Watauga County native Camille Bergin, 15, a high school sophomore studying trumpet performance at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, has been selected as one of 33 trumpet students from around the United States in grades 10-12 to compete in the High School Solo Division of the National Trumpet Competition. She entered the competition performing French composer Guillaume Balay's Prélude et Ballade (c. 1910). This is Camille's first year at UNCSA as well as her first year entering the National Trumpet Competition. Before being accepted to UNCSA, Camille attended Parkway School and Watauga High School where she was in each school's band program, played in the Watauga Community Band, clogged with the High Country Dance Studio, and skied on Appalachian Ski Mtn's race team.

When asked how she felt to be a National Trumpet Competition semi-finalist Camille replied, "It's an honor and privilege to represent UNCSA and my home town at the National Trumpet Competition. While I look forward to the competition, I also look forward to experience and meeting the other semi-finalists as well as learning as much as I can in the master classes led by some of the world's finest trumpet players."

Camille is a student of Ms. Judith Saxton at UNCSA and also studied for two years with Dr. James Stokes at Appalachian State University. Three other UNCSA trumpet students were also selected to compete in the semi-finals. The National Trumpet Competition is held annually at George Mason University near Washington, DC. This year's competition takes place March 14th-17th. More information about the National Trumpet Competition can be found at www.nationaltrumpetcomp.org. Camille's audition video can be seen at http://youtu.be/lufZULp1zW4.