



# STAG NOTES

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FROM THE PODIUM. . . MR. JAMES S. ROPER

It only seems like last week that I started teaching at DeMatha, and yesterday that John Mitchell retired. After teaching hundreds, if not thousands of students over the past forty years, my wife and I have decided to retire to the mountains of West Virginia.

I certainly have enjoyed working with amazing students, the absolute best music educators, and other educators at DeMatha, over those years. I have indeed been blessed to be put in this position.

The program has been left in the very capable hands of Michael Gatti, Music Department Chairman, Matthew Bickel, Director of Instrumental Music, and Carlos Castrillon, Director of Bands. I have no doubt that these gentlemen will continue the amazing success that is the DeMatha Music Program.

I will return to work with the Alumni Band (hopefully we will be able to do that in January 2023 – more to come about this in the Fall Stag Notes). In the meantime, I plan to relax at our cabin and try to get better at my golf game (I realize those two things are not the same!). I will always fondly

## Williamsburg Heritage Music Festival

*Our instrumental groups received the following awards:*

**Concert Band II** - Gold/Superior Rating, 1<sup>st</sup> place in Division 1A

**Concert Band** - Gold/Superior Rating, 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Division 2A

**Symphonic Band** - Gold/Superior Rating, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Division 2A, Adjudicator Award (92+ score)

**Wind Ensemble** - Gold/Superior Rating, (no competition in 3A), Adjudicator Award (92+ score), Highest Score for Band

**Percussion Ensemble II** - Gold/Superior Rating, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Division 2A, Adjudicator Award (92+ score)

**Adv Percussion Ensemble** - Gold/Superior Rating, 1<sup>st</sup> place in Division 2A, Adjudicator Award (92+ score)

**Sinfonia** - Gold/Superior Rating, (no competition in 2A), Adjudicator Award (92+ score), Highest Score for Orchestra

**Wind Ensemble/ Sinfonia** - Instrumental Sweepstakes Award

**Wind Ensemble/Sinfonia/Voices of DeMatha** - Sweepstakes Award (Highest combined scores)

## **Outstanding Soloist Awards -**

Leo Maring - Violin

Chase Pearson - Cello

Alpha Bangura - Djembe

Christopher Toomer - Alto Saxophone

## 2022 Instrumental Music Awards Night

**Ted Albano Memorial Scholarship** - Jarrod Ghatt

**Maruice Bugnosen Memorial Scholarship** - Joel Ayers

**Richard Stafiej Memorial Scholarship** - Jeffrey James

**Timothy Hay Memorial Scholarship** - Kaelan White

**Reiher Band Scholarship** - Joel Ayers

**Barbara Reiher Orchestra Scholarship** - Chase Pearson

**Lois Mitchell Memorial Scholarship** - Gabriel Chapman

**Bruce Pasqualino Memorial Jazz Scholarship** - Christopher Peace

**Funke Tuba Scholarship** - Kip Banks

**Coleman Mellett Scholarship** - Cole Gilbert

**Coleman Mellett Outstanding Musician Award** - Jarrod Ghatt

**Robert Brown Meritorious Service Award** - Keyvar Smith-Herold

**Directors Award, Orchestra** - Leo Maring

**Directors Award, Symphonic Band** - Michael-Paul Awunor

**Directors Award, Percussion Ensemble** - Ian Brown

**John Philip Sousa Band Award** - Keyvar Smith-Herold

**U.S. Marine Distinguished Musician** - Joshua Kucharski

## **NCBA Honor Groups**

**Jazz** - Tariq Lewis, Keyvar Smith-Herold, Joshua Kucharski, Ian Brown

**Orchestra** - Leo Maring, Efrain Enriquez, Tyler

## SAVE THE DATE!

**TENTH ANNUAL  
KALEIDOSCOPE CONCERT  
Friday, October 14, 2022**

Please consider advertising in the program or becoming a sponsor.



## 2022 SENIORS

41 seniors graduate from the instrumental music program this year. They will attend a variety of institutions of higher learning with an equally diverse choice of majors. These seniors have been offered over \$4.5 million in scholarships.

**Michael-Paul Awunor** - Penn State University, *Aerospace Engineering*

**Logan Beasley** - University of Maryland, *Journalism*

**Kyle Bickel** - University of Maryland, *Computer Science & French Horn Performance*

**Henri Bonnet** - University of Maryland, *Biomedical Engineering*

**Ian Brown** - Benedictine College, *Physics*

**Nick Butler** - Towson University, *Business*

**Chase Cartledge** - York College of Pennsylvania, *Business Administration*

**Silas Charles** - Chestnut Hill College, *Cyber Security*

**Adin Clarke** - Morgan State University, *Biology*

**Matthew Coakley** - Temple University, *Film Production*

**George Currie** - Georgetown University, *Undecided*

**Soloman Duncan** - Undecided

**Paul Dunn** - Drexel University, *Business*

**Cole Edmunds** - Howard University, *Journalism*

**Efrain Enriquez** - Prince George's Community College, *Psychology*

**Wesley Erickson** - Undecided

**Drake Greene** - American University, *Computer Science*

**Tyler Hayman** - Prince George's Community College, *Undecided*

**Nathaniel House** - Morehouse College, *Business Finance*

**Dominic Kazzi** - Salisbury University, *General Studies*

**William Kendrick** - St. Mary's College of Maryland, *Undecided*

**Joshua Kucharski** - Peabody Institute, *Trumpet Performance*

**Ian Lathrop** - Towson University, *Social Sciences*

**Sean Leonard** - Undecided, *Biochemistry*

**Tariq Lewis** - University of Kentucky, *Agricultural and Medical Biotechnology*

**Keaton Lovely** - University of Maryland, *Computer Science*

**Leo Maring** - Ithaca College, *Music Education*

**Joshua Meesala** - Undecided

**Nathan Newsom** - Lebanon Valley College, *Business*

**Owen O'Connor** - Hobart College, *Pre-Engineering*

**Julian Poydras** - Xavier University of Louisiana, *Computer Science*

**James Quartey** - Undecided

**Jacob Robertson** - Morehouse College, *Biology*

**Keyvar Smith-Herold** - Oberlin Conservatory, *Clarinet Performance*

**Ben Tarnosky** - Towson University, *History*

**Matthew Washington** - University of Maryland Baltimore County, *Undecided*

**Andrew Winkelman** - Loyola University Maryland, *Computer Science*

**Tyler Winkelman** - Savannah College of Art and Design, *Graphic Design*