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## *Sessions Feature Guest Clinician, Dr. Kevin Fenton*

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – The Gardner-Webb University Music Program is hosting its 35th Annual Choral Clinic and Concert. This daylong event will feature nearly 200 high school students from over 20 schools. Sessions will conclude with a public concert featuring clinic participants, with special performances by the GWU choirs and the Brevard High School Concert Choir. The free concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 11 in Dover Theatre, located in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center.

This year's guest clinician is Dr. Kevin Fenton of Florida State University (FSU), located in Tallahassee, Fla. Fenton has served at FSU as professor of choral conducting and ensembles and the director of the choir since 2000. Fenton has also served as director of choral activities at James Madison University and Virginia Tech.

This year's clinic features participants from high schools in numerous North and South Carolina counties, including Cleveland, Rutherford, Lincolnton, Ashe and Mecklenburg. High schools were encouraged to select up to eight music students for the all day event.

“The students and their teachers enjoy valuable time working closely with our guest clinician, and get to perform alongside our choirs as well,” said Dr. Paul Etter, director of choral activities. “The clinic is also a great way for high school students to experience Gardner-Webb,” he continued.

The evening concert will begin with a performance by the GWU Concert Choir, followed by this year's featured high school choir from Brevard, N.C. Under the direction of Fenton, the evening will conclude with selections from the mass choir, featuring the participating schools and the combined GWU choirs.

More information about this event and the GWU Music Program is available at 704-406-4448.

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