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Campolindo Chamber Singers Shine in Atlanta

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Campolindo Chamber Singers show off their trophies
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Campolindo High School music teacher Mark Roberts does not lack ambition for his elite group of singers, called the Chamber Singers. The group is one of the nation's top musical talents and Roberts feels it is his duty to take them to compete with other top-rated groups in the country. "We went to the Atlanta Heritage Festival to compete with six other choirs, all part of the top 10 percent nationally," said Roberts. The result was outstanding: the Chamber Singers received a gold rating (the highest granted) and were honored as the top choir at the festival, receiving the Outstanding Choral Group Award. The Chamber Singers also received the Adjudicators Award, given to the highest-rated group of all participants in the festival including bands, orchestras, and choirs.

The Chamber sang, among other pieces, Haec Dies by William Byrd [1540 - 1623] and Frank Ticheli's There Will Be Rest. The other competing choirs came from Florida, North Carolina and Massachusetts. "The students had an all around musical experience, including a clinic with Eric Nelson, Director of Choral Studies at Emory University," said Roberts.

Roberts is also quick to point out that the students had the opportunity to explore the richness of Atlanta. "It was a multi-faceted experience," he said. "Musical, cultural and historical." They visited historical landmarks, sampled local food and got immersed in local music. According to Roberts, it was a great opportunity for students to explore and grow.

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