



# UNIVERSITY

# UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL BAND

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## From the Band Office

Lots of UHS Band news this week! Please see the specific articles in this newsletter for some important and exciting updates.

### FFCC Lake Howell

Our Winter Guard, Indoor Percussion Ensemble, and Indoor Wind Company performed at the FFCC (Florida Federation of Color Guards Circuit) Regional at Lake Howell High School, the first competitive event of the spring season. The Winter Guard had a great show and was named **Scholastic A Champion**. Since our other two ensembles were the only ones in their class, they were not scored, but got lots of positive feedback and helpful commentary from the clinicians. This was a great start to the season and we are looking forward to continued success!

### Volunteering @ FFCC University I

We will be hosting our own FFCC Regional on Saturday, February 27. This will be our first major live event of the school year. We are expecting forty different ensembles to cycle through our gymnasium, giving a full day of spectacular performances. A number of different measures are being taken to ensure everyone's health and safety: performances are divided into seven "flights," each with the number of spectators limited to 20% of our gymnasium's capacity; the gymnasium will be cleared between each flight to allow for ventilation and cleaning; ensembles will warm up outside at a designated time and leave the campus quickly after their performance.

If you would like to attend the show, please see [www.UHSband.com/FFCC](http://www.UHSband.com/FFCC) for the schedule and a link for purchasing tickets.

If you are able to help make the show a success, please consider signing up for a volunteer position! You can do this at [www.UHSband.com/parents](http://www.UHSband.com/parents) by clicking on "FFCC University I." There are still a number of positions available so please sign up now!

## Parent Survey

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Our principal, Tom Ott, has asked our band to help the school reach its required 20% participation by completing the survey found here:

<https://surveys.panoramaed.com/ocps/family/surveys>

## Solo & Ensemble

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The FBA Solo & Ensemble Festival is a bit different this year. Students need to upload a video of their performances, scan their solo part, and then meet with their adjudicator over Zoom. Participating students can find individualized instructions on at [www.UHSband.com/members](http://www.UHSband.com/members).

## All County Results

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Congratulations to the following students who auditioned and were selected for the 2021 OCPS All County Band!

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| • Thomas Ambrose    | • Dante Jaramillo-Vasconez |
| • William Barnes*   | • Alexis Lau               |
| • Daniel Bonnet*    | • Julia Moen*              |
| • Joseph Cassidy    | • Marli Myles              |
| • Liam Cervantes    | • Matthew Pedrero          |
| • Nozomi Devine     | • Summer Ramsay            |
| • Kayla Elias       | • Pharit Smitasin*         |
| • Dominic Gonzalez* | • Jared Sta.Ana            |
| • Connor Gotham     | • Matthew Wong             |
| • Benyamin Hajder   |                            |

*An asterisk (\*) denotes principal player in the ensemble.*

Further congratulations go out to these students who made it into the 2021 OCPS All County Jazz Band!

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| • Daniel Bonnet* | • Jan Ramos         |
| • Joseph Cassidy | • Alex St.Cyr-Paul* |
| • Connor Gotham  | • Jared Sta.Ana*    |
| • Alexis Lau     |                     |

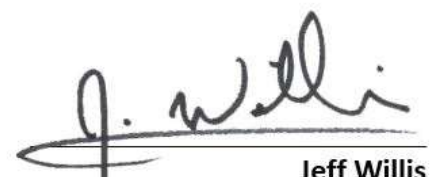
Thank you!

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As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or Mr. Willis and we will do our best to make sure you have everything you need.



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