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The month of April always feels comparatively relaxed after the band hits the New Year running and drives through a ceaseless flurry of activity from January until the end of March. Wrapping up Winter Guard, All County, Solo & Ensemble, and District MPA (which this year was swapped out for FFCC Percussion and Winds Championships), April becomes a time to reflect on the year and start planning for the next. I am hopeful that we have a much more recognizable year in store for 2021 – 2022. There will be challenges, of course, but our design team has begun to meet again, FMBC and Bands of America are making plans, and slow but positive developments in public health seem to be continuing. Although this is no time to let our guard down, we can look forward with hope and expectation. This week is a definite “looking forward” week with auditions for next year’s concert ensembles and applications for next year’s student leadership team due on Thursday, and we have a bit more information about our spring concert series to share.

FBA State Solo & Ensemble Festival

We have to begin with some congratulations to all the students who qualified for and performed in the Florida Bandmasters’ Association (FBA) State Solo & Ensemble Festival. To qualify, these individuals earned a “superior” on a solo of a Grade V or VI difficult at the district level. This is no easy task! In particular, we would like to congratulate **Kayla Elias, Jared Sta.Ana, Dominic Gonzalez, Sophia Ait Daoud, Julia Moen, and Zabel Morales-Diaz** for again earning a "superior" at the state level, and especially **Diego Talavera, Joseph Cassidy, and Nozomi Devine** for earning a rating of “superior with distinction,” the highest level of recognition FBA bestows on an individual performance. Well done!

Ensemble Auditions

Auditions for our advanced ensembles, including the Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Big Band, Intermediate, and Advanced Percussion Ensembles, are due this **Thursday, April 15**. *Even members who auditioned into one of these groups last year must complete and submit an audition. You will not be automatically re-enrolled in the same group.* Auditions must be submitted by video and can be turned into the Google Drive found at www.UHSband.com/ensembles/auditions.php.



Tip: For concert auditions, you can either play all twelve major scales, or save time by using the “Scale Generator” on the band website. This can be found on the members page by clicking “Course Resources” and selecting one of the concert ensembles. The page will give you three scales and you can simply play those three.

Student Leadership Applications



Applications for the band’s student leadership team are also due on **Thursday, April 15**. There are a variety of leadership positions available spanning a number of different capacities and suited to a variety of experience levels. To apply, students will need to know their year-to-date grades from their Quarter 3 report card. Leadership interviews will take place the last week of April.

Upcoming Performances and Rehearsals

“Into the Woods”

- April 15 – 17, 7 PM
- April 22 – 24, 7 PM
- April 18 & 25, 2 PM

Big Band Rehearsal

- (3:15 – 4:30 PM)
- April 20
 - April 27
 - May 4
 - May 11

Wind Ensemble Rehearsal

- (3:15 – 4:30 PM)
- April 22
 - April 29
 - May 6
 - May 13

Spring Concert Series

- May 11, 7 PM
Big Band, Jazz Ensemble, Percussion
- May 18, 7 PM
Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band

Indoor Show Shirts



University FFCC 2021 memento shirts are now available at <https://erbaninks.com/product/university-performing-arts-2021/>. Orders can be placed until April 22 and will be delivered to the school after production. Get yours today to remember the crazy 2020 – 2021 FFCC season!

Thank you!

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our band directors!


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