



## Katie McGuire-Menges, Plew Elementary School, Receives Carnegie Hall Scholarship

Katie McGuire-Menges, Plew Elementary Music Teacher, was nominated by Lynne (Sawyer) Fehrenbach from the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra (NFSO) for the chance to win one of five Carnegie Hall Scholarships.

The Carnegie Hall scholarship includes an all-expense paid weekend to New York City and Carnegie Hall. "The scholarships are given to very deserving music teachers from all around the country to come up and get intensive training so they may act as an Education Team Leader in conjunction with the orchestra with which that teacher is associated," said Fehrenbach. "The teacher participants work with specialized educators in order to take the participants' knowledge back to their peers at home and help train their peers with teaching aspects of the Link Up curricula. They will also be attending a Link Up performance (*The Orchestra Sings*) at Carnegie Hall. This educator will be fully trained in the many education facets of Link Up and will also be able to act as a true teaching helper and point person to their peers and orchestral administration."

Fehrenbach sent in a thoughtful nomination application in for McGuire-Menges. "She has been a huge supporter of our Link Up presentations (song leader on stage) and also a huge supporter of NFSO and our education mission," said Fehrenbach. "The great news is she was chosen as 1 of 5 winners of the scholarship from applications all over the country, so she will be representing us and Okaloosa county School System in New York City in May!"

Pictured above (left to right) at the 2018 Link Up performance: Suzanne Hartzog, Lewis School; Katie McGuire-Menges, Plew Elementary School; and Barry Blackburn, Bluewater Elementary School.

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