

DISTRICT V
BAND & ORCHESTRA DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS

2026 HONOR BANDS

Featuring Students from Allen, Beauregard, Cameron,
Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis, and Vernon Parishes.

with

Clinicians

Aleisa Hudlow

Quincy Hilliard

Craig Millet

Dr. Cliff Croomes

F. G. BULBER AUDITORIUM
MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY
MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR BAND CONCERTS 2:00 PM
HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND CONCERTS 3:30 PM
SATURDAY, JANUARY 31st

District V Band & Orchestra Directors Association



The District V Band & Orchestra Directors Association is an organization comprised of current and former instrumental directors, as well as private instructors, administrators, music industry representatives, all of whom share the desire to pass on the joy of music to the students of Southwest Louisiana. The Association is formed in direct cooperation with the Louisiana Music Educators Association. A annual project of District V is the Honor Bands Clinic and Concert.

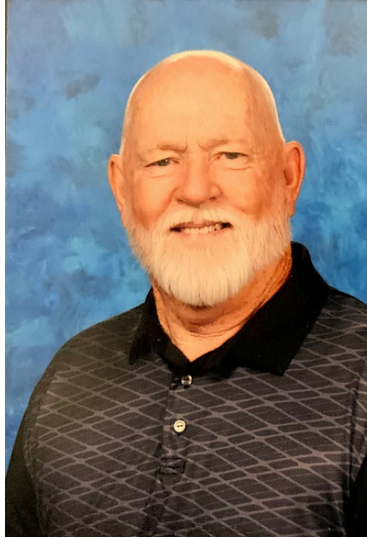
The All-District Honor Bands are a collection of the most accomplished students in the district, determined by competitive auditions. The Bands meet for two days of intensive rehearsals under the direction of guest clinicians, culminating in a concert open to the public free of charge.

The Honor Band experience is a chance for challenge and growth, combined with an opportunity for the students to meet and perform with peers from other schools. It is a weekend full of music, teaming, learning, and fun.

The students and directors of the district would like to thank the parents and families for their support of the student and the band programs in the schools.

We hope you enjoy the concerts.

Dr. Norman E. Smith DISTRICT V BAND DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR 2025



Mr. Gary Young

Mr. Gary Young currently serves as the Director of Bands at LeBlanc Middle School in Sulphur, Louisiana. He earned his Bachelor of Music Education degree from Northeast Louisiana University (now the University of Louisiana at Monroe) in 1979.

Mr. Young has devoted 44 years to teaching band in District V, sharing his passion for music education across Allen, Cameron, and Calcasieu Parishes. His teaching experience includes positions at Kinder High School and Kinder Middle School in Allen Parish; South Cameron High School and South Cameron Elementary in Cameron Parish; and LaGrange High School, F.K. White Middle, S.J. Welsh Middle, J.I. Watson Middle, Reynaud Middle, and LeBlanc Middle in Calcasieu Parish.

He has also served as Middle School Vice President for the District V Band and Orchestra Directors Association. Now in his 14th year at LeBlanc Middle School, Mr. Young has led the band program's growth from approximately 30 students to well over 120. Under his direction, LeBlanc Middle bands have achieved consistent success at performance assessments, honor band events, and solo & ensemble competitions. Many of his students have continued their musical journeys into higher education and professional careers.

Outside the classroom, Mr. Young enjoys gardening, hunting, fishing, carpentry, raising honeybees, and traveling.

This Award is given in memory of Dr. Norman E. Smith. Dr. Smith was Professor Emeritus of Music at McNeese State University. Not only a teacher, but also a friend to all educators and musicians. A great deal of Dr. Smith's teaching career was spent as a band director.

2025-2026 Officers



Evan McAleer, President



Colin Patton, 1st Vice President



Eva Lormand, 2nd Vice President



Spencer Butts, Secretary



James Lormand, Treasurer

Tim McMillen, Executive Secretary



Aaron Theall, LMEA
District Representative

Middle School Buccaneer Band



PROGRAM

-to be selected from-

Rust Belt by William Owens
The Tears of Arizona by Brian Balmages
Bazaar by Randall Standridge
Shut Up and Dance arr. by Michael Sweeney

Aleisa Hudlow, Conductor

Aleisa Hudlow is currently in her nineteenth year of teaching and in her eleventh year serving Natchitoches Parish Schools. She attended Northwestern State University where she earned her Bachelor of Music Education degree in 2007 and her Master of Music degree in 2019. Mrs. Hudlow taught in Bellville Independent School District in Bellville, TX from 2007-2009, Northshore High School in Slidell, LA from 2009-2013, Pineville High School in Pineville, LA from 2013-2015, and has served Natchitoches Parish Schools since 2015. These positions resulted in numerous Superior and Excellent ratings for marching and concert bands at both the district and state level.

Mrs. Hudlow first came to Natchitoches Parish as a Talented Music Instructor. She started the Marthaville Junior High School band program in 2016 and then transitioned to Director of Bands at Natchitoches Central High School in 2017. While at Natchitoches Central, she also started the band program at Natchitoches Magnet School in 2018. While at Natchitoches Central, Mrs. Hudlow increased the band size as well as Honor Band, Solo and Ensemble, and All-State participation, where her students were awarded many Superior ratings and also had their first All-State musician in over fifteen years. The "Pride of the Tribe" Marching Band returned to marching contests for the first time in many years and were able to bring home several awards in both marching competitions and parade performances. The concert band returned to LMEA Large Ensemble Assessment for the first time in over a decade and earned their first Superior rating in Sight Reading in 2019, their first Superior Rating in Concert in 2021, and their first Sweepstakes Awards in 2022 for both the Concert Band and Symphonic Band. Mrs. Hudlow has now transitioned back to middle school teaching and currently serves as the band director for Natchitoches Magnet School.

Since her arrival in Natchitoches Parish, Mrs. Hudlow has also worked closely with the district to revive band programs in the area, which has resulted in the number of Natchitoches Parish band programs to double and has greatly increased the amount of students with access to music programs. She has also worked closely with other music educators in the area to guide the district in how to improve music education for the parish, which led to new positions, new general music programs for elementary schools, and new instruments for all the music programs. She now proudly serves with other local educators on the Teacher Advisory Council for Natchitoches Parish Schools.

In 2020, Mrs. Hudlow was selected by her colleagues as the District II Band Director of the Year. She is a member of Sigma Alpha Iota, Kappa Kappa Psi, NAfME, LMEA, and Phi Beta Mu organizations. She currently serves as Past-President for the District 2 Band Directors Association, the Louisiana Music Educators Association District 2 Director, and the President of the Louisiana Music Adjudicators Association. She resides in Natchitoches with her husband Adam, two children Jack and Lily, and their dogs Indy and Vinny.

Middle School Buccaneer Band

Personnel

Flute

Genesis Morales	DeRidder Jr
Dristi Dokwal	DeRidder Jr
Bethanie LeGros	F.K. White
Alexa Wallis	DeRidder Jr
Alina Canales-Lara	Pine Wood
Kam'ryn Steele	DeRidder Jr
Harper Dommert	Maplewood
Laya Amos	DeRidder Jr
Shaylee Tinnon	F.K. White
Natalia Thigpen	S.P. Arnett

Oboe

Chloe Stevenson	DeRidder Jr
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Bassoon

Audrina Lubin	F.K. White
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Clarinet

Madeline Verret	S.J. Welsh
Alli Francois	W.W. Lewis
Sun Rosales	S.J. Welsh
Sha'la Gallien	Oak Park
Ily Rollins	Iowa
Felix Enriquez	DeRidder Jr
Benjamin Loera	Leblanc
Bobbie Richard	Rosepine
Naomee Talley	Maplewood
Brayden Stephens	DeRidder Jr
Braxton Theunissen	Moss Bluff
Kaleb Carr	Maplewood
Maleisza Arvie	S.J. Welsh
Zachary Hanchey	Pine Wood
Marlee Hebert	Maplewood
Cohen McGuire	S.P. Arnett
Bentley Pharr	Maplewood
Briseida Hernandez-Campos	Maplewood
Malinda Tipper	Pine Wood
Casea Wentzel	Pine Wood
Brianna Ibarra	Maplewood
Hazel Daniel	Maplewood
Xenia Owens	Pine Wood
Adalyn Bergeron	S.P. Arnett

Bass Clarinet

Elijah Santiago-Garcia	S.J. Welsh
Katharine Fox	DeRidder Jr
Payton Cooksey	W.W. Lewis
Alexes Zackery	Iowa

Alto Saxophone

David Tarver *	Moss Bluff
Riley Watson	S.P. Arnett
Aeva Denney	DeRidder Jr
Graham McFetridge	Moss Bluff
Kaden Matthews	S.J. Welsh
Tyson Stewart	S.J. Welsh

Tenor Saxophone

Mason McCurry-Veillon	Maplewood
Jenner Collier	Maplewood
Annabelle Sensat	Leblanc

Baritone Saxophone

Briggs Fontenot	Maplewood
Lucas Carlile	F.K. White

Trumpet

Nolan Mitchell	Moss Bluff
Luke Bertrand	S.J. Welsh
Dayton Carroll	W.W. Lewis
Allen McClure	Rosepine
Stratton Sarradet	Jennings
Christopher Lewis	F.K. White
Christopher Laughlin	S.J. Welsh
Paityn Sigler	DeRidder Jr
Eric Plummer	Leblanc
Jude Broussard	Iowa
Elsie Thatcher	F.K. White
Aahan Chopade	F.K. White
Anabelle Cook	DeRidder Jr

French Horn

Connie Shaver	DeRidder Jr
Maddison Oliver	Moss Bluff
Mackenzie Grenier	F.K. White
Jude Warren *	DeRidder Jr
Greyson Kelly	DeRidder Jr
Bianca Richards	S.J. Welsh
Collin Hyde	S.J. Welsh
Jacob Carroll	Maplewood

Trombone

Samara Eagan	Maplewood
Mykah Higginbotham	F.K. White
Violet Mouton	Iowa
Korbyn West	DeRidder Jr
Anston Pretrick	S.J. Welsh
Jy'ace Guillory	S.J. Welsh
Conner Bates	Leblanc
Sage Goodfriend	S.J. Welsh
Khyllie Brown	F.K. White

Euphonium

Greyson Stephens	S.J. Welsh
James Anderson	W.W. Lewis
Noah Grant	Maplewood
Tytianna Taylor	S.J. Welsh

Tuba

Dominic Hawkins	Maplewood
Cameron Turner	F.K. White
Rhyder Reynolds	Iowa
Blair Guillory	S.J. Welsh
Lucas Stracener	DeRidder Jr
Miles Plauche	S.J. Welsh

Percussion

Easton Trahan	Maplewood
Owen Breaux	S.J. Welsh
Zak Smart	Moss Bluff
Manning Starnes	W.W. Lewis
Payton Dodson	Moss Bluff
Roxie Guillory	Moss Bluff
Bennett Ardoin	Moss Bluff
Zidane Rogerson	DeRidder Jr



BETSY STOUPY
MIDDLE SCHOOL
BUCCANEER BAND CHAIR

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Middle School Contraband



PROGRAM

-to be selected from-

Heat Wave by Quincy Hilliard

Rejoice, Dolce, Dance by Quincy Hilliard

Vicennial by Quincy Hilliard

Tripwire by JaRod Hall

A Mystical Legend by Kevin Hilburn

A Song for Hope by James Swearingen

Quincy Hilliard, Conductor

Quincy C. Hilliard's compositions for wind band are published by a variety of well-known publishers. Most recently, he was selected to receive the 2023 Eminent Faculty, Distinguished Professor Award from his university – the University of Louisiana. In 2021, he was commissioned by Trinity College Press (London) to compose eight pieces for their new Woodwind Examination Syllabus. Currently, he has completed a book with two other distinguish music educators entitled Teaching Instrumental Music Across Settings: Contemporary Perspectives and Pedagogies which was released by Oxford University Press. In addition, he has just complete a rhythm book for training middle and high school students entitled Counts of Silence published by Wingert-Jones music publishers. In 2014, Hilliard received the prestigious Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters Award in the Classical Music Division. He was also recognized with a second Global Music Award for his work as a composer. In 2012, one of his pieces, Coty (clarinet and piano) was recorded on a CD that was nominated for a Grammy Award. In 2008, he was commissioned by the Library of Congress to compose a work in celebration of the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. He is frequently commissioned to compose works, including one for the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta and a score for a documentary film, The Texas Rangers. For many years, the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP) has recognized him with annual awards for the unusually frequent performance of his compositions. Hilliard is regularly invited to conduct, demonstrate effective techniques, and adjudicate festivals throughout the world.

Because Hilliard, the composer, conductor, and educator, is also a scholar of Aaron Copland's music and life, Copland estate administrators authorized Hilliard to publish the educational performance edition, Copland for Solo Instruments (Boosey and Hawkes, 1999). He is also the co-author of Teaching Instrumental Music: Contemporary Perspectives and Pedagogies to aid in the teaching of music education students at the college level. To train school band students, he wrote Superior Bands in Sixteen Weeks (FJH Music Company, 2003), Chorales and Rhythmic Etudes for Superior Bands (FJH Music Company, 2004), Scales and Tuning Exercises for Superior Bands (FJH Music Company, 2009), Theory Concepts, Books One and Two. He is the co-author of the Skill Builders, Books One and Two (Sounds Spectacular Series, Carl Fischer, 1996). Hilliard is also the co-author of Percussion Time (C.L. Barnhouse Company) which is a collection of music written specifically for the beginning percussion ensemble. He has presented scholarly papers on music theory and analysis at meetings of the College Music Society and the Central Gulf Society of Music Theory (of which he is past president). He has published articles in Opera Journal, The Instrumentalist, School Musician, Bandworld, American Music Teacher, Florida Music Director, and Tennessee Musician.

Currently, Hilliard holds the position of Composer in Residence and is the Heymann Endowed Professor of Music at the University of Louisiana, Lafayette. Previous teaching positions were at Nicholls State University, Florida International University, North Marion High School (Sparr, Florida) and White Middle Station Junior and Senior High School (Memphis, Tennessee).

He holds the Ph.D. in Music Theory and Composition from the University of Florida where, in 1999, he was recognized as the Outstanding Alumnus of the School of Music. He holds the Masters of Music Education from Arkansas State University and the Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Mississippi State University where he was selected as the College of Education 1998 Alumnus of the Year. Hilliard's early music experience was as a trumpet player in the public elementary and high school of his native Starkville, Mississippi. Dr. Hilliard is also president of Hilliard Music Enterprises, Inc. a personal consulting firm, which has a corporate board of distinguished music educators.

Middle School Contraband

Personnel

Flute

Jude Youssef	F.K. White
Sabella Nguyen *	F.K. White
Isabelle Fisette	F.K. White
Harper LeDoux	Maplewood
Emma King	S.P. Arnett
Ayden Buitt	Iowa
Cameron Liles	DeRidder Jr
Gemma Hardy	Maplewood
Riley Fish	DeRidder Jr
Isabella Rendon	S.P. Arnett

Oboe

Safiyyah Hussain	F.K. White
Annelise Watson	F.K. White

Bassoon

Annaleigh Crouch	DeRidder Jr
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Clarinet

Gloria Dairo *	DeRidder Jr
Destiny Sorrells	DeRidder Jr
Zoey Fisette	F.K. White
Aubrey Hogan *	W.W. Lewis
Gladale Brown	S.J. Welsh
Margaret Dering	F.K. White
Anabeth Brunner	S.J. Welsh
Leah Cole	F.K. White
Lilian Valle	F.K. White
Sunghbin Jung	S.J. Welsh
Abigail Pugh	Moss Bluff
Rhyette Wildblood *	DeRidder Jr
Faith Vidrine	DeRidder Jr
Clara Whatley	F.K. White
Sofia Oltean	S.J. Welsh
Amodesty McCarthy	F.K. White
Isabel Broussard	S.J. Welsh
Savannah Key	F.K. White

Bass Clarinet

Persiphone Reyes	S.J. Welsh
Jourdan Smith	Maplewood
Amiya Scott	DeRidder Jr
Jaxon Hanus	S.P. Arnett

Contrabass Clarinet

Ava Jersin	Rosepine
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Alto Saxophone

Max Proksch *	S.J. Welsh
Lucas Park *	S.J. Welsh
Tiffany Antwi	F.K. White
Connor Augustine	Moss Bluff

Tenor Saxophone

Cole Struchtemeyer *	Moss Bluff
Casey Ellzey *	Maplewood

Bari Sax

Victoria Church	Rosepine
Henry Markway	S.J. Welsh

Trumpet

Wei-en Tsao *	S.J. Welsh
Grant Beyeaux *	Maplewood
Oscar Broussard *	Maplewood
Isabella Peloquin	F.K. White
Jaxon Sanford	Moss Bluff
Elijah Lyons *	S.J. Welsh
Jude Jacoby	S.J. Welsh
Ellie Lestage	DeRidder Jr
Zeegan Neel	Maplewood
Marcileen Miller	Maplewood
Christian Green	Maplewood
Jayden Hollandsworth	Rosepine
Ashton Bult	Lake Area Music Academy

French Horn

Adam Almaguer	Lake Area Music Academy
Klayre Windham *	S.J. Welsh
Zadie Credeur *	Maplewood
Myah Ducote	DeQuincy
Lennox Collins	DeRidder Jr
Maddox Bordelon *	F.K. White

Trombone

Levi Watson *	S.J. Welsh
Caleb Magee	DeRidder Jr
Maddox Singer	W.W. Lewis
Qamar Estis	DeRidder Jr
Wyatt Walters	S.J. Welsh
Kayden Bynog	W.W. Lewis
Landon Martin	Moss Bluff
Tage Gustin	Moss Bluff
Jaxon Collins	Maplewood

Euphonium

Daniel Dairo *	DeRidder Jr
Liam McGovern	Moss Bluff
David Cardoso	Moss Bluff
Emelia Fuslier	F.K. White

Tuba

Quentin Washington *	DeRidder Jr
Aroush Chaudhry	F.K. White
Ewan Chavez	W.W. Lewis
Torriana Cormier	S.J. Welsh

Percussion

Minh Do *	S.J. Welsh
Gage Beaugh *	S.J. Welsh
Martin Garzon	F.K. White
Amelia Oliver	W.W. Lewis
Evan Pundt *	F.K. White
Abram Lyons	S.J. Welsh
Mason Murnane *	Maplewood
Aysia Richardson	DeRidder Jr

*Denotes LMEA All-State Participant



SARA PIETROWSKI
SPENCER BUTTS
 MIDDLE SCHOOL
 CONTRABAND CHAIRS

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High School Buccaneer Band

PROGRAM

-to be selected from-



Dark lands March - Standridge
Air For band - Erickson
Urban Scenes - Boysen
Albanian dance - Hanson

Craig Millet, Conductor

Craig Millet was born in Alexandria, Louisiana in 1966. He graduated from Alexandria Sr. High School, where he was under the direction of Edmund Winston III. In 1989, Mr. Millet earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Instrumental Music Education from Louisiana Tech University. While at Louisiana Tech, he participated with the Saxophone Quartet, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Symphonic Band, and the Ruston Symphony Orchestra. While attending Louisiana Tech, he was under the direction of Raymond Young and Daniel Pittman. He has also studied privately with Dr. Edmund Winston II, Alan Keating, Dr. Larry Gwodz, and Sigurd Rascher. In 1990, he accepted the Assistant Director position under Carl Schexnayder at St. Amant High School. In 1999, Mr. Millet accepted the Director of Bands position and held that position until the spring of 2020.

All of the St. Amant Bands, including Marching Band, Jazz Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Symphony, consistently receive superior ratings at District and State Festival. The Wind Symphony has never made less than Sweepstakes at the District Festival since the school opened its doors in 1978. Under Mr. Millet's direction, performing grade IV and V literature, the Wind Symphony has made straight Superiors and Sweepstakes at every LMEA State Festival since he became director of bands in 1999. In 2001, Mr. Millet received the Band Master of the Year Award for excellence in the field of music education from Louisiana Tech University. In 2022 Mr. Millet was named Alumni of the year for Louisiana Tech's Music Department and was also inducted into the LMEA Hall of Fame. The St Amant Bands have performed at Carnegie Hall, Disney World, Six Flags, and the GNAI. They have also traveled to Italy, Ireland, and Scotland.

Mr. Millet's professional affiliations include Phi Mu Alpha, Phi Beta Mu, MENC, LMEA, TBA, LMAA, and NBA. He has also a Past President of the District IV Band Directors Association. He served on the LMEA Board as Band Division Chairman for 2 terms and was instrumental in implementing the State Solo Festival as well as the newly formed Class D classification for struggling large ensembles. He is a charter member and founding member of LMAA (Louisiana Music Adjudicators Association) In May 2023 Mr Millet (after 33 years at St Amant High) happily retired from St Amant high and currently stays busy consulting, adjudicating, and recording school bands across the state. Craig and Julie Millet have been happily married for 35 years and live in Prairieville, Louisiana. They have two children, Lindsey and Matthew.

High School Buccaneer Band

Personnel

Flute

Kaydence Corbello	Iowa
Sam Towery	Sulphur
Lucille Franquera	Pickering
Ina Moore	DeRidder
Alexander Carter	Sam Houston
Reana Tyler	DeRidder
Brooke Fowler	DeRidder
Hazlee Beyeaux	Sulphur

Oboe

Myla Lee	Barbe
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Bb Clarinet

Hazel Walker *	DeRidder
Alexis Ogletree	Sulphur
Taryn Boggs	DeRidder
Austin Mouton	Sam Houston
Kendall Body	Barbe
Mya Worley	Sam Houston
Nadia Carlson	Westlake
Brittany Vezinet	Sam Houston
Breyana Jackson	Westlake
Hannah Thibodeaux	Sulphur
Hita Pappireddy	Sam Houston
Emma Brown	Sam Houston
Marisa Lavergne	Sulphur

Bass Clarinet

Madisson Trahan	Sam Houston
Giselle Thompson	DeRidder
Layaunna Godfrey	DeRidder

Alto Sax

Noah Allardyce	Sam Houston
Briley Lockhart	DeRidder
Trent Stanley	Sulphur
Marley Hiatt	Barbe
Bryson Larocque	Sam Houston

Tenor Sax

Mikayla Mayes	DeRidder
Caroline Dyson	Barbe

Bari Sax

Alexander Rochelle	DeRidder
Olivia Sheridan	Sam Houston

Trumpet

Giovanni Araiza	Pickering
Eric Manuel	Westlake
Adam Edwards	Barbe
Ethan St Mary	Barbe
Evelyn McKinney	Iowa
Norris Hall *	DeRidder
Zaleigh Vidrine	Iowa
Peyton Prichard	Vinton
Mallory Morgan	Sulphur
Westin Myrick	S. Beauregard

Horn

Gayle Thibodeaux	Sulphur
Rodolfo Rosales	Barbe
Makayla Becton	Sam Houston
Mary Warren	Sulphur
Gabby Mbangwana	Westlake
Amelia Ray	DeRidder

Trombone

Henry Manning	Sulphur
Shaun Fox	DeRidder
Amari Benson	DeRidder
Jared Bruno	Barbe
Brooke Cole	Leesville
Bryce McFetridge	Sam Houston
Grant Guillory	Sam Houston
Angel Carbona	Vinton

Bass Trombone

Dallas Reynolds *	DeRidder
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Euphonium

Waylin Hedrick	Sulphur
Charlie Williamson	Sam Houston
Adam Winnes	DeRidder
Leah Rodrigue	Iowa

Tuba

CJ Arceneaux	Sulphur
Jiren Earl	Washington Marion
Ellie Spears	Iowa
Issac Cook	Washington Marion
Michael Schaller	DeRidder

Percussion

Charles Porter	Sulphur
Anthony Rogillio	Sulphur
Cameron Bunch	Iowa
Teshaun Stanley	Sulphur
Samuel Dairo *	DeRidder
Samson Walkin *	Barbe
Kevin Hazell *	Barbe
Eli Nix	Sulphur

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**WATSON NICHOLS AND
JORDAN MOORE
HIGH SCHOOL
BUCCANEER CO-CHAIRMEN**

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High School Contraband

PROGRAM

-to be selected from-



An American Fanfare by Rick Kirby

Fandango by Floyd Werle

Waltz No. 2 by Dmitri Shostakovich / arr. James Curnow

Illumination by David Maslanka

Dr. Cliff Croomes, Conductor

Cliff Croomes serves as the Associate Director of Bands and Director of the Longhorn Band at the University of Texas at Austin. Prior to his return to Austin, he was the Assistant Director of Bands at Louisiana State University and the Music Director and Principal Conductor of the Civic Orchestra of Baton Rouge. Previous to his appointment the faculty he studied at LSU for his Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees. Prior to his time at LSU Dr. Croomes served as the Director of Bands at Georgetown High School in Georgetown, Texas. Under his baton, the Georgetown Wind Symphony was named a 2014 Mark of Excellence Commended Winner. Earlier in his career Dr. Croomes was the Associate Director of Bands at Douglas MacArthur High School in San Antonio, Texas. He has also taught at Westview Middle School, Pflugerville High School and Bastrop High School. He has also had the pleasure of serving on the faculty of the University of Texas Longhorn Music Camp from 2001-2014.

Dr. Croomes earned his Bachelor of Music Studies degree from the University of Texas at Austin and is an alumnus of the Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps from Rosemont, Illinois. He has performed with ensembles throughout the United States and Europe as well as serving as an international consultant in Japan. He has served as an adjudicator and clinician for marching and concert bands throughout the United States.

Dr. Croomes holds an artist/educator endorsement with Innovative Percussion Inc. and is a founding board member of the composer diversity initiative "And We Were Heard" as well as a member of the Dr. William P. Foster Project advisory board. Dr. Croomes is currently the President of the Minority Band Directors Association. He also holds professional memberships in the Texas Bandmasters Association, Texas Music Adjudicators Association, the Percussive Arts Society, Louisiana Music Educators Association, Florida Music Educators Association, the Texas Music Educators Association, and Phi Beta Mu, the international bandmasters fraternity.

High School Contraband

Personnel

Flute

Niria Cazares	Sulphur
Kamden Bishop	Kinder
Myra Carlin	Sulphur
Julia Settlemyer	Barbe
Nylah Carriere *	E. Beauregard
Isabella Oltean	Barbe
Leen Bikaie	Barbe
Winnie Wu	Barbe

Oboe

Luke Lestage *	DeRidder
Kelsey Coker *	Sam Houston

Bassoon

Natalie George *	Sam Houston
Mason Crowe	E. Beauregard

Clarinet

Colt LeJeune *	KKinder
Jordan Brown *	Barbe
Nathan Sanders	Sam Houston
Azlynn Kuyper *	Kinder
Addyson Fagnant *	Barbe
Amaryi Edwards	LaGrange
Ryder Young *	Kinder
Carrie Haselden *	DeRidder
Isabel Escobar-Marquez	Barbe
Tobie Jennings-Serrette	Barbe
Brenna Fruge	Sulphur
Denisse Arana	Barbe
Dylan Parker	Westlake
Beci Ennenbach	Pickering
Priscilla Moncada	Barbe

Bass Clarinet

Tre'len Captain *	Barbe
Amaya Pfantz	DeRidder
Xander Cormier	DeRidder

Contrabass Clarinet

Ashley Strobel	Barbe
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Alto Saxophone

Tyler Arnold	Barbe
Westley Rachal	DeRidder
Evan O'Quain	Sulphur
Nathan Harger	Sulphur

Tenor Saxophone

Nicholas Rizzuto *	Sulphur
Ayden Kaltsas	DeRidder

Baritone Saxophone

David Boutte	Sulphur
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Trumpet

Ashton Miller *	Sulphur
Ethan Wang *	Barbe
Joel Moore *	Jennings
Dylan Smith *	Barbe
Ainsley Lestage *	DeRidder
Kage Fontenot	S. Beauregard
Ashton Chaumont	Barbe
Tucker Kallenbach	Sam Houston
Skyler Bronson	Iowa
Jenna Stitzlein *	Sam Houston

French Horn

Andrew Cronan *	Barbe
Taylor Brown *	Barbe
James Hunter *	Barbe
Addison Stark *	DeRidder
Kahlan Bertrand	Welsh
Ava O'Quinn	Iowa

Trombone

Vance Collins *	DeRidder
Owen Ducote *	Sulphur
Evan Brown *	Barbe
Kantam Elijah	Barbe
Zander Wilber	E. Beauregard
Rylie McGee	Sulphur

Bass Trombone

Wyatt LeBert *	Barbe
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Euphonium

Asiah Flugence	Barbe
Nathaniel Lewis *	DeRidder
Braylin Robinson	Kinder

Tuba

Ethan Jackson *	Pickering
Gavin McNabb *	DeRidder
Austin Ortego	Sam Houston
Tyler Stracener	Westlake

Percussion

Kolby Williams *	Barbe
Ben Fruge *	Sulphur
Cody Thibodeaux	Sulphur
Gabriel LeDoux	Sulphur
Asher Lamb	Sulphur
Ryan Crouch *	DeRidder
Liliann Hill	Barbe
Jonah Walker	DeRidder

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