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**SUU Vocalists Win Awards**

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, UT) Student vocalists from the SUU Department of Music once again excel at the National Association of Teachers Singing (NATS) auditions. This year's auditions were held at the University of Nevada – Las Vegas, Saturday April 25, 2009. NATS is a non-profit organization dedicated to encouraging the highest standards of singing through excellence in teaching. This audition gave SUU students the opportunity to be judged by vocal teachers from across the country. SUU was represented in 10 of the 17 divisions and won over 40 percent of the cash prizes offered.

SUU's prized winners include: Laura Bailey, Christina Meikle, Greg Watts, Alex Byers, Katie Robinson, Elise Read, Sarah Maxwell, Matthew Clegg, Thad Jackson, Meredith Morse and Kiah Conrad.

SUU Honorable Mention participants included Theora Hanson and Bethany Brinton.

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**ABOUT THE COLLEGE**

The Southern Utah University College of Performing and Visual Arts is comprised of the departments of Art and Design, Music, Theatre Arts and Dance, and a graduate program in Arts Administration. The College's affiliate organizations include the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery, American Folk Ballet, Utah Shakespearean Festival, the performance group Acclamation, and the SUU Ballroom Dance Company. The College presents 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions each year. Over 550 students are majoring in 16 different degree areas in the arts. Both liberal arts B.A. and B.S. degrees are offered, as well four professional degrees: Bachelor of Music (B.M.); Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) in Studio Art, Graphic Design, and Arts Education; and the B.F.A. in Theatre. The College's Art and Design, Music, and Dance programs are nationally accredited. More than 60 full and part-time faculty and staff are engaged in teaching and mentoring students in their pursuit of a degree in the arts. The College regularly enrolls 1100 students each semester in over 195 classes on the SUU campus. For more information about the College of Performing and Visual Arts, contact the Office of the Dean 435-865-8561 or by e-mail at [cpvamktg@suu.edu](mailto:cpvamktg@suu.edu).

