

UNIVERSITY

BAND



Drum Majors Richard Roberson and Nate Thatcher with the University Band at FMBC Finals Retreat

Upcoming Events

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Thursday, December 2
 Winter Guard Auditions
 (5:00—8:00 PM)

 Virtual Parent Meeting
 Parents' Page (6:00 PM)
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Monday, December 6
 Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal
 (2:30—4:00 PM)
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Tuesday, December 7
 Big Band Rehearsal
 (2:30—4:00 PM)
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Wednesday, December 8
 Symphonic Band Practice
 (1:30—3:30 PM)
- Friday
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Thursday, December 9
 Wind Ensemble Rehearsal
 (2:30—4:00 PM)
- Friday
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Friday, December 10
 Prism Rehearsal
 (2:30—6:00 PM)
- Saturday
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Saturday, December 11
 Prism Concert
 Tickets: teachtix.com/uhs
 (7:00 PM)
- Tuesday
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Tuesday, December 14
 Band Concert (6:00 PM)
 Senior Recognition
 Band Dance
 (7:30—10:30 PM)

FROM THE BAND OFFICE

"There is a tide in the affairs of men | which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune | Omitted, all the voyages of their life | are bound in shallows and miseries | On such a full sea are we now afloat." (Shakespeare, *Julius Caesar*, Act IV, Scene ii)

The University Band has definitely caught the tide and has been riding it to some amazing achievements this year, and there's more where that came from! Our Prism Concert and Winter Concert are less than two weeks away, the Winter Guard is starting up, and we are ready to jump into "concert season" with the same commitment we bring to everything we do.

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FMBC CHAMPIONSHIPS RECAP



The University Band performs at the FMBC State Championship Finals

The University Band had a fun and exciting conclusion to the marching band season on November 21 with the FMBC Championships at the World Equestrian Center in Ocala. This was the first year the event has been held at this venue, so there were many unknowns heading into the day. “Events of importance are the results of trivial causes” (Caesar again) and on a show day, even small matters like finding the best restrooms or the quickest path from warm up to the field can have a big effect on a performance. Our semifinals performance ran into several of these issues, including wind that blew our props 20 yards out of position, but our students handled it like professionals and comfortably earned a spot in the finals. That night, the band was fired up and earned the highest score in our program’s history (92.1) for a razor-thin second place finish.

At the beginning of the year, we were not even sure we’d be able to field a marching band this fall. Instead, we find ourselves standing on the other side of the most successful season in school history. The tangible accolades are obvious: two regional championships, a third-place finish at BOA, straight “superior” ratings at FBA, and our second consecutive silver medal at FMBC. What’s more important is the last six months our students have spent re-learning the importance of human interaction and internalizing the fact that when you work hard with a sustained effort toward a clear goal, you can do amazing things. That’s a lesson we can all take wherever we go in life.

SOLO & ENSEMBLE

The FBA Solo & Ensemble Festival is one of the best opportunities to grow as a musician, and it’s coming up sooner than you think! This year’s event will take place on February 11 and 12, 2022.

Please see the Members Page for information and details about how to sign up. Sign ups must be in before winter break.

WINTER CONCERT AND CELEBRATION

Since the homecoming dance took place the same day as BOA, and since Senior Night was rained out, the band will be hosting its own senior recognition and “homecoming dance” following the Winter Concert:

Tuesday, December 14

6:00 PM | Winter Concert

6:45 PM | Senior Recognition

7:30—10:30 PM | Dance

VIRTUAL PARENT MEETING

For anyone interested in helping to plan the Winter Concert and Celebration, there will be a virtual committee meeting on **Thursday, December 2**, at 6 o’clock PM. A link to the meeting will be posted at www.UHSband.com/parents by 5:30 PM.

ALL COUNTY BAND

Congratulations to Thomas Ambrose, William Barnes, Daniel Bonnet, Michael Carpenter, Jonathan Carroll, Liam Cervantes, Jason Crocker, Nozomi Devine, Dominic Gonzalez, Connor Gotham, Jorge Gutierrez, Alexis Lau, Huy Ma, Xander Manabat, Julia Moen, Zabel Morales-Diaz, Matteo Moreali, Marli Myles, Matthew Pedrero, Summer Ramsay, Ian Rivera-Blanco, Jared Sta.Ana, Sienna Sutherland, and Matthew Wong on their acceptance into the 2021-2022 OCPS All County Band! This is the most students auditioning into the ensemble of any school in Orange County. Furthermore, William Barnes, Daniel Bonnet, Connor Gotham and Alexis Lau were also accepted into the All County Jazz Band.