

# MUSIC NOTES

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## Yorkville High School Wind Ensemble Illinois Music Educators State Music Conference

Congratulations to the Yorkville High School Wind Ensemble for representing Y115 in musical performance at the 2017 Illinois Music Educators Conference in Peoria, IL. The YHS Wind Ensemble was one of three high school concert bands in the State selected through audition and application to perform at this years conference. The performance took place on Friday, January 27th, 2017 in the Peoria Civic Center Theatre. Although the performance was at 8:15 AM, there was a large and gracious audience consisting of Illinois Music Educators, family and friends, and Y115 Teachers and Administration. The concert was shared with the Traughber 8th Grade Band from Oswego, IL who also had many of supporters in the audience. Educators throughout the State now know what we in Yorkville already know..... That Yorkville has a strong music education program and that we have hard-working, talented, and mature students who enjoy performing and representing their school and community in a positive way. Congratulations to the 2016-2017 YHS Wind Ensemble on a stellar performance at IMEC 2017!

In addition to the YHS Wind Ensemble performance at ILMEA State, Yorkville High School also had six students named All-State Musicians. Their journey to state begin with auditions in October at Addison Trail High School, then District Festival in November at Lake Park High School, and finally another audition in Peoria in January. Congratulations to Madi Childs (clarinet), Hunter Negrón (bass trombone), Reanna Panlilio (clarinet), Alicia Rosier (soprano), Spencer Snider (trumpet), and Jason Wilcox (clarinet). This is the most state-qualifying musicians Yorkville High School has had in over 20 years.



2017 YHS ILMEA All-State Musicians  
top: Jason Wilcox, Madi Childs, Hunter Negrón  
bottom: Spencer Snider, Alicia Rosier, Reanna Panlilio

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# YHS JAZZ SHOWCASE

Yorkville High School welcomed trumpeter, **Christopher Davis**, as the guest artist for the 14th annual Jazz Showcase on Friday, March 10, 2017.

All of the jazz bands at Yorkville High School had a clinic and performance with Mr. Davis as guest soloist during the evening concert. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the Yorkville Music Boosters, everyone who provided desserts, and all those involved in some way who helped make this year's event so incredible!



**C**hristopher Davis attended Northern Illinois University, where he immediately joined the Jazz Ensemble and Wind Ensemble and later became part of the Philharmonic Orchestra, the youngest amongst his peers and successful nonetheless. Davis was the only trumpeter at the time to be in all of the university's premier ensembles simultaneously. He eventually received his bachelor's degree in Jazz Studies, in 2005.

Davis has worked with world music ensembles: Funkadesi and Picante and remains with Picante currently. He has also played with Orbert Davis' Chicago Jazz Philharmonic, Dennis Edwards' The Temptations Review, Phil Tarver, Ron Kenoly, the Clarke Sisters, Mary Wilson of the Supremes, and Motown group The Four Tops.

When Davis isn't working with well known musicians, or his students at school, or directing the music department at church, he enjoys spending his time cultivating a band of his own called The Chris Davis Jazztet.

## Dr. Sergey Bogza of Millikin-Decatur Symphony Orchestra

March 9 was an educationally rewarding day for Yorkville High School Orchestra students thanks to a visit from the new conductor of the Millikin-Decatur University Orchestra. **Dr. Sergey Bogza**, who shared his knowledge and passion for music with our students by leading energetic and engaging rehearsals with all three high school orchestras. Students performing Ravel's Pavane as full orchestra for the Fine Arts Festival also got a chance to learn from this up-and-coming conductor.



# 6TH GRADE SOLO NIGHT

On Thursday, **February 9th, 2017** the Music Department hosted our annual 6th Grade Solo Night at Yorkville Middle School. Each year, all 6th grade band and orchestra students perform a scale and solo for a judge. Then, students received written and verbal feedback from the judges that highlight performance aspects they are doing well and techniques that could be improved. This event is special to the 6th grade music program because it is the first time students publicly demonstrate their musicianship individually and have a chance to develop strong independent playing skills. All students received a certificate of accomplishment from the judge in recognition of their dedication and hard work. Congratulations to all students on a fabulous performance! Your band and orchestra teachers are so proud!



*BBES Best of the Day  
Allyson A, Maddie D, Pooja P, Jovaughn B, Jacob A,  
Ryan K, Emma Z, Katlyn S, Al L, Niccolo P*



*YIS "A" Band Best of the Day  
Ryan Egert, Aaron Wynn, Maddie Moris,  
Sarah Wulff, Joey Kummer*



*YIS "B" Band Best of the Day  
Lexi Leider, Nick Peskey,  
Jake Davies, Nicholas Berkey*



*GRES Best of the Day  
Liam M, Ashlyn W, Matt G, Jacob A,  
Matt W, Jake K, George P*



*ACES Best of the Day  
Sam Tholen, Matthew Warren, Brady Carrington*

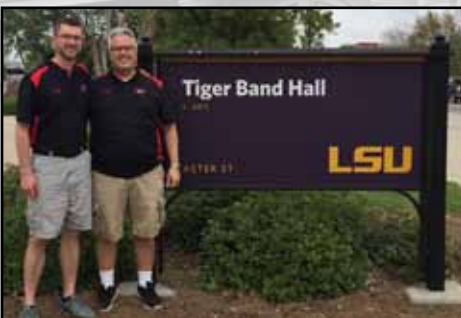
# Viols in Our Schools

On Monday, March 20th the Yorkville Middle and High School orchestra students had the pleasure of working with **Dr. Phillip W. Serna** in association with the organization "Viols in Our Schools." Based in the Chicago area, Dr. Serna works to bring the early western string instrument family known as the viola da gamba into many area schools by demonstrating solo literature from the Renaissance, Baroque and early Classical periods for treble viol, tenor viol, bass viol and violone. His presentation to the students was filled with historic facts about these unique instruments as well as performance demonstrations. Students also had the opportunity to ask questions about the viols and music of that time period and try out the instruments.



**YHS Music Trip 2017  
New Orleans, Louisiana**

# New Orleans 2017 YHS Music Trip



# Jazz Band - Alternative Strings

## Perform at Chicago Wolves Game

On March 15th, Yorkville Middle School's extra-curricular ensembles traveled to Rosemont, Illinois to perform at Allstate Arena, home of the Chicago Wolves hockey team. The YMS Jazz Band and Alternative Strings set up in the concourse on opposite sides of the arena near main entrances to play music for hockey fans entering the stadium. Each group performed approximately 35 minutes of music. After the performance students got to watch a thrilling, though rare, 0-0 hockey game which the Wolves eventually won 1-0 in a shootout!



*Culver's*  
*Cares*

Last February, the Music Boosters hosted a Culver's Night fundraiser that was very successful! Band and orchestra students from Autumn Creek, Bristol Bay, Grande Reserve, Yorkville Intermediate and the Yorkville Middle School

came out to perform their solo and small ensemble literature! The performances were fantastic and provided another opportunity for our Yorkville music students to showcase their talent! Thanks to all who came out that night!

# Express Yourself: Literature & Music



Last year, Bristol Grade School & Yorkville Grade School's Mrs. Morton (music teacher) and Mrs. McHugh (library media specialist), created an original musical based on author Brad Meltzer's Ordinary People Change the World Series. This children's book series celebrates the heroic qualities of historical figures including Albert Einstein, Lucille Ball, Jim Henson and Rosa Parks. It was a roaring success!

After the creation of such a successful connection between music, books and art, Mrs. Morton and Mrs. McHugh contacted author/illustrator Peter Reynolds and asked for permission to use his stories and artwork to create this year's musical. They have always loved how his books promote creativity, individuality, and COLOR. He was thrilled with the idea and granted permission.



What developed from there was much more than the amazing concert the students performed in April. The students read several of Peter Reynolds' books in music, ILT, art, library,

and PE and also did several activities in each special to connect with each other, learn how to make their mark on the world, and be the happiest dreamers they can be.



All students at both BGS and YGS were involved when they read Peter Reynolds' "The Dot" and then did 'dot related' activities in each specials class. They "traveled the world" for a week, taking their paper passports with them to art, music, library, ILT, and PE after all students read "Going Places." In all special areas, teachers continued to collaborate and incorporate ideas from Reynolds' stories & illustrations to provide lessons for the students and help them design the decor for their concerts.

In music, students read "Happy Dreamer," which is the story the students shared at their concert along with several songs including, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," "A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes," and "The Dot Song." The K/1 students really 'made their mark' with this original concert!

## *Orchestra Spring Showcase*

On Friday, April 28 the Yorkville Music Department hosted the second annual Orchestra Spring Showcase at Yorkville Middle School. This concert featured the talents of the 6th Grade Alternative Strings, YMS Alternative Strings, and YHS Chamber Strings along with guest artist Ashley Lewis. As guest artist, Miss Lewis shared her talents on fiddle and mandolin and had a Q&A session with students about bluegrass style, her band Legacy, and what it takes to be a recording artist. The evening concluded with all student performers and Miss Lewis taking the stage together for a performance of Brian Balmages' Celtica with Miss Lewis performing on solo fiddle.



## PLAY YOUR INSTRUMENT THIS SUMMER WITH THE YORKVILLE COMMUNITY BAND



The Yorkville Community Band will be continuing their tradition of celebrating Independence Day with the City of Yorkville. The band participates in the morning parade and a concert in Towne Square immediately following the parade. This talented group of local musicians is excited to extend an invitation to anyone and everyone who would like to join in on the 4th of July festivities.

For 25 years, persons of various ages have come together to provide the community with patriotic music to enhance the 4th of July celebration and community spirit. Stu-

dents, ranging from middle school to college, are able to participate alongside community members, parents, teachers, and alumni in a performance venue like no other! Not only musicians, but color guard personnel are also invited to participate.

Anyone interested in joining the Yorkville Community Band for this year's 4th of July performance can contact Linda Duy or Susan Munson by email at [ycbjuly4th@gmail.com](mailto:ycbjuly4th@gmail.com) or on Facebook. Donations are being accepted at [gofundme.com/uejhd4c](http://gofundme.com/uejhd4c).



## YHS Alumni Pep Band

On Saturday January 7th, 2017, Ten Alumni came to play their instruments in the first Alumni Pep Band. This Alumni/Volunteer Pep Band played for a Girls Basketball game versus Rochelle that occurred during Winter Break. It was great to have alumni back playing music! Alumni included: Ryan Cyr, Daniella Tamayo, Melissa & Wendy Myers, Chris Miller, Robin Campos, Natalie Hamp, Adam Dwyer, Josh Harrison, and Rachel Plasch.

## PRIVATE LESSONS ARE FOR EVERYONE!

Yorkville music students have the opportunity to receive individualized instruction with a professional musician on their specific instrument or voice through private lessons. Many private instructors live in the area and arrangements have been made to make private lessons accessible for Yorkville students. Private lessons are the

quickest and best way to improve. The most successful musicians in Yorkville are enrolled in private lessons. If your student is not currently enrolled in private lessons, now is the time to start! To find a private instructor for your student, refer to the private instructor lists on our music websites.

# FAMILY DAY FOR BBES/GRES BANDS



On Thursday, March 23rd and Friday, March 24th, the BBES and GRES Bands opened their doors to the first ever Family Day! This was a day for all family members and teachers who have ever played an instrument to come and sit in with the band. The purpose of this event was to show students that music is a lifelong endeavor and that they are surrounded by all kinds of adult musicians who live in their community. The combined bands played fun rock songs such as We Will Rock You, The Hey Song, and Another One Bites the Dust and even had a chance to interview the adult musicians to find out more about their experience in band. The BBES and GRES look forward to holding another Family Day next year. We hope to see you there!



## Fox Valley Music Festival

On Sunday and Monday April 23-24th, band, choir, and orchestra students from Yorkville High School joined a cast of nearly 500 students from 13 area high schools for the 88th annual Fox Valley Music Festival. Guest conductors for the day were Dr. Alicia Neal (Band), Director of Band at Eastern Illinois University; Dr. Randi Von Ellefson (Choir), Professor of Music and Director of Choral activities at Oklahoma City University; and Susan Blaese (Orchestra), Orchestra Director at Elmhurst.

The event was held at South Elgin High School. The two-day event culminated in a concert with a finale performance of Battle Hymn of the Republic with the combined band, choir, and orchestra.

The Fox Valley Music Festival has a long tradition of excellence. Established in 1928, it is the oldest music festival in the country. This event gives students the opportunity to collaborate with other students from across the Fox Valley area, work with excellent conductors/teachers, and perform in an ensemble of very high quality.

*2017 Fox Valley Music Festival Participants: Brian Sandor, Reanna Panlilio, Caitlin Annunzio, Tony Fletcher, Tess Fogelberg, Karson Manukas, Luke Mance, Tori Cavey, Brogan Clements, Ethan Gump, Catie O'Connor, David Caballero, Spencer Snider, Ben Schweikert, Hunter Negron, Michelle Mattson, Julia Babel, Caitlyn Roe, Lilani Fish, Dakota Jones, Jacob Rawle, Carter Shimp, Ben Smith, Jake Green, Sebastian Munoz, Logan Sheridan, Angie Colon, Haley Lansdown, Maggie Romano, Hunter Jones, Jocelyn Ruiz, Madeleine Hughes, Lily Emma Aktabowski, Jake DeVol, Ryan Weir, Emma Lacey, Justin Wolownik, Jia Kee, Nicholas Gerakaris, Ashleigh Meyer, Alexandria Meyers*



On February 21st and March 7th, respectively, YHS band and choir students participated in the seventh annual Northern Illinois Big XII Conference music festivals.

Yorkville High School had the pleasure of hosting the seventh annual Northern Illinois Big XII Conference Choir Festival. For the all-day festival, students prepared music outside of class to rehearse and perform with 100 other students from Yorkville's athletic conference. Students brought this music together under the direction of two highly acclaimed college choir directors. This year, the guest conductors were Ms. Sonja Hurty, Choral Director at Augustana College, and Dr. Andrew Last, Assistant Professor of Music and Choral Director at Luther College.



*Mr. Smith welcomes guests to Yorkville High School for the 7th Annual NIB XII Choir Festival.*

The band festival, at Morris High School had guest conductors Jim Stombres, retired band director from St. Charles North High School, and Dr. Joseph Manfredo, professor of music education and band director at Illinois State University.



*Students in the Freshman/Sophomore Choir included: Angela Feltz, Serena Harn, Hannah Price, Bridgette Fox, Alexis Crain, Lilani Fish, Sienna Green, Jakob Gartung, John Harker, Brett Rhodes. The Junior/Senior Choir included: Megan Schmit, Emma Whalley, Haley Nell, Bri Smith, Dakota Jones, Chase Lewey, Nick Campos, Dawson Diederich, Kyle Parker.*

*Students in the Freshman/Sophomore Band included: Cora Hemby, Caitlin Annunzio, Madi Childs, Katie Friel, Jason Wilcox, Nick Krauss, Catie O'Connor, David Caballero, Nathaniel Moulton. Students in the Junior/Senior Band included: Tony Fletcher, Reanna Panlilio, Eva Lord, Brogan Clements, Chase Dexter, Karson Manukas, Spencer Snider, Eddie Quiroga, Ben Schweikert.*



*The NIB XII Freshman/Sophomore Honor's Choir conducted by Ms. Sonja Hurty, Choral Director at Augustana College and mother of our very own YHS Choir Director, Mr. Jens Hurty!*

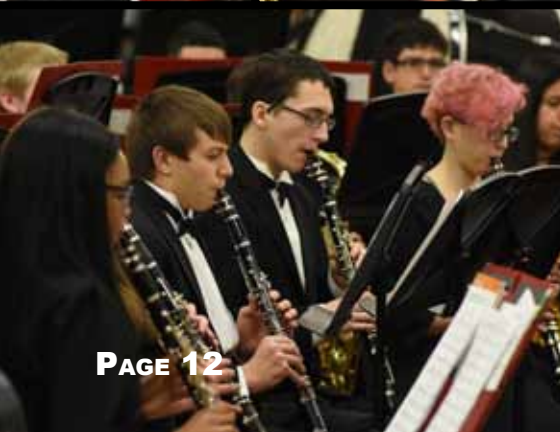
# Y115 SOLO/ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL

Saturday, February 18th was the annual Y115 Solo & Ensemble Festival. Almost 300 orchestra, choir, and band students from Yorkville Middle and High School prepared solos and/or small ensemble pieces to perform for judges. Following each performance, students had the opportunity to work one-on-one with adjudicators. The day was a huge success! Best of the Day awards were given to Veronica Agama, Brandon Campos, Ralph Cobb, Andy Cox, Cara Davenport, Jake DeVol, Abby Dobson, Josh Doty, Isa Falche, Austin

Fallon, Mackenzie Fox, Nick Gerakaris, Jake Green, Zachary Gustafson, Aleena Kallen, Thomas Kaufman, Jake Keller, Brach Knutson, Nick Krauss, Erik Mattson, Zoe Meyer, Hannah Montelauro, Haley Nell, Elitzia Ocasio, Reanna Panlilio, Somara Quinones, Eddie Quiroga, Paris Roake, Zack Sandoval, Bri Smith, Brian Tamayo, Rachel Tassi, Faith Twardzik, Brooke Wayne, Ryan Weir, Hattie Wiesbrook, Jason Wilcox, and Regan Willie.

Blessing	Sam Daugherty	Julian Halsey	Koltin Manukas	Nuria Pugh	Melody Talsma
Achampong	Cara Davenport	Kirk Harding	Karson Manukas	Krista Pytka	Caremn Tamayo
Veronica Agama	Lexi Decker	Ally Harle	Natasha Markoutsis	Somara Quinones	Bryan Tamayo
Lily emma	Luisa Del Rio	Josh Havernick	Ali Martin	Eddie Quiroga	Rachel Tassi
Aktabowski	Ilissa DeLange	Riley Hegerty	Jesszel Mata	Gabby Quiroga	Kayla Tejero
Cadence Ala	Tyler Deutsch	Cora Hemby	Erik Mattson	Bryan Quiroz	Abby Tholen
Marissa Albold	Luke DeVol	Riley Herbst	Mark Mattson	Evelyn Rangel	Ben Tholen
Sonny Alley	Jacob DeVol	Anthony	Adriana Mendoza	Hayden Reyes	Sam Tirio
John Anderson	Molly Dexter	Hernandez	Kody Messersmith	Haley Richmond	Olivia Tiseth
Ashley Anjeles	Chase Dexter	Madilyn Hill	Alyssa Meyer	Alex Rios	Maya Tiseth
Caitlin Annunzio	Lukas Diel	Gavin Hoffman	Zoe Meyer	Ava Rittgers	Anna Titus
Jelaina Auten	Abby Dobson	Chase Holcomb	Alexandria Meyers	Paris Roake	Michal Treadway
Ahleigh Baise	Sndrew Dobson	Jake Holter	Dylan Middendorf	Rachel Robinette	Mariah Trenado
Madeline Battaglia	Daezha Doby	Seth Holtquist	Mitch Miller	Cristina Rodriguez	Danica Tuohy
Josh Baumgardt	Sonia Doherty	Madeleine Hughes	Kenny Miller	Alex Roe	Faith Twardzik
Bo Beasley	Josh Doty	Savannah Johnson	Cameron Millhuff	Nathaniel Rohr	Alonzo Tyler
Nancy Beckley	Haley Duncan	Jacob Johnson	Maritza	Jocelyn Ruiz	Samantha Urena
Rebecca Beckley	Ashley Dyhouse	Savannah Johnson	Miramontes	Miranda Ryan	Julius Urena
Emilia Bellas	Zach Egert	Mitch Johnson	Radu Mogos	Brian Sandor	Olivia Vickery
Layla Bohl	Amber Encabo	Dakota Jones	Daniel Montavo	Zack Sandoval	Destiny Villapando
Abbi Bolard	Ava Engelken	Allesandra Jones	Hannah	Nathaniel Santiago	Ellie Vinehout
Olivia Borowiak	Chase Evans	Aleena Kallen	Montelauro	Elaine Santos	Jacob Wall
Blake Bowers	Isa Falche	Melanie Karales	Francis Morales	Carter Schmidt	Alyssa Wallner
Brody Brant	Austin Fallon	Zacary Karpel	Carlos Moreno	Megan Schmit	Nathan Warner
Cooper Broadway	Andrew Fapp	Thomas Kaufman	Sierra Morgan	Josie Schultz	Evelyn Watkins
Samantha Bryant	Derick Faustino	Jake Keller	Sebastian Munoz	Ben Schweikert	Brooke Wayne
Lindsey Burke	Angie Feltz	Nathan Kidd	Kale Nauman	Rylie Sewell	Ryan Weir
Ben Burton	Ava Fichtel	Cassidy Kingsmill	Eric Naumann	Emma Shapiama	Eric Weir
David Caballero	Tony Fletcher	Aidann Kinsella	Evan Naumann	Skyler Sheffer	Haylie White
Nick Camacho	John Flynn	Nick Kleronomos	Alyssa Navarro	Sydney Shepherd	Hattie Wiesbrook
Brandon Campos	Evan Fogelberg	Aiden Knutson	Hunter Negron	Logan Sheridan	Jason Wilcox
Donovan Capet	Tess Fogelberg	Brach Knutson	Haley Nell	Josh Slavin	Gavin Williams
Kacey Carnithan	Mackenzie Fox	Christina Kocina	Alexis Nelson	Abby Sledden	Regan Willie
Tia Castrogiovanni	Katie Friel	Madeline Kotler	Renee Niles	Bri Smith	Bailey Willis
Tori Cavey	Aidyn Gajdos	Briggs Krempski	Catie O'Connor	Ronie Smith	Alex Withrow
Rebecca Chacon	Logan Galliano	Emily Kross	Elitzia Ocasio	Spencer Snider	Gigi Wolf
Madi Childs	Drake Garbe	Brianne Kuczkowski	Caylen Palleson	Ariana Somma	Corwin Wyncoop
Adia Clark Lay	Jocelynn Garcia	Delaney LaPore	Reanna Panlilio	Zack Spillane	Damian Zaha
MaKenzee	Nicholas Gerakaris	Joshua Larsen	Jadyn Paredes	Tayhlor Srachta	Jakob Zimmerman
Clements	Caleb Givins	Brandon Lawson	Marc Peczka	Tyler Sraile	Auzie Zitt
Brogan Clements	Ava Glenn	Lillie Lewis	Anabela Penland	Eladia Srivasas	
Makayla Cline	Andrew Golinski	Trevor List	Brian Perez	MJ Staat	
Ralph Cobb	Jake Green	Matthew Litchfield	Sydney Peterson	Lilly Stadtler	
Lylah Colin	Paige Green	Lilly Longino	Linh Phan	Peter Standaert	
Angelina Colon	Emily Gregg	Vivi Lopez	Nick Podzimek	Cheyenn Stenz	
Eve Cone	John Gruber	Eval Lord	Ariel Pomierski	Brad Stillson	
Kayla Conley	Nick Guerra	Nathan Luna	Brittany Pomierski	James Stock	
Andy Cox	Ethan Gump	Sophia MacDougall	Cassie Pomierski	Siiri Strebel	
Nia Crumpton	Carly Gussman	Madelyn Magos	Nate Porter	Dylan Strohl	
Jez Culasino	Zachary Gustafson	Luke Mance	Spencer Price	Brent Surprenant	





Saturday, March 18th marked the Y115 Sixth Annual Fine Arts Festival. The festival featured the full force of Yorkville's Fine Arts Department and organizational skills of the Yorkville Music Boosters. Thirty-five different musical groups representing fifth through twelfth grades wowed audiences and art displayed around the school dazzled attendees. The art department's annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser raised \$1,000.00 for the Kendall County Food Pantry. The event was a celebration of the creativity, accomplishments, and achievements of the Yorkville Fine Arts.





If you are a parent or guardian of one of the 1700+ students in grades 5-12 participating in band, choir or orchestra then consider yourself part of the Yorkville Music Booster family!

Yorkville CUSD 115 is recognized as having an extraordinary music program and it's because of the exceptional student musicians, dedicated music directors, and supportive music booster volunteers, LIKE YOU!

Ever wonder how you can participate? Aaron Rustay used his expertise as a graphic artist and created a new logo for the Yorkville Music Boosters! During one of our monthly meetings Stacey Dexter and Sheri O'Connor pitched the idea of

selling carnations at every concert, which music families have come to love! Not all commitments have to be leadership roles, this year 140 parent volunteers gave of their time to help make the Fine Arts Festival run smoothly behind the scenes. These are just a few examples of music booster parents sharing their talents! Are you a whiz at creating websites? We need to revamp the music booster website and could use your skills. Great at marketing? Would you help spearhead a patron drive next year? Maybe just getting to know other music families fits you best? Then YMB meetings and events are the place for you! You can always contact us at [musicbooster-syorkville@gmail.com](mailto:musicbooster-syorkville@gmail.com). Thank you for being a Yorkville Music Booster! We look forward to working with you soon!



*Y115 - 6th Grade Choir at the Paramount to see The Little Mermaid.  
Yorkville Music Boosters financially supported the transportation for this event.*

**Thanks to generous contributions from music patrons and the outstanding efforts of our music booster participants we are proud of our accomplishments:**

- A donation from The Pat Demerath Foundation, and assistance from Y115, allowed us to purchase a state of the art music cataloging system for the YHS music department.
- \$5000 was budgeted for summer music camp scholarships for every student that applies.
- We expanded our outreach by collaborating with the Yorkville Chamber of Commerce.

**Some highlights of how Music Boosters' involvement enhanced your child's music experience this year:**

- Sixth grade choir students from ACES, BBES, GRES & YIS experienced their first choir field trip and attended the Paramount's production of the Little Mermaid - YMB provided busing.
- Sixth grade Alternative Strings orchestra ensemble performed at a Wolves Hockey game - YMB provided bussing.
- Provided financial support for guest clinicians, performers and judges for music events.
- Prepared meals for the Prism concert rehearsal and all day event - serving over 600 participants in 15 minutes!

# Two YHS Students Perform at 2017 Honor Band of America



Madison Childs and Jason Wilcox, sophomores at Yorkville High School, joined other outstanding musicians from across the nation as part of The Music for All 2017 Honor Band of America. Madi and Jason were selected from numerous applicants from across the nation for membership in this prestigious honor ensemble. Both are members of the Yorkville High School Wind Ensemble under the direction of Victor Anderson and Bobby Vriezen. They also both take private lesson instruction with Garrett Matlock.



Both Jason and Madi play the clarinet and were selected by audition to rehearse and perform in concert as part of the Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha, March 9-11 in Indianapolis, Indiana. They were supported by a generous scholarship from the Yorkville Music Boosters.

The Honor Band of America students first came together on Wednesday evening, March 8, from

26 states representing 66 high schools.

They performed in concert Saturday night, March 11 at 8:00 p.m. under the direction of Michael Colburn, Director of Bands, Butler University. Michael Colburn was the 27th Director of "The President's Own" United States Marching Band from 2004-2014. The concert took place at Clowes Memorial Hall, located on the campus of Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Jason and Madi have also received numerous honors including performing with the ILMEA All State Orchestra and Honors Band respectively, the Northern Illinois Big 12 Honors Band and the Fox Valley Music Festival. Madi is also the clarinet section leader for the Marching Foxes.

Band members were selected by recorded audition and evaluated by leading music educators. "To be selected for membership in this elite national ensemble is a great achievement and honor," says Eric Martin, Music for All President and CEO. "The 2017 Honor Band of America members are ambassadors of America's music programs, as well as their states, schools and communities."

*"To the best of my knowledge, Jason & Madi are the first musicians from Yorkville High School to ever take part in a national level honors band. We are very proud of them!"*

*- Mr. Anderson*

The YHS Madrigals will perform their annual Cabaret Night on May 12th and 13th in the YHS Cafetorium. Both shows begin at 7pm, and tickets (\$5) can be purchased at the door. The evening will feature solo and group performances of musical theatre songs, served up alongside some delicious cheesecake. This year's featured senior performers are: Chad Castilla, Olivia Collins, Dawson Diederich, Isa Falche, Kelly Hart, Chase Lewey, Taylor Neville, Alicia Rosier, Bri Smith, and Emma Whaley. We would love to see you at this year's Cabaret!



## Vandercook College of Music, Chicago

On April 5, 2017, the Yorkville Middle School 7th Grade Band and Orchestra traveled to VanderCook College of Music to participate in the Band and Orchestra Fest. The orchestra, under the direction of Mrs. Beyer, and the band, under the direction of Mrs. Hensel each performed for a panel of college professors, judges and audience members. After the performances, each group had the opportunity to work with a clinician. The orchestra worked with VanderCook string professor Mr. David Eccles. The band received a clinic from Dr. Paige Lush from McHenry County College. The adjudicators had many positive comments for our students. Students and directors then enjoyed an afternoon at Enchanted Castle in Lombard. The 7th grade band and orchestra had fantastic performances and were a great representation of our Yorkville community!



### YHS Jazz Combo performs at Law Office

A YHS Jazz Combo including Mark Mattson on drums, Sam Daugherty on bass, Andrew Dobson on piano, and Chad Castilla on Saxophone performed at the Law Office Music Hall in Yorkville. Every third Thursday of the month you can find the jazz jam session known as the "Jazz Trials" at this latest Yorkville establishment. The *Jazz Trials* are run by YHS Alumni, Mike Schwebke and features some of Chicago's hottest jazz musicians right here in Yorkville.



## ELGIN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



The Y115 5th & 6th Grade Band & Orchestra enjoyed a field trip to the Elgin Symphony Orchestra on Tuesday April 4th. The performance by the ESO was entitled, "*Compose Yourself!*" by James Stephenson. This program is targeted at students in grades 1 through 8 and is an interactive, educational and entertaining show designed to introduce children of all ages to the instruments of the symphony orchestra.



*Directors from Verona High School (Wisconsin), Robert Meunier (Drake University, Iowa), and YHS*

## Music Unites!

### Illinois - Wisconsin - Iowa

On Friday, February 24th, YHS Music Department hosted a band, choir, & orchestra from Verona High School, Verona, WI. The group was on a tour to Chicago and did a musical exchange with our YHS groups. Also on this day, YHS hosted the Drake University Wind Symphony from Des Moines, IA to perform a concert for YHS & Verona students.



*Drake University Wind Symphony*

# SENIORS 2017



## **McKenna Albertson**

*will finish the LSP program next fall, and will then participate in a job shadow program. Concert Choir*



## **Brittany Appell**

*will attend Waubensee Community College. Freshman Women's Choir, Treble Choir, Varsity Choir, Madrigal Server, Drowsy Chaperone, Grease, In the Heights, Fox Valley Music Festival, Disney Trip, Private Lessons*



## **Eliza Barragan**

*will attend George Williams College to study nursing. Freshman Women's Choir, Concert Choir, Treble Choir, NIB XII Honors Choir, Disney Trip, Choir Officer*



## **Marissa Bosman**

*will attend Roosevelt University to study computer science. Marching Band, Section Leader, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, PRISM Small Group, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Disney Trip*



## **Piper Buyansky**

*will attend University of Illinois to study animal sciences and become a veterinarian. Jazz Band, Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, NIB XII Honors Band, PRISM Small Group, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Disney Trip, Yorkville Community Band, Full Orchestra*



## **Cassie Carpentier**

*plans on attending Aurora University to major in either nursing or athletic training and maybe minor in massage therapy. Concert Orchestra, Philharmonic Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, Cello Choir, Chamber Strings*

## **Sierra Anderson**

*will attend Western Michigan University to study occupational therapy. Symphonic Band*



## **Carlie Bakel**

*will attend Waubensee Community College for a degree in Special Education. Freshman Women's Choir, Treble Choir, Varsity Choir, NIB XII Honors Choir*



## **Antonio Bolanos**

*will attend the Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University to study nursing. Bell Choir, Marching Band, Jazz Ensemble, Pep Band, Wind Ensemble, PRISM Small Group, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Disney Trip, Yorkville Community Band, Private Lessons, Full Orchestra*



## **Leo Briseno**

*will attend Millikin University. Marching Band, Pep Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony, NIB XII Honors Band, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Disney Trip, New Orleans Trip, Yorkville Community Band, Illinois Ambassadors of Music Europe Band, Full Orchestra*



## **Amanda Callahan**

*will attend Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis to study Biomedical Engineering. Freshman Women's Choir, Treble Choir*



**Chad Castilla**

*will attend University of Illinois or Baldwin Wallace University for vocal performance and open studies.* Freshman Men's Choir, Varsity Choir, Madrigals, NIB XII Honors Choir, The Drowsy Chaperone, Grease, In the Heights, Cinderella, Bell Choir, A capella, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Jazz Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Clarinet Choir, PRISM Small Group, Solo Recital, ILMEA All-District Musician, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Music Student of the Term, Disney Trip, Private Lessons, Jazz Combo, Saxophone Quartet

**Catt Chrastka**

*will pursue a Theatre degree with a Spanish Minor at Millikin University.*

Freshman Women's Choir, Treble Choir, Varsity Choir, Grease, In the Heights, Cinderella, National Anthem Soloist, A cappella, PRISM Small Group, Fox Valley Music Festival, Solo Recital, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Disney Trip, New Orleans Trip, Choir Officer, Private Lessons

**Raiygan Clark**

*will attend Southern Illinois University to study nursing.*

Freshman Women's Choir, Concert Choir, Treble Choir

**Lindsey Ann Clemons**

*will go to college to study to become a teacher at Aurora University.*

Concert Orchestra, Chamber Strings

**Zac Clough**

*will attend Augustana College to study economics.*

Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, PRISM Small Group

**Olivia Collins**

*will attend Waubensee Community College to find a major she's interested in.*

Freshman Women's Choir, Varsity Choir, Madrigals, Disney Trip

**Angelina Colón**

*will attend Waubensee Community College and join a local orchestra.*

Concert Orchestra, Philharmonic Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, Cello Choir, Chamber Strings, Wind Symphony, Bell Choir, Madrigal Server, Section Leader, Fox Valley Music Festival, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Disney Trip, New Orleans Trip, Orchestra Officer, Bass Squad, Private Lessons

**Alondra Contreras**

*will attend Waubensee Community College and transfer to Loyola University to*

*study psychology.* Freshman Women's Choir, Concert Choir, Marching Band,

Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Flute Choir, PRISM Small Group

**Lexi Decker**

*will attend Waubensee Community College.*

Bell Choir, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Concert Band, Clarinet Choir, Solo & Ensemble Festival, New Orleans Trip, Yorkville Community Band

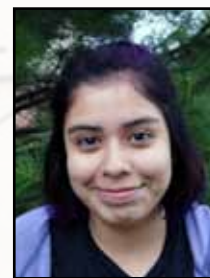
**Marilyn Diaz**

*will attend Waubensee Community College.*

Concert Choir, Treble Choir, NIB XII Honors Choir, Marching Band, Jazz Band,

Pep Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony, Solo & Ensemble

Festival, Disney Trip, New Orleans Trip, Private Lessons, Full Orchestra

**Dawson Diederich**

*will attend Waubensee Community College, then transfer with plans to study Constitutional Law and Political Science.*

Freshman Men's Choir, Concert Choir, Varsity Choir, Madrigals, NIB XII Honors Choir, Fox Valley Music Festival, Disney Trip, New Orleans Trip

**Isabella Falche**

*will attend Waubensee Community College and transfer to study interior architecture.* Freshman Women's Choir, Treble Choir, Varsity Choir, Madrigals, NIB XII Honors Choir, Cinderella, National Anthem Soloist, Bell Choir, A cappella, PRISM Small Group, Fox Valley Music Festival, Solo & Ensemble, Choir Officer

**Tony Fletcher**

*will attend North Central College to study music education.* Marching Band, Section Leader, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony, Wind Ensemble, NIB XII Honors Band, Clarinet Choir, Fox Valley Music Festival, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Music Student of the Term, Disney Trip, New Orleans Trip, Private Lessons

**Liz Forlano**

*will attend Joliet Junior College to participate in the Veterinary Medical Technician program.* Freshman Women's Choir, Treble Choir, Varsity Choir, Madrigal Server, Grease, A cappella, PRISM Small group, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Disney Trip

**Jocelynn Garcia**

*will attend Aurora University to become a doctor and work in hospitals.* Marching Band, Section Leader, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Flute Choir, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Disney Trip, New Orleans Trip

**Katie Gessler**

*will attend community college.* Marching Band, Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Flute Choir, Disney Trip, New Orleans Trip, Private Lessons

**Clay Elleby**

*will attend North Central College to study marketing.* Marching Band, Drumline, Pep Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony, Disney Trip

**Dalton Fergus**

*plans on becoming a construction worker.* Concert Orchestra, Philharmonic Orchestra, Section Leader, Disney Trip, Naval School Band

**Abbigale Focht**

*will attend College of Dupage and transfer to Northern Michigan University.* Freshman Women's Choir, Treble Choir

**Adam Friedman**

*will attend Waubensee Community College to study general education.* Marching Band, Pep Band, Concert Band, Clarinet Choir, Disney Trip

**Max Gartung**

*plans on entering the workforce at Roblox or attending college.* Freshman Men's Choir, Concert Choir, Varsity Choir, NIB XII Honors Choir

**Kayla Gettemy**

*will attend Illinois State University to major in Communication Sciences and Disorders.* Freshman Women's Choir, Treble Choir, Varsity Choir, Disney Trip



**Anna Halsey**

*plans on attending Illinois State University and majoring in elementary education. Symphony Orchestra, Section Leader, Chamber Strings, Fox Valley Music Festival, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Orchestra Officer, Private Lessons*

**Kelly Hart**

*will attend Waubensee Community College. Freshman Women's Choir, Concert Choir, Treble Choir, Varsity Choir, Madrigals, Cinderella, National Anthem Soloist, A Cappella, New Orleans Trip, Private Lessons*

**Lauren Jones**

*will attend Waubensee Community College to study business and art. Marching Band, Pep Band, Wind Ensemble, NIB XII Honors Band, Fox Valley Music Festival, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Disney Trip, New Orleans Trip, Yorkville Community Band, Private Lessons, Full Orchestra*

**Samantha Jayne Keane**

*will attend University of Dayton to study mechanical/aerospace engineering. Madrigal Server, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Symphonic Band*

**Lauren Kummer**

*will attend the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and pursue a BFA dance major for contemporary performance/choreography. Concert Orchestra, Philharmonic Orchestra, Section Leader*

**Gemma Landrini**

*will graduate from YHS, and then return home to Italy to finish her 5th year of high school before deciding on her post-graduate plans. Concert Choir, New Orleans Trip*

**Olivia Hames**

*Marching Band, Pep Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony, Wind Ensemble, Flute Choir, PRISM Small Group, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Disney Trip, Private Lessons*

**Evan Jaros**

*plans on attending a community college for two years then transfer to a university. Philharmonic Orchestra, New Orleans Trip*

**Becky Katula**

*will go to Columbia College and work on becoming an animator and a game artist. Concert Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Strings, Private Lessons*

**Hannah Kleyweg**

*will attend Waubensee Community College for general education. Marching Band, Pep Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Flute Choir, PRISM Small Group, New Orleans Trip*

**Blake LaFollette**

*will attend Northern Illinois University. Pep Band, Concert Band, Wind Symphony*



**Chase Lewey**

*will attend a college in Illinois or Ohio.*

Freshman Men's Choir, Varsity Choir, Madrigals, NIB XII Honors Choir, Cinderella, National Anthem Soloist, A Cappella, Fox Valley Music Festival, Solo & Ensemble, Disney Trip, Choir Officer

**Karson Manukas**

*will pursue at carpenter apprenticeship at Cain Millwork.* Yorkville Brass, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Jazz Ensemble, Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, NIB XII Honors Band, Fox Valley Music Festival, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Yorkville Community Band

**Adrian Medina**

*will attend Loyola University to study psychology and neuroscience.* Cinderella, Marching Band, Section Leader, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony, Flute Choir, PRISM Small Group

**Kenneth Miller**

*will attend North Central College to study theatrical design and technology.* The Drowsy Chaperone, Grease, In the Heights, Cinderella, Marching Band, Color Guard, Pep Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony, Clarinet Choir, PRISM Small Group, Solo & Ensemble Festival

**Mackenzie Nance**

*will attend Arizona State University to study business or medicine.*

Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Disney Trip, New Orleans Trip

**Tristan Lettsome**

*will attend Waubensee Community College to study welding.* Marching Band, Section Leader, Pep Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony, Wind Ensemble, PRISM Small Group, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Private Lessons

**Luke Mance**

*will attend Illinois State University to study business marketing.* Marching Band, Drum Major, Section Leader, Jazz Ensemble, Pep Band, Wind Ensemble, Fox Valley Music Festival, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Disney Trip, New Orleans Trip, Private Lessons

**Michelle Mattson**

*will attend Waubensee Community College and transfer to Chicago State University to study occupational therapy.* Freshman Women's Choir, Concert Choir, Treble Choir, Fox Valley Music Festival, Private Lessons

**Ashleigh Meyer**

*will be attending the University of Iowa to study nursing and in her free time she will be volunteering at the campus hospital.* Concert Orchestra, Philharmonic Orchestra, Section Leader, Concertmaster, Fox Valley Music Festival

**Sebastian Munoz**

*will go to college and minor in music.* Philharmonic Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, Section Leader, Jazz Band, Chamber Strings, Fox Valley Music Festival, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Private Lessons

**Taylor Neville**

*will attend Joliet Junior College to study Agribusiness.* Freshman Women's Choir, Varsity Choir, Madrigals, NIB XII Honors Choir, The Drowsy Chaperone, Grease, National Anthem Soloist, Fox Valley Music Festival, Solo Recital, Solo & Ensemble Festival, New Orleans Trip, Private Lessons



**Cassie Nicholson**

*will attend Waubensee Community College to study math education.* Freshman Women's Choir, Concert Choir, Madrigal Server, Crew for In the Heights, Color Guard, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Disney Trip

**Richa Patel**

*plans to major in molecular and cellular biology and minor in chemistry.* Concert Orchestra, Philharmonic Orchestra, Chamber Strings, Section Leader, Orchestra Officer

**Eduardo Quiroga**

*will attend University of Illinois to study music education.* Varsity Choir, In the Heights, Cinderella, Shrek, Bell Choir, Yorkville Brass, Marching Band, Section Leader, Jazz Band, Jazz Ensemble, Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, NIB XII Honors Band, PRISM Small Group, Fox Valley Music Festival, ILMEA All-District Musician, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Disney Trip, New Orleans Trip, Yorkville Community Band, Private Lessons, Elgin Youth Symphony, Sterling Brass Quintet

**Alicia Rosier**

*will attend Millikin University to study music education.* Freshman Women's Choir, Varsity Choir, Madrigals, NIB XII Honors Choir, The Drowsy Chaperone, Grease, In the Heights, Cinderella, National Anthem Soloist, A cappella, PRISM Small Group, ILMEA All-District Musician, ILMEA All-State Musician, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Disney Trip, New Orleans Trip, Private Lessons

**Brian Sandor**

*will attend University of Michigan to study aerospace engineering.* Marching Band, Section Leader, Jazz Band, Jazz Ensemble, Pep Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony, Wind Ensemble, Fox Valley Music Festival, Solo Recital, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Yorkville Community Band, Private Lessons

**Benjamin Schweikert**

*will attend Illinois State University to study financial accounting.* Marching Band, Section Leader, Jazz Band, Jazz Ensemble, Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, NIB XII Honors Band, PRISM Small Group, Fox Valley Music Festival, ILMEA All-District Musician, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Disney Trip, Yorkville Community Band, Private Lessons

**James O'Malley**

*will attend Taylor University to study Political Science, Economics, and Philosophy.* Freshman Men's Choir, Concert Choir, Varsity Choir, Madrigal Player, Disney Trip, New Orleans Trip

**Isabella Perez**

*will attend Roosevelt University.* Freshman Women's Choir, Treble Choir, Varsity Choir

**Shady Ramirez**

*plans on attending Judson University for biochemistry.* Concert Orchestra, Cello Choir, Chamber Strings, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Orchestra Officer

**Jocelyn Ruiz**

*will attend Waubensee Community College and work at a nursing home.* Concert Orchestra, Philharmonic Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Strings, Fox Valley Music Festival, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Disney Trip, New Orleans Trip, Fox Valley youth Symphony Orchestra

**Andrew Reid Schroeder**

*plans on attending Waubensee Community College and seeing where that goes.* Concert Orchestra, Disney Trip

**Spencer Snider**

*will attend Iowa State University to study mechanical engineering.* In the Heights, Yorkville Brass, Jazz Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, NIB XII Honors Band, Fox Valley Music Festival, ILMEA All-District Musician, ILMEA All-State Musician, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Disney Trip, New Orleans Trip, Yorkville Community Band, Private Lessons

**Abigail Tholen**

*will attend Western Illinois University and major in Business Management.* Freshman Women's Choir, Treble Choir, Varsity Choir, Madrigal Server, National Anthem Soloist, Bell Choir, Color Guard, Marching Band, Section Leader, Pep Band, Concert Band, Fox Valley Music Festival, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Disney Trip, Private Lessons

**Brady Vayding**

*plans on attending Waubensee Community College.* Concert Orchestra, Philharmonic Orchestra, Cello Choir, Section Leader, Solo & Ensemble Festival

**Evelyn Watkins**

*will be attending JP Catholic University in Escondido, CA to major in Animation.* Freshman Women's Choir, Treble Choir, Varsity Choir, Madrigal Server, NIB XII Honors Choir, Cinderella, National Anthem Soloist, Bell Choir, A Cappella, Fox Valley Music Festival, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Disney Trip

**Emma Whaley**

*will (probably) attend Waubensee Community College to study Psychology.* Freshman Women's Choir, Varsity Choir, Madrigals, NIB XII Honors Choir, Drowsy Chaperone, Grease, In the Heights, Cinderella, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Disney Trip, Private Lessons

**Bri Smith**

*will attend Columbia College (Chicago) to major in Music Performance.* Freshman Women's Choir, Varsity Choir, Madrigals, NIB XII Honors Choir, Drowsy Chaperone, Bell Choir, A Cappella, PRISM Small Group, Fox Valley Music Festival, ILMEA All-District Musician, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Music Student of the Term, Disney Trip, New Orleans Trip, Private Lessons

**Natalie Stobel**

*will attend Waubensee Community College to study psychology.* Pep Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, New Orleans Trip

**Daisy Valencia**

*will attend Roosevelt University to major in criminal justice.* Concert Orchestra, Philharmonic Orchestra

**Aaron Walter**

*will attend Iowa State University to study software engineering.* Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony, Wind Ensemble, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Private Lessons

**Jacob Westenskow**

*will attend Waubensee Community College or go into the workforce.* Concert Choir, Madrigal Server

**Lauren Wood**

*will be attending Ball State University where she plans on getting her masters or PhD in athletic training.* Concert Orchestra, Philharmonic Orchestra, Cello Choir, Chamber Strings, Cinderella, Solo & Ensemble Festival, Disney Trip, New Orleans Trip



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