

SSHS *Abbe Road* Crowned Second at A Cappella Competition

On Saturday, February 2nd, SSHS' *Abbe Road* A Cappella participated in their first International Championship of High School A Cappella (ICHSA) competition, taking home the second place award at quarterfinals, as well as special recognition for outstanding soloist Lyda Jade Harlan, and outstanding choreography by Nicole Corvi and Natalia Enriquez. The fifteen-singer ensemble, lead by music director at Santa Susana, Bevin Abbe, will be proceeding to the semifinal-competition this March, hosted in Salem, Oregon. Should they place first, the group will proceed to the ICHSA Finals, hosted in New York City.



"I could hardly process any of it," says student Jasmin Ornelas, reflecting on the announcement of the group's placement; "it just didn't seem real." Since the announcement of their participation in November, *Abbe Road* has been working day after day on the components of the ICHSA performance, from learning intricate arrangements and choreography, to raising the funds needed for the trip to Napa, California, where the Quarter Final competition was hosted. "It's been such a wild journey already," reflects student-coordinator Nic Sylvester, "but we're just anxious to get going again."



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The students, who raised money for the quarterfinal competition via their [gofundme page](#), plan on raising \$18,000 to further their a cappella journey to Salem. "It'll take a lot of work," adds student Dean Woods, "but if everyone is committed, we'll get it done in no time." The group has now extended their campaign, and plans on hosting fundraising events such as a garage sale, singing grams for Valentine's Day, as well as an a cappella showcase to both practice their set for a live audience and raise funds by selling tickets. "We're in it to win it," declares Sylvester, "we just need



Abbe Road A Cappella is the most advanced vocal ensemble at Santa Susana High School. Comprised of sixteen vocalists, Abbe Road focuses on modern a cappella, using their voices exclusively to develop incredible arrangements of the music audiences know and love. The group has had the opportunity to perform at and compete in fantastic musical events, such as the Los Angeles A Cappella Festival, Disneyland Candlelight Processional in Anaheim, Nancy Reagan's Memorial Service, as well as countless festivals across Southern California. Through performing, they hope to further their knowledge and passion for music, and spread the power it contains to their school, community, and the world around them.