



Max Noah Singers Director Dr. Jennifer Flory and Choir Director for Snellville Middle School, Travis Smith, '09.



Max Noah Singers and Jefferson Middle School students.

2014 Tour Connects Max Noah Singers with Family and Alumni

Georgia College's Max Noah Singers (MNS) went on their ninth annual tour, under the direction of Dr. Jennifer Flory, Dec. 14-17, 2014. Many stops on the trip highlighted some connection with current singers and alumni in Georgia. The group began its journey in Dublin at Pine Forest UMC, the home church of current singer and senior psychology major, Ginny Crowson. The next performance took place in Madison at New Hope Baptist Church, pastored by Michael Pritchett, uncle of current singer and senior choral music education major, Greta Pritchett. Alumni Mary-Katherine (Schaap) (BME '10) and Jeremy Skidmore (BA '08) attended that evening with their new baby, Jacob.

Dec. 15 was the busiest with three high school visits across I-20 and an evening concert in McDonough. The group started the day at Morgan County HS, Greta's alma mater, and then moved on to Eastside HS in Covington, where Joel Singleton (BME '00) is the choir director. The last visit of the day was Salem HS in Conyers, alma mater of Meagan Johnson, current singer and senior choral

music education major. The concert that evening was at Cornerstone Bible Church. Mathis Wilkens (BA '09 & MPA '12), MNS alum attended the concert and had this to say, "It was a joy to get to hear the group on tour. I loved that so many of the members conducted pieces. I love getting to hear new generations of MNS. It is always a treat when Dr. Flory is at the helm." The pastor of CBC is David Riley, father of current singer and senior choral music education major, Brianna Riley.

The next day we visited Brianna's alma mater, Luella High School. After which the group sang at Snellville Middle School for an assembly of students and choir director Travis Smith (BME '09). Smith commented, "The group has flourished under Dr. Flory's leadership in the years since I was a member. The performance delighted my students, many of whom had never experienced a live a cappella concert before." The last day of tour took the Max Noah Singers to Jefferson Middle School where Hillary (Hensley) Wood (BME '09) is choir director and was host for student teacher Devon Kitchens (BME '14). ■

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