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Dear Colleague,

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to nominate some of your outstanding students for our **2026 Summer Wind Band Institute**. This ensemble will be made up of talented high school musicians who are seeking an exciting and educational summer performance experience. Only students who have been nominated by their high school band director, private teacher, or one of our own University of Louisville faculty members are eligible. Students must be capable of comfortably performing Grade 5 and 6 repertoire. We look forward to building on the successes of recent institutes. Our past Wind Band Institute ensembles have presented fabulous performances of Ticheli's *Symphony No. 2*, Persichetti's *Symphony No. 6*, Giannini's *Symphony No. 3*, Nelhybel's *Two Symphonic Movements*, Robert Jager's *Sinfonietta*, and others.

The camp will run from the afternoon of **Sunday, June 7 through the evening of Thursday, June 11**. Dr. Speck will conduct the Honor Band, while other faculty will offer special workshops and master classes. There will be a "grand finale" concert on the evening of June 11 for parents, teachers, and the community to attend, free of charge. **The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, March 11.**

The complete cost of the camp is \$375 which is due on **Wednesday, April 8**. This includes instruction, residence hall accommodations, meal plan, and a camp T-shirt. The camp fee is non-refundable. Please complete and return the attached nomination form as soon as possible, as sections will close when filled.

Rehearsal and performance in the Honor Band will be a primary feature of the Wind Band Institute. In addition, there will be master classes and seminars for various instrument families regarding technique, stage etiquette, introductory conducting, and preparing for successful auditions.

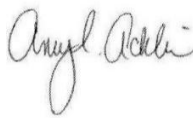
We hope that your students will be able to share this exciting musical experience with us. If you have any questions, please contact Adam Thomas at [adam.thomas@louisville.edu](mailto:adam.thomas@louisville.edu) or (502) 852-5116.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,



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Enc: Nomination form