## Canyon High School

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## **The Highest Compliment**

Mrs. Aerial May and our Canyon High School Choir were treated to a special guest appearance by renowned composer and conductor Jeffery Bernstein. Mr. Bernstein earned his degree in music from Harvard, and his Master of Music and Ph.D. from Yale and UCLA respectively.

During his visit, Mr. Bernstein worked with our CHS Chamber Singers on one of his most recent compositions, which was performed at the Spring Concert in March. The students shared how surreal it felt to be in the presence of the composer whose music they were singing.

Mr. Bernstein worked in detail with the Choir, and shared that he was impressed at the level of musicianship and focus of our students. One student reflected that, "At one point in the workshop, Mr. Bernstein said, "This is the choir that I had in my head when I wrote this piece." This was the highest compliment, and a moment that I will never forget."

