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PAAAS Students to Perform at New Jersey Boards Convention in Atlantic City

Alliss Alas, Etbaal Hernandez and Brian Bejarano will perform in the Atrium at 10:30 a.m.

Plainfield, NJ – October 8, 2018 – Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies (PAAAS) Advanced Piano Studio students will perform at the New Jersey School Boards Association workshop at the Atlantic City Convention Center, in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. The students will perform in the Atrium, a large visitor area.

The students Alliss Alas, 15, Etbaal Hernandez, 15, 10th graders, and Brian Bejarano, 17, a senior, will play four hands and a solo. Ms. Alas and Mr. Hernandez will play the Wiener Marche (Vienna March) composed by Karl Czerny with four hands, a type of duet where both students will share the same piano and play simultaneously. Brian Bejarano, will do a solo of "I Miss You" from Goblin OST, composed by Roco berry for a drama series.

Their piano teacher Ms. Sang Lee, Director of the Piano Studio at PAAAS, nominated the students for this opportunity. She teaches over 40 students, to play, explore and create music.

"It's very exciting, I am very proud of them. They have practiced in class and on their own time during lunch."

She knows they will do well.

"To play at the convention, is a great opportunity because it gives me a chance to prove to others what my talent is and it shows me that I can do more than I think I can do," said Alas. Alas, whose family comes from El Salvador, lives in Plainfield with her parents and younger sister. She said she began to study piano at the age of five. She is also proud to represent her classmates because she said, other students will be able to see the advantages of enrolling in Piano Studio and the things they can do.

Etbaal Hernandez and Brian Bejarano said this is a proud moment for them and to be able to represent their school. Etbaal hopes to continue music as a second career; his first

choice is to become a heart surgeon. For his part, Brian hopes to continue his music career and go to college to study music.

Dr. Angela Bento, Principal at PAAAS said, "The students are constantly excelling and elevating themselves to a higher level. Being asked to perform at a convention of the Board Members of the State, in the lobby, where they will get so much exposure, is great for them, for the school and for the district.

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