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UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL BAND

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From the Band Office

Our band's anthem is "You'll Never Walk Alone," and yet despite this, we are wrapping up a year where we have, in many ways, been divided. Those of you who have been able to make it back face-to-face for various activities, ensembles, and performances have heard me extend my thanks and admiration many times this year, and all of that has been genuine. You have kept our band program alive and running, and I am grateful for that. However, in the spirit of our band's anthem, I do truly need to express my admiration as well to those who, not from any kind of laziness or selfishness, but from a valiant desire to protect the vulnerable around you, have had to step back from an activity and people you love. It is no small sacrifice to give up the best activity high school has to offer, but here's the thing I want everyone to remember: you have not given it up. No matter what level and mode of participation you and your family deemed best this year, the members of this band remain one community of the finest young men and women at University High School. To our seniors, your four years here have certainly been an exciting adventure, and to those who will return next year, I am looking forward to finding new adventures together.

Band Slideshow Drive

At our spring concert on May 18, we are going to be playing our Year in Review and Senior Slideshows. If you have any great photos from this year (close-ups and shots of performances are best, but any quality photos are worth turning in), please submit them to the Google Drive at www.UHSband.com/members.

Seniors, please upload a baby photo, senior photo, and intermediate photo to the senior folder of the same Google Drive. We ask that all photos be uploaded by **Thursday, May 13**.

Icebreakers, Mini-Camp, and Summer

The school district's approval of spring/summer band events has been varying wildly and changing rather unpredictably. At this moment (as of 5:42 PM on 5/7/2021), the following spring/summer activities are planned:

- **Open House** | May 17, 6-8 PM | *Eighth Graders Only (no high school students)*
- **Mini-Camp** | May 26 – 27, 10 AM – 4 PM | *Everybody*
- **Summer Rehearsals** | Thursdays in June and July, 4 – 8 PM | *Everybody (if you're in town)*
- **Percussion/Guard Camp** | July 12 – 16, 10 AM – 6 PM | *Percussion & Color Guard*
- **Band Camp** | July 19 – 23 & 26 – 30, 10 AM – 8 PM | *Everybody*

Concert Sign Up

Due to capacity restrictions imposed by the school district in response to Covid-19, we must limit the number of audience members for our spring performances to 200 persons.

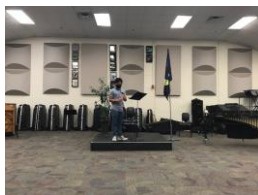
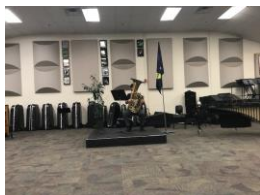
Sign-ups will be done in advance on the Members Page of www.UHSband.com. Each student can bring a party of up to four. The sign-up for our **Jazz & Percussion** concert is already available.

An attendant at the concert will check to make sure your name is on the list before entering the auditorium.



Recent Student Achievements

Sophomores in our Performing Arts Magnet completed their “juries” this week, performing self-prepared solo literature, scales, and other technical exercises before our entire instrumental faculty. It was so impressive to see the level of musicianship exhibited by these individuals! Practice makes perfect, and these students have put in the work!



Another big shout-out goes to **Joseph Rivera, Daniel Bonnet, Jordan Quintana, Santiago Parra, and Tyler Jeetan**, who spent four straight hours performing for the “Faculty Jazz Lounge” the band sponsored for Faculty Appreciation Week. Many of our faculty members have not seen a band performance all year, and some of the newer ones never at all, and their impressions were highly positive. (One teacher asked me if the music was really coming from the students or if they were just pantomiming to a professional recording!)

Upcoming Performances and Awards

Since we are not able to have a proper Band Banquet this year, our awards, slideshows, and leadership announcements will be integrated into our Spring Concert Series. Check below to make sure you don’t miss it! All concerts will also be livestreamed on the band’s YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/UniversityBand.

Jazz & Percussion

Tuesday, May 11, 7 PM

- 🎵 Percussion Ensemble
- 🎵 Jazz Ensemble
- 🎵 Big Band
- 🎵 Jazz Awards
- 🎵 Percussion Awards

Spring Concert

Tuesday, May 18, 7 PM

- 🎵 Concert Band
- 🎵 Symphonic Band
- 🎵 Wind Ensemble
- 🎵 *Woodwind/Brass Awards*
- 🎵 *Leadership Announcements*
- 🎵 *Year in Review Slideshow*
- 🎵 *Senior Slideshow*

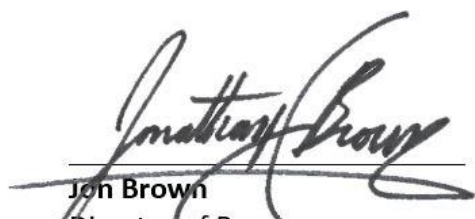
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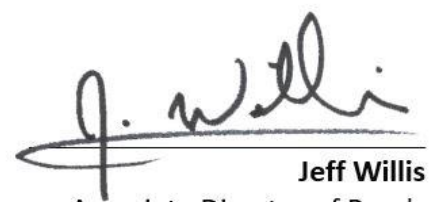
Thursday, May 20, 7 PM

- 🎵 Symphonic Band
- 🎵 Wind Ensemble
- 🎵 Jazz Ensemble
- 🎵 Chorus
- 🎵 Theater
- 🎵 Orchestra
- 🎵 Chamber Music

Thank you!

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


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