



## National Association of Teachers of Singing -- West Central Region

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## Upcoming West Central Regional Conference and Student Auditions

Metropolitan State University, Denver CO. October 23-25, 2014

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- **Catherine Kasch, University of Denver – Music Theatre Master Class**  
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- **Matthew Schloneger, Hesston College -- High School Master Class**  
Website: <http://www.hesston.edu/academics/faculty/profile/matthew-schloneger/>
- **Poster Paper Presentation: Matthew Schloneger, Hesston College**

## Other News

- Visit our website at <http://www.wcnats.org/> for more detailed information about the conference. You can download the 2014 Auditions Handbook under **Programs and Events/Conference 2014**. Master class nomination forms are also currently available. The letter from our Auditions Chair **Ivalah Allen**, and information about lodging and important dates for scheduling student auditions (<http://www.natsadjudications.com>) are coming soon. The Auditions Handbook includes information regarding the new high school music theatre classes (1MT and 2MT). Thanks to the Executive Board for implementing revisions should our student's advance to the national semi-finals, and **Alisa Belflower** for updating the Auditions Handbook. More documents will be posted as they become available so keep logging on to the auditions website and checking the regional website.
- During the NATS National Convention in Boston, our Region was well represented! Many west central regional members attended as well as students competing in the national auditions. Congratulations to **Kayla Wilkins** (WCNATSAA Winner) who received the Dorothy Kirsten-James Browning Award for the most promising singer and awarded second place in the NATS Artist Awards Competition. Kayla is a student of **Jamie Riemer** from The University of Nebraska-Lincoln. In addition, **Nathaniel Sullivan** was awarded first place and Jeremy Brown second place in the College/Private Music Theatre Men Class, and **Angela Gilbert** was first place in College/Private Music Theatre Women Class. Sullivan, Brown and Gilbert are students of **Alisa Belflower**, also from UNL.
- Congratulations to **Matthew Schloneger** for being awarded the Best Poster Paper Presentation (co-authored with Dr. Eric Hunter and the National Center for Voice and Speech) at the NATS National Convention. Also, NATS chose **Melissa Williams** for an Independent Teaching Fellowship. Melissa will be a presenter in a future WCNATS conference. <http://southbouldervocalstudio.vpweb.com>

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Governor of the NATS West Central Region. I look forward to seeing you and hearing your students sing in Denver.

Sincerely,

Reginald Pittman  
Governor, West Central NATS Region