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Day of Instruction Ends with Concert for the Public

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.— Gardner-Webb University welcomed nearly 160 high school chorus students to campus Oct. 13 as the University’s music department sponsored the 39th GWU Choral Clinic and Concert. The day of instruction and rehearsal culminated in a public concert in Dover Theatre on the GWU Campus.

Students represented 18 schools from the surrounding region, including Ashe County High School, West Jefferson, N.C.; Burns High School, Lawndale, N.C.; Charles D. Owen High School, Black Mountain, N.C.; Shelby High School and Crest High School, Shelby, N.C.; Draughn High School, Valdese, N.C.; East Burke High School, Connelly Springs, N.C.; East Henderson High School, East Flat Rock, N.C.; Freedom High School and Patton High School, Morganton, N.C.; Gaston Christian High School and Piedmont Community Charter School in Gastonia, N.C.; Kings Mountain (N.C.) High School; Lake Norman High School, Mooresville, N.C.; Lincolnton High School and North Lincoln High School, Lincolnton, N.C.; Shannon Forest Christian School, Greenville, S.C.; and Tuscola High School, Waynesville, N.C.

Dr. Paul Etter, Chair of the GWU

Department of Music, led the clinic. In their free time, the students were invited to tour the campus. “This is an opportunity for us to let students know about Gardner-Webb, the music department and the University in general,” Etter shared. “It’s also an opportunity for them to sing in a choir that is much larger than their high school choir. They are singing next to people they don’t have a clue who they are.”

During rehearsals, Etter focused on perfecting the notes and rhythms for each piece. “It’s a different experience being on stage with nearly 160 people,” Etter explained. “This makes them better choral musicians, so when they go back to their schools they become choral leaders. Also, they get a new perspective and realize the clinician reinforces what their director has been saying.”

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University’s purpose is to advance the Kingdom of God through Christian higher education by preparing graduates for professional and personal success, instilling in them a deep commitment to service and

leadership, and equipping them for well-rounded lives of lasting impact, Pro Deo et Humanitate (For God and Humanity).