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The Silverton High School Choir performs in the OSAA 5A State Choir Championships at George Fox University on Friday May 6.

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High school choir improves, takes 5th place in state meet

Three years ago, Silverton placed 11th. Last year, it took 8th. This year it moved into the top five and left with a trophy.

"I am so proud of these kids," Jennifer Kercher, Silverton's director, said. "I owe it all to them. They have worked so incredibly hard this year ... I'm excited to see what their future holds."

Kercher is leaving Silverton High after the school year. Sophomore Kaylee Smith said Kercher will be missed.

"This is a really good goodbye. It's been such an emotional bittersweet feeling," Smith said.

Brigitta Seifer said it was the first time Silverton won a trophy in the state championships during Kercher's tenure.

"We have nowhere to go but up, because we're just sophomores. We're going to have to help out next year with the new director," Seifer said.



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The sophomore-heavy Silverton High School Choir will look for even bigger things as members mature and a new director comes in. Jennifer Kercher, Silverton's director, is leaving after putting the program on the state map.