



Janai Elysia Brugger Hinsdale South High School Class of 2005

American soprano, Janai Brugger, a 2012 winner of Operalia and of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, appears this season in several streamed recitals, including those for New York Festival of Song, Collaborative Arts Institute of Chicago and for Los Angeles Opera's 'At Home With' series. She makes her television debut on October 11, when she sings a specially-written requiem composed by Laura Karpman for an episode of HBO's renowned 'Lovecraft Country.' Miss Brugger returns to Mahler's Fourth Symphony, this time with The Philadelphia Orchestra and Yannick Nézet-Séguin, and prepares to sing two new roles: Zerlina Don Giovanni at Los Angeles Opera and Ann Trulove The Rake's Progress in her return to Lyric Opera of Chicago.

The accomplishment she is most proud of is being a mother.

Janai's influence of her high school experience to attain excellence was while at Hinsdale South, she was lucky to be involved in choir, madrigals, drama club and dance line. Each of those extracurricular activities taught me so much about discipline, working hard, being a great colleague and being creative.

Her advice to students today is to enjoy your unique and individual journey. Your path is your own. Anything is possible and is within your reach as long as you work hard and stay focused.