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PERFORMING ARTS



*The Grandview Heights Schools present*

**2025 Spring Concert Series**

**The Grandview Heights High School  
Jazz Ensemble and Concert Band  
Spring Concert and Senior Recognition**

**Jennifer Olis, Director**

**April 24, 2025 - 7:00pm  
Grandview Heights High School Auditorium**

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## TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

### Jazz Ensemble Program

#### *Solid Old Man*

Duke Ellington, trans. Mark Lopeman

#### *Stormy Weather*

Koehler/Arlen, arr. Ed Gaston

#### *Take the "A" Train*

Billy Strayhorn, trans. David Berger

#### *Puttin' on the Ritz*

Irving Berlin, arr. Chris Sharp

### **Student Awards and Senior Recognition**

### Concert Band Program

#### *Kinda Indie*

Arr. Ian Bruns

Mr. Alessandro Nocera, conductor

#### *Beauty and the Beast*

Alan Menken, arr. Calvin Custer

#### *Aladdin*

arr. Paul Jennings

#### *How to Train Your Dragon*

John Powell, arr. Sean O'Loughlin

\* denotes members of the Class of 2025  
+ denotes assisting musician

## THE GHHS JAZZ ENSEMBLE

### **Trombone**

\* Sean McKelvey  
Jeremy Wurster

### **Saxophone**

\* Ben Donahue  
\* Quinn Markle

### **Piano**

Landon Roberts

### **Trumpet**

\* Ben Carini  
\* Porter Knouff  
Max McCollough

### **Bass**

+ Steve Chordas

### **Drums**

Ella Kinsinger  
Esther Maun

## THE GHHS CONCERT BAND

### **Flute**

Eden Critchley  
\* Annabel Dimeš  
Lucy Dyer  
\* Leva Fischer  
\* Anna Pulver  
Charlotte Ritzman  
Callie Rutter  
Brook Wangler  
Sophie Welsh

### **Trumpet**

Laura Alvarez-Linik  
Ben Carini  
Evie DeLong  
Cohen Donovsky  
Nolan Drum  
\* Porter Knouff  
\* Cooper Meade  
Sam Russell  
Alek Sletten

### **Oboe**

\* Ben Ritzman

### **Horn**

Max McCollough  
Allie Wahl

### **Clarinet**

Mira Bondy  
\* Carmen Cunningham  
Morgan Gladman  
Annabelle Gouge  
Kendall Miller  
\* Lucas Schmied  
\* Lizzy Smith

### **Trombone**

\* Sean McKelvey  
Cale McNamara  
Lexy Smith  
Jeremy Wurster  
\* Madeline Young

### **Bass Clarinet**

Peyton Debelak  
Sophia Weber

### **Euphonium**

Jasper Decker  
Ani Mahdasian  
\* Charlie Russell

### **Bassoon**

Livia Glaser

### **Tuba**

Sam Flick  
Audrey Siefker

### **Alto Saxophone**

Hudson Barber  
Kline Donovsky  
Luke Lobao  
\* Quinn Markle  
Henry Zuck

### **Percussion**

Tucker Betz  
James Bishop  
Natalie Brown  
Leo Decker  
Calder Gentile  
Ella Kinsinger  
Esther Maun  
Sofina Sochor

### **Tenor Saxophone**

Luna Gupta  
Bruno Lount  
Isla Swisher

\* Sophia Szabo-Ramsey

### **Baritone Saxophone**

\* Ben Donahue  
Mary Herlihy

## *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**

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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!*

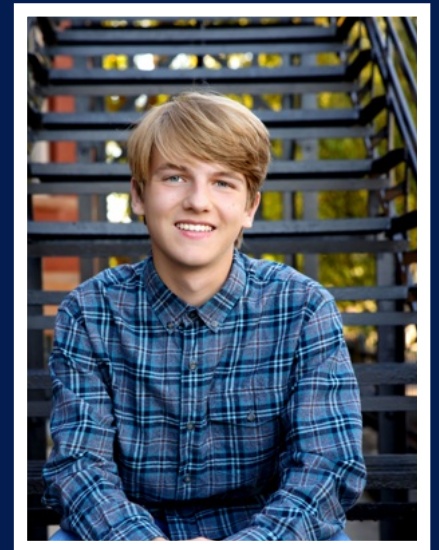
**BEN CARINI**  
**Jazz Ensemble | Trumpet**  
**Concert Band | Trumpet**

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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**

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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**

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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**

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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.*

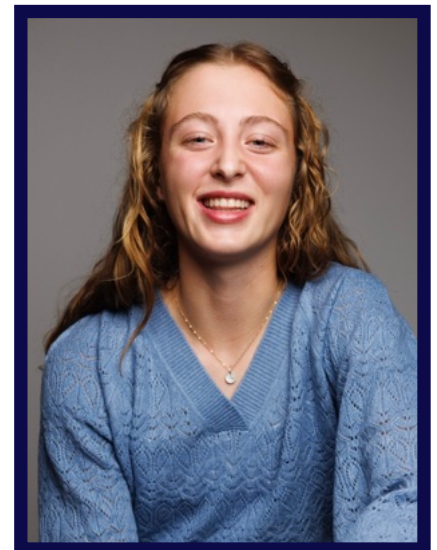
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**Concert Band | Flute**

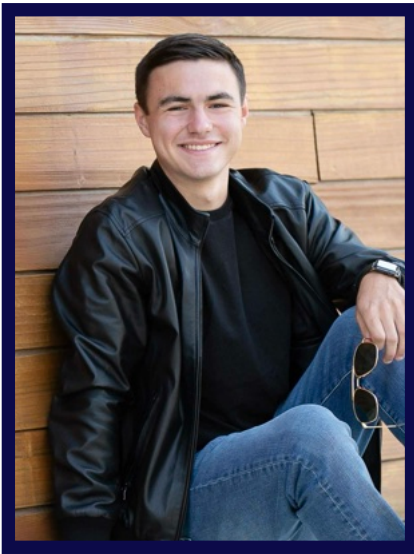
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Marching Band, 4 years  
Squad Leader, 1 year  
Concert Band, 4 years

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**

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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**

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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**

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***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.*



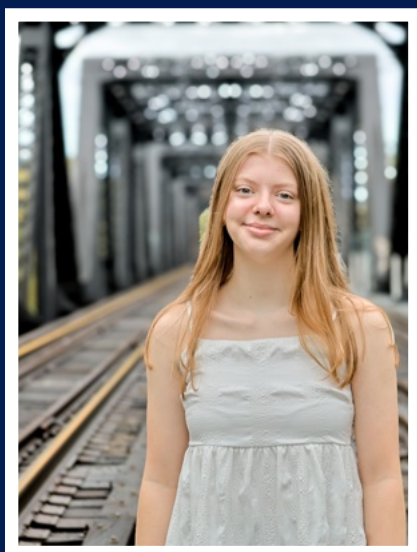
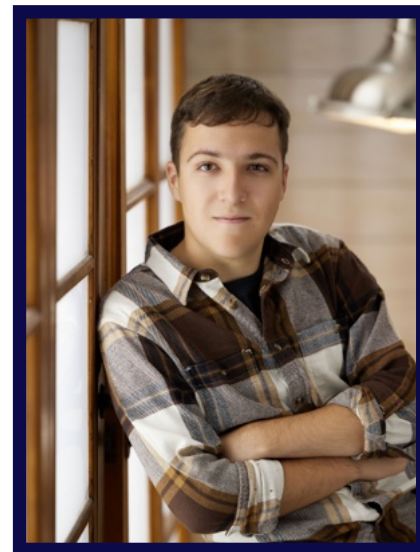
**COOPER MEADE**  
**Concert Band | Trumpet**

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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**

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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.*

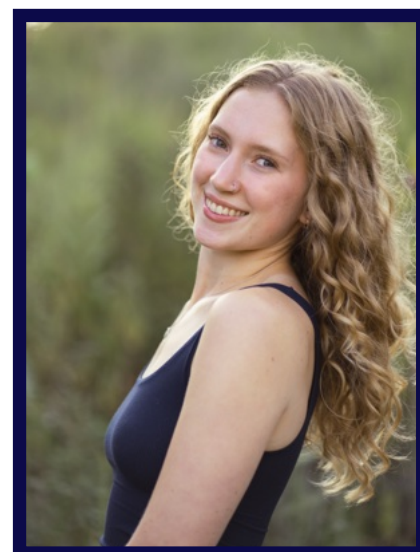
**ANNA PULVER**  
**Concert Band | Flute**

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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**

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**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**

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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**

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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**

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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**

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***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**

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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!*