

# Clintonian, DMI All Stars take on Los Angeles

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For the fifth consecutive year, the DMI All Stars, a select band of musicians from the Delta Music Institute (DMI) program at Delta State University, performed a collection of Mississippi centric covers on Mississippi Night during GRAMMY Week® in Los Angeles. Clinton resident Lindsey Anna Pardue was among them.

The group consisted of twelve students, eight of whom acted as performing band members, with the other four assuming management positions. The DMI All Stars provided their performance atop the Target Terrace on the fifth floor of the GRAMMY Museum® at L.A. Live.

With many notable musicians, GRAMMY representatives and other entertainment industry professionals in attendance, the DMI All Stars said they were able to showcase their musical abilities to a group of dignified and respected individuals.

"My experience in Los Angeles felt like a dream come true. Words can't explain how grateful I am for the opportunities I've had," said DMI vocalist Audrianna Johnson.

In addition to performing, the group of students were also able to get a taste



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Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Kacee Russell of Jackson, Tennessee, Carrie Lynn Stanford of Gautier and Schaefer Llana of Batesville; middle row: Tyan Nash of Cleveland, Lindsey Anna Pardue of Clinton, Audrianna Johnson of Grenada and Kelsey Collins of Caledonia; and back row: Kailey Mathis of Madison, Ryan Bridges of Batesville, Clay Brown of Jackson, Dalton Shipley of Batesville and Cody Upchurch of Grenada.

of the city life, exploring locales such as downtown Hollywood, Malibu and Venice Beach.

"Going to L.A. with the All Stars gave me an opportunity to make new friendships and share great memories with them," said Carrie Lynn Stanford, another vocalist for the All Stars.

This year, DMI student and Clintonian LindseyAnna Pardue used the trip as her senior project by acting as directing manager and overseeing the

whole trip, as well as scheduling practices for the band.

"Going to Los Angeles with the DMI All Stars is always amazing, but it was especially interesting this year, because I had the opportunity to direct the group as my senior project," said Pardue. "I had so much fun working with the All Stars and had a great time getting to know all of them. I am honored to have been able to spend my time with such a kind, talented and

fun group of students!"

Since the All-Stars' trip to Los Angeles this past February, the group has been hard at work recording some of the songs they performed atop the GRAMMY Museum® at L.A. Live. Taking advantage of the state-of-the-art studio facilities at the Delta Music Institute, the All-Stars are adding to their unique experience in Los Angeles by expanding their knowledge of the entertainment industry and the recording process.



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