



GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS
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HIGH SCHOOL
ORCHESTRA, BAND, & JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

2023 SENIOR RECOGNITION

APRIL, 2023

HONORING THE CLASS OF 2023

The Grandview Heights Band Parents Association is pleased to celebrate this year's class of fifteen graduating seniors at their final concerts! Collectively, these talented young people gave us fifteen seasons of Marching Band, and fifteen years each in Concert Band, Orchestra, and Jazz Ensemble - and they even threw in a couple of years in the Seven O'Clock Jazz Band for good measure. Ten of them served as GHHS Marching Band Squad Leaders, and six added extra instrumental music study and performance activities outside of their numerous other in-school commitments.

These students also endured two years of pandemic-related interruptions to their music performance opportunities, a couple of years of concerts in the commons and gymnasiums while our facilities were in flux, and changes in leadership for both the orchestra and band programs. And most importantly, they helped lead their fellow students through all of these transitions, and back to concerts in our beloved auditorium, under the batons of their new leaders. They are a strong and resilient bunch!

In the pages that follow, this year's seniors are recognized for their years of dedication to the Grandview Heights instrumental music programs, and they share their future plans and favorite memories.

We wish them all well in their lives beyond GHHS!



Camille Akers
Concert Band | Clarinet

GHHS Marching Band, 4 years
Squad Leader, 2 years
GHHS Concert Band, 4 years

Attending Bennington College to study Literature and Anthropology

Favorite memory: Every time the drums played moose.



Cody Allen
Orchestra | Cello

GHHS Orchestra, 4 years

Attending University of Vermont to study Political Science

Favorite memory: I really enjoy when our group gets together and plays in concert, especially after the hard work we put in together.



Owen Billeter
Jazz Ensemble | Saxophone

GHHS Marching Band, 2 years
GHHS Concert Band, 2 years
GHHS Jazz Ensemble, 3 years
OMEA Solo and Ensemble

Attending Miami University to study Kinesiology

Favorite memory: Band Camp 2019.



Dyllan Deafenbaugh
Orchestra | Violin

GHHS Orchestra, 4 years
Plays guitar and ukelele

Considering future options

Favorite memory: I really enjoyed going to professional concerts as a group.

Ali Hamm

Concert Band | Clarinet

Jazz Ensemble | Tenor Saxophone

GHHS Marching Band, 3 years

Squad Leader, 1 year

GHHS Concert Band, 3 years

GHHS Jazz Ensemble, 1 year

Seven O'Clock Jazz Band, 2 years

Ohio State University Honor Band; Capital University Honor Band

Attending The Ohio State University to study Music Education

Favorite memory: Senior night at Band Camp.

Maggie Herlihy

Concert Band | Saxophone

GHHS Marching Band, 2 years

GHHS Concert Band, 2 years

Attending Tufts University to study Biochemistry

Favorite memory: Marching into the Ox Roast.



Dylan Koprowski

Concert Band | Saxophone

GHHS Marching Band, 4 years

Squad Leader, 1 year

GHHS Concert Band, 4 years

Attending Ohio University to study Media Production

Favorite memory: When the bus broke down on the way back from an away game.



Soren Larsen

Concert Band | French Horn, Bass Drum

GHHS Marching Band, 4 years

Squad Leader, 2 years

GHHS Concert Band, 4 years

Attending Tallahassee Community College to study English Education

Favorite memory: The breaks during Band Camp.





Alayna Lee

Concert Band | Tenor Saxophone

Jazz Ensemble | Tenor Saxophone

*Favorite memory:
2022 Band Camp senior
night, staying up all night.*

GHHS Marching Band, 4 years

Squad Leader, 3 years

GHHS Concert Band, 4 years

GHHS Jazz Ensemble, 1 year

Capital University Honor Band

2023 Band Parents Scholarship Winner

2023 Mary Jo Gaskalla Scholarship Winner

Attending The Ohio State University to study Art Education



Aylish O'Harra

Orchestra | Viola

Concert Band | Clarinet

GHHS Marching Band, 4 years

Squad Leader, 2 years

GHHS Concert Band, 4 years

GHHS Orchestra, 4 years

Seven O'Clock Jazz Band, 1 year

Columbus Symphony Youth Orchestra

Favorite memory:

*The cake walks
when Mr. Herrmann
would hold up memes
during breaks.*

2023 Band Parents Scholarship Winner

Attending Ohio Wesleyan University to study

Biological Sciences



Melana Pomerantz

Concert Band | French Horn

GHHS Marching Band, 4 years

Squad Leader, 2 years

GHHS Concert Band, 4 years

Attending Kenyon College to study Biology

*Favorite memory: Whenever Mr. Herrmann would hold up
pictures of his dogs during the cake walk.*

Jack Pulver

Orchestra | Violin

Concert Band | Percussion

GHHS Marching Band, 1 year

GHHS Concert Band, 1 year

GHHS Orchestra, 4 years

**Attending University of Cincinnati to study Computer
Engineering**

*Favorite memory: Playing for third and fourth graders
to introduce them to orchestra.*



Meeka Reese

Jazz Ensemble | Trombone, Synth

GHHS Marching Band, 2 years

Squad Leader, 1 year

GHHS Concert Band, 2 years

GHHS Jazz Ensemble, 2 years

Studied audio production at Ft. Hayes; performed solo at Ox Roast

Attending college to study Music Production

Favorite memory: Hanging out on the freezing bus taking us to the football game while it got stuck in traffic.



Janira Skrbkova

Concert Band | Clarinet

GHHS Marching Band, 4 years

Squad Leader, 2 years

GHHS Concert Band, 4 years

Attending Northeastern University to study Journalism

Favorite memory: Pulling an all-nighter with the seniors at Band Camp.



Madeline Smith

Concert Band | Flute

GHHS Marching Band, 4 years

Squad Leader, 2 years

GHHS Concert Band, 4 years

Attending Miami University to study Spanish Education

Favorite memory: Mr. Herrmann showing memes to the band at the cake walk to help pass the time.



Congratulations, Seniors!



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