



GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS
PERFORMING ARTS

**GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAMS**

2025 SENIOR RECOGNITION

APRIL, 2025



HONORING THE CLASS OF 2025

The Grandview Heights Band & Orchestra Boosters organization is proud to celebrate this year's class of *seventeen* graduating seniors, as well as one junior who will study abroad next year, at their final concert performance as GHHS musicians!

Collectively, these talented young people gave us 61 seasons of Marching Band, 62 years in Concert Band, 10 years in Orchestra, and eight years in the GHHS Jazz Ensemble - and they threw in one year in the Seven O'Clock Jazz Band for good measure. Twelve of them served as GHHS Marching Band Squad Leaders for at least one season, and five of them added extra music study or performance outside of their other in-school commitments. Wow!

These students endured a few years of concerts in the middle school commons and gymnasiums while our facilities were in flux, muddled through a couple of covid years when concerts and performances were recorded or isolated or didn't even happen at all, *and* they welcomed a new band director in the midst of everything else. We are *so* grateful that this large group of seniors 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 musicians along the way. They will be missed!

In the pages that follow, this year's departing students 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.



SKYLAR BINNING
Orchestra | Cello

Orchestra, 2 years
Studied with Columbus Cello School.

Skylar plans to attend The Ohio State University to study architecture and construction management.

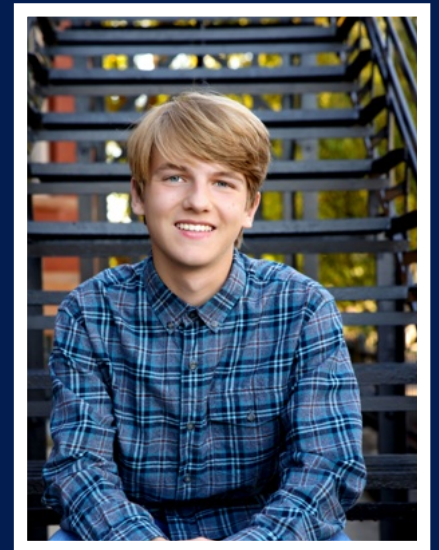
Favorite memory: Riding the Tower of Terror with Mr. Stanley, Ms. Olis, and friends three times in a row at Disney!

BEN CARINI
Jazz Ensemble | Trumpet
Concert Band | Trumpet

Marching Band, 4 years
Squad Leader, 1 year
Concert Band, 4 years
Jazz Ensemble, 1 year
Participated in OMEA Solo & Ensemble.

Ben plans to attend college to study industrial engineering.

Favorite memory: One of my favorite memories is when I performed a solo for the first time at a jazz concert. It was an experience that was completely different to anything I had done with music before.



CARMEN CUNNINGHAM
Orchestra | Cello
Concert Band | Clarinet

Marching Band, 3 years
Squad Leader, 2 years
Concert Band, 3 years
Orchestra, 4 years
Performed with Columbus Symphony Youth Orchestra.

Carmen plans to attend West Virginia University to study nursing.

Favorite memory: Football Friday nights.

ANNABEL DIMES
Concert Band | Flute

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

Annabel plans to attend West Virginia University to study forensic science.

Favorite memory: Smashing a cake in Mrs. Olis's face at the BOBCake Bash.



BEN DONAHUE
Jazz Ensemble | Tenor Saxophone
Concert Band | Baritone Saxophone

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

Ben plans to attend the University of Cincinnati to study finance.

Favorite memory: Junior year Band Camp.

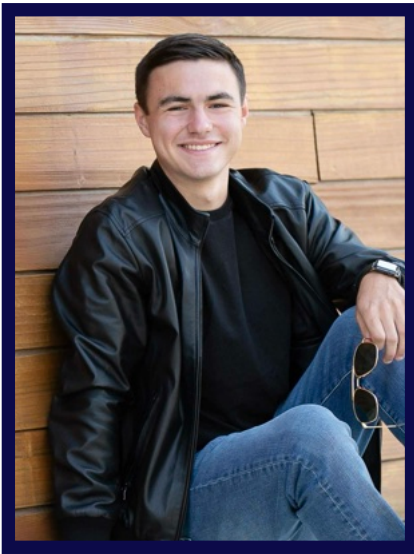
LEVA FISCHER
Concert Band | Flute

Marching Band, 4 years
Squad Leader, 1 year
Concert Band, 4 years

Leva plans to attend The Ohio State University to study health and rehabilitation sciences.

Favorite memory: When I was marching on the field during class and Mr. Heath would march next to me and show me pictures of his cat, Ted, while I was playing.





PORTER KNOUFF
Jazz Ensemble | Trumpet
Concert Band | Trumpet

Marching Band, 4 years
Squad Leader, 1 year
Concert Band, 4 years
Jazz Ensemble, 2 years

Porter plans to attend the University of Dayton to study mechanical engineering.

Favorite memory: Playing for the Ohio Supreme Court.

QUINN MARKLE
Jazz Ensemble | Alto Saxophone
Concert Band | Alto Saxophone

Marching Band, 4 years
Squad Leader, 2 years
Concert Band, 4 years
Orchestra, 1 year
Jazz Ensemble, 3 years
7 O'Clock Jazz, 1 year

Quinn plans to attend Virginia Tech to study mechanical engineering.

Favorite memory: Owen Billeter's solo on Tank.



SEAN McKELVEY
Jazz Ensemble | Trombone
Concert Band | Trombone

2025 Gaskalla Scholarship Recipient

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

Sean plans to attend college to study engineering.

Favorite memory: My favorite memory is the pep talks before marching band performances.

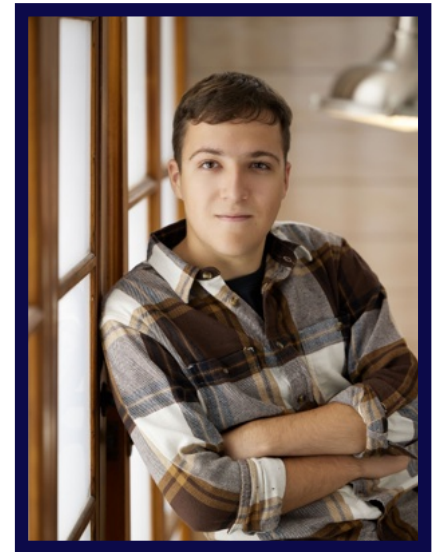


COOPER MEADE
Concert Band | Trumpet

Marching Band, 4 years
Concert Band, 4 years

Cooper plans to attend Ohio University to study
mechanical engineering.

Favorite memory: Going to Graeter's after concerts.



EMINA OSBORNE
Orchestra | Cello

Orchestra, 3 years

Emina is spending her senior year studying abroad
in Peru.

*Favorite memory: Playing with the high school orchestra
for the first time while in 8th grade.*

ANNA PULVER
Concert Band | Flute

Marching Band, 3 years
Concert Band, 3 years

Anna plans to attend The Ohio State University to study
health sciences.

Favorite memory: Completely bombing show four sophomore year!





BEN RITZMAN
Concert Band | Oboe

2025 GHBOB Scholarship Recipient

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

Ben plans to attend college to study chemical engineering.

Favorite memory: Senior night at Band Camp.

CHARLIE RUSSELL
Concert Band | Euphonium

Marching Band, 4 years
Concert Band, 4 years

Charlie plans to attend The Ohio State University to study engineering.

Favorite memory: Spending time with friends and meeting new people at Band Camp.



LUCAS SCHMIED
Concert Band | Clarinet

Marching Band, 4 years
Squad Leader, 2 years
Concert Band, 4 years
Played violin in the Suzuki Music Columbus Tour Group throughout high school.

Lucas plans to attend the University of Cincinnati to study entrepreneurship.

Favorite memory: My favorite memory from band is getting Dairy Queen with my friends at Band Camp.



LIZZY SMITH
Concert Band | Clarinet

Marching Band, 4 years
Concert Band, 4 years

Lizzy plans to attend The Ohio State University to study environmental science.

Favorite memory: My freshman year during the BOBCake Bash, Mr. Herrmann showed us memes and pictures of his dogs on his iPad.



SOPHIA SZABO-RAMSEY
Concert Band | Snare Drum, Xylophone

2025 GHBOB Scholarship Recipient

Marching Band, 4 years
Squad Leader, 3 years
Concert Band, 4 years
Also plays piano.

Sophia plans to attend The Ohio State University to study health sciences.

Favorite memory: Attending Band Camp, and Graeter's runs after concerts.



MADELINE YOUNG
Concert Band | Trombone

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

Madeline plans to attend Ohio Northern University to study psychology.

Favorite memory: Being inspired every day by my squad leaders during freshman year.



Congratulations to our Class of 2025 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 **Ben Ritzman** and **Sophia Szabo-Ramsey**.



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 **Sean McKelvey**. Sean plans to join the band in college.



Applications for these scholarships are made available online 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 process again for 2025!*

