



**GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS**  
**PERFORMING ARTS**

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HIGH SCHOOL  
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAMS**

**2024 SENIOR RECOGNITION**

**APRIL 25, 2024**

## *HONORING THE CLASS OF 2024*

The Grandview Heights Band & Orchestra Boosters organization is excited to celebrate this year's class of eight graduating seniors at their final concert performance as GHHS musicians!

Collectively, these talented young people gave us 28 seasons of Marching Band, 29 years in Concert Band, and nine years in the GHHS Jazz Ensemble - and they threw in five years in the Seven O'Clock Jazz Band and a turn in the GHHS musical pit orchestra for good measure. Nearly all of them served as GHHS Marching Band Squad Leaders for at least one season, and four of them added extra music study and performance outside of their other in-school commitments.

These students began their high school careers at the height of the pandemic, missing out on many of the formative freshman-year experiences that their other bandmates have enjoyed - including their first Band Camp. They also endured a couple of years of concerts in the middle school commons and gymnasium while our facilities were in flux, and they welcomed a new band director in the midst of it all. We are so grateful that they stuck it out through all of these challenges, and that they have continued to help push the GH instrumental music programs forward, while becoming leaders, friends, and mentors to younger students along the way.

They will be missed!

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

We wish them all well in their lives beyond GHHS.

# Lyla Baxter

Concert Band | Tenor Saxophone  
Jazz Ensemble | Baritone Saxophone

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*2024 GHBOB Scholarship Recipient*



**Marching Band, 4 years**  
**Squad Leader, 2 years**  
**Concert Band, 4 years**  
**Jazz Ensemble, 2 years**  
**7 O'Clock Jazz, 2 years**  
**GHHS Musical Pit, 1 year**

**Steve plans to attend The Ohio State University to study mechanical engineering.**

***Favorite memory: Band Camp and playing with the Jazz Ensemble for the Ohio Supreme Court.***



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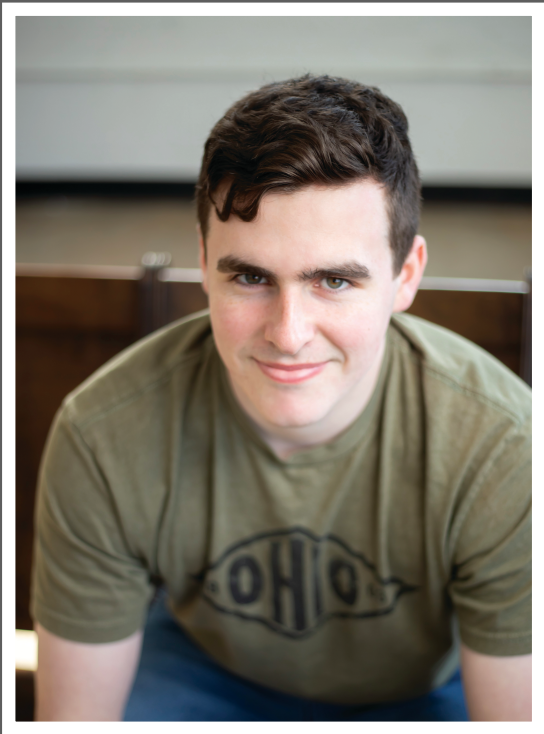
# Stephen Chordas IV

Concert Band | Trumpet  
Jazz Ensemble | Upright Bass

**Marching Band, 1 year**  
**Concert Band, 1 year**  
**Jazz Ensemble, 4 years**  
**7 O'Clock Jazz, 1 year**  
**Columbus Youth Jazz Studio**  
**OSU Honor Jazz Band**

**Lyla plans to attend college and study computer science.**

***Favorite memory: Steve Chordas quick-changing into a full Luigi costume on stage at our last jazz concert.***



## **Freddie Keil**

**Concert Band | Tuba**

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**Marching Band, 4 years**  
**Squad Leader, 3 years**  
**Concert Band, 4 years**

**Freddie plans to attend college and study computer science.**

***Favorite memory: Being the guy that did the soul scream for Messin' with the Kid.***

**Marching Band, 4 years**  
**Squad Leader, 3 years**  
**Concert Band, 4 years**

**Ben plans to attend The Ohio State University to study aviation management.**

***Favorite memory: Playing at the Blue Star Mothers' ceremony throughout the years.***



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## **Benjamin Matter**

**Concert Band | Trumpet**

# Eryn O'Harra

Concert Band | Baritone Saxophone

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**Marching Band, 4 years**  
**Squad Leader, 1 year**  
**Concert Band, 4 years**  
**Guitar lessons and recitals**  
**Plays clarinet and tenor saxophone**

**Eryn plans to attend college and study forensics.**

***Favorite memory: Soren and Freddie singing Love Shack when we were stuck inside at Band Camp.***

**Marching Band, 4 years**  
**Squad Leader, 2 years**  
**Concert Band, 4 years**  
**Jazz Ensemble, 2 years**  
**7 O'Clock Jazz, 2 years**  
**Columbus Youth Jazz Workshop**  
**Studio Bands**  
**Grandview Singers**  
**GHHS Theatre**

**Colin plans to attend The Ohio State University to study music education.**

***Favorite memory: Making music.***



***2024 GHBOB Scholarship Recipient***  
***2024 Gaskalla Scholarship Recipient***

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**Colin Parker**  
**Concert Band | Trumpet**  
**Jazz Ensemble | Trumpet**



## Sam Reichert

Concert Band | Clarinet

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

**Sam plans to attend Ohio University to study chemical engineering.**

***Favorite memory: Walking in and out of the stadium.***

**Marching Band, 3 years**  
**Squad Leader, 1 year**  
**Concert Band, 4 years**  
**Jazz Ensemble, 1 year**

**Liv is evaluating her future options.**

***Favorite memory: Sophomore year season in review, when it was pouring rain and hailing.***



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## Liv Rutter

**Concert Band | Bass Clarinet**  
**Jazz Ensemble | Tenor Saxophone**

## Congratulations to our Class of 2024 Scholarship Recipients!

The *Grandview Heights Band & Orchestra Boosters Scholarship* is awarded to graduating seniors currently enrolled in jazz ensemble, band, or orchestra who have contributed in a positive way to the Grandview Heights instrumental music program. Two \$1000 scholarships are awarded annually. This year's recipients are **Lyla Baxter and Colin Parker.**



The *Mary Jo Gaskalla Scholarship*, named after a former GHHS band director, is awarded to a graduating senior currently enrolled in jazz ensemble, band, or orchestra who plans to study or otherwise participate in music programs at an accredited college or university.

One \$500 scholarship is awarded annually. This year's recipient is **Colin Parker**. Colin plans to study music education next year and eventually become a music educator.

*Applications for these scholarships are made available on our web site in January of each school year and are open to seniors currently enrolled in band, jazz, or orchestra. Students may apply for one or both. The students provide biographical information and a short essay response relating to each scholarship's purpose, and all GH instrumental music instructors are invited to provide feedback on scholarship applicants. The application materials are then anonymized and shared with a screening committee who select the final recipients. Our thanks to GHBOB member **Tessa Carrel** for leading the scholarship review process for 2024!*

Good luck, Seniors!





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