Dear Choral/Music Director,

We are pleased to announce the 9th Annual Southeastern United States Honor Choir (SEUS). This two-day event will take place over January 15th-16th, 2016. SEUS is open to high school singers, grades 9-12. Over the course of this two-day event, students will take part in intensive rehearsals in preparation for the concert on Saturday, January 16th, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. in Claudia Crosby Theatre at Troy University. This ensemble provides a tremendous education experience and creative outlet for talented high school singers from across Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. In addition, Troy University will provide workshops for the high school directors in attendance. Previous workshops have included topics such as: Breathing for Singing, Classroom Management, Vocal Registers, and Diction for Singers. Our clinician for the 9th Annual SEUS Honor Choir is Dr. Michael Hanawalt, Director of Choral Activities at Wichita State University, located in Wichita, Kansas.

This year, we will be providing the Friday evening dinner. This will be a time for the high school students to mingle with each other and members of Troy’s Concert Chorale and Collegiate Singers. Additionally, Concert Chorale and Collegiate Singers will be joining the SEUS Honor Choir as part of the showcase concert.

Music will be sent directly to your school for each student, along with a complementary director’s copy. We ask that all of your students come with a pencil, and their music hole-punched and in a 3-ring black binder. For the Saturday afternoon concert, students should be dressed in all black (girls skirts/dresses should be knee length) with a pop of solid color. Girls may wear necklaces or scarves and boys should wear a tie.

The registration deadline is November 1, 2015. We need to have both your registration form and money by this date. If turned in after the November 1st deadline, we cannot guarantee that music will arrive in a timely manner. Once your money is turned in, you will receive an invoice by email for documentation. T-shirts have also been added into the cost of registration this year, and will be distributed during check-in on Friday morning. We ask that students wear them for the Friday and Saturday rehearsal.

For interested seniors, we will be holding scholarship auditions over the course of the weekend. There is a space on the registration form to indicate if a student wishes to have an audition. On the School of Music website (music.troy.edu), there is a scholarship PDF form that should be turned in prior to the event. An audition schedule will be sent out to each director with students auditioning within one week prior to SEUS.

We are looking forward to having you and your students at this event. For more information, check the John M. Long School of Music website, or find us on social media (@troychoral #SEUSCHonorChoir2016, or
www.facebook.com/SEUSHONORCHOIR2016) for the latest updates and reminders. If you have any questions, please direct them to troychoral@troy.edu. Once again, we hope you will take advantage of this learning opportunity for your students.

Thank you,

SEUS Planning Committee