High School Competition
2015 Contest Rules

Music
Piano Performance and Vocal Performance
Piano Competition begins at 9:10 a.m.
Vocal Competition begins immediately after the piano competition and ends at 11:40 a.m.

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Columbia State Community College will hold its annual High School Competition on Friday, March 6, 2015. The intention of these contests is to attract talented students to our campus. As part of these contests, the Music Department is sponsoring a vocal and piano contest for soloists only (no duets, trios, quartets, etc.) Each student will be judged on his/her overall interpretation. Registration from your school must be received by Friday, February 20, 2015. Pre-registration is required for both the Piano Competition and the Vocal Competition. No late registrations will be accepted.

Below lists special instructions specifically related to the Piano Competition as well as special instructions specifically related to the Vocal Competition. Please note: There are changes from the previous year’s competitions.

PIANO COMPETITION
1) Begins at 9:10 a.m. in the Cherry Theater Piano
2) Performances should last no more than five (5) minutes length.
3) A piano will be provided for the piano students to perform on stage.
4) Each piano student will be judged on the following criteria:
   technique, rhythmic precision and interpretation (according to the difficulty of the music) and stage presence.

VOCAL COMPETITION
1) Begins immediately after the piano competition. The last vocal student will be accepted at 11:35 a.m. The music competitions end at 11:40 a.m.
2) Performances should last no more than five (5) minutes length.
3) Due to the traditionally high volume of vocal entries, only pre-registered entries may perform for the competition.
4) **Important change:** This year’s competition will **ONLY** include art songs or Broadway songs.
5) A piano will be provided for vocal performances. **Vocal Students must provide their own accompanist.** Students may use pre-recorded music.

During the awards ceremony that afternoon, awards will be given to first, second and third place winners by decision of the judges.

We look forward to greeting you at this event.