st place gold in choral chamber music.
- Trabuco Hills High School earned the Sweepstakes Award by earning the highest averaged score amongst two ensembles.
- Both Chamber Choir and Auroras tied for the highest earned score amongst all festival categories, being co-named festival champions.
- Both Chamber Choir and Auroras ranked amongst the top ten percent in the country, and were invited to sing at Carnegie Hall in New York City (for the 4th time in 6 years).

This is a HUGE deal to win, and sweep, a state festival! Trabuco Hills High School represented our school, district, county, and state with honor, respect, and mustang pride. I am very proud of their hard work and dedication towards a higher level of learning in choral and music education. GO MUSTANGS!!!!

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