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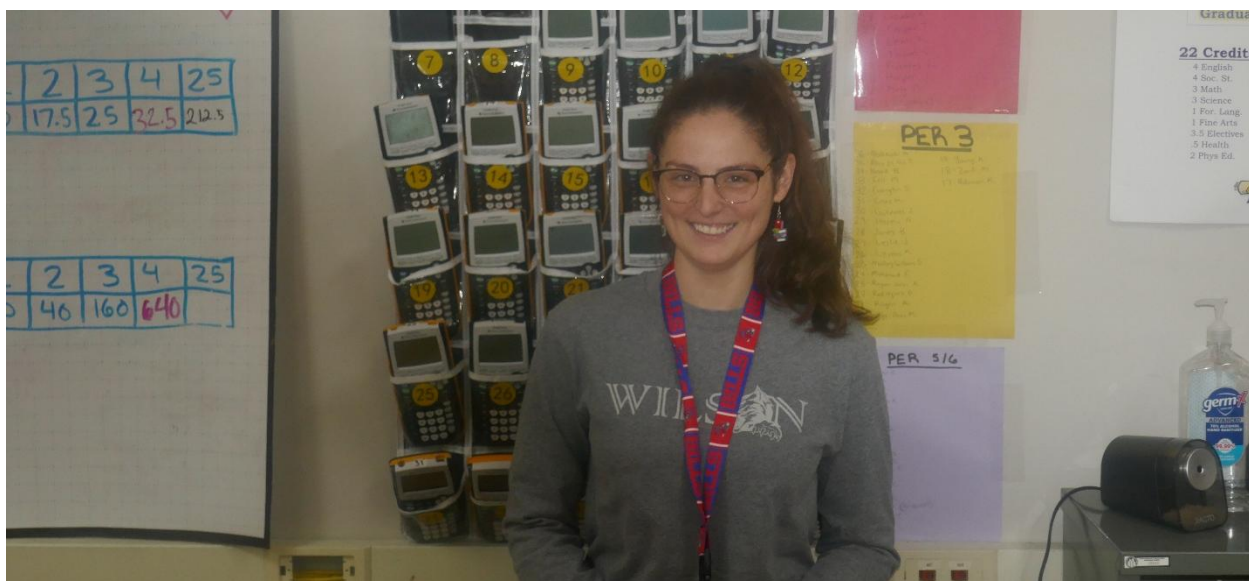
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Building Connections with Music

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It is said that music is the universal language that brings everyone together and Ms. Goodwin, who plays four different instruments, uses her musical abilities to connect with others.

By day, a math teacher at Wilson Magnet High School, she plays the violin, guitar, piano, and ukulele as much as possible.

Goodwin's grandfather got her into playing her first instrument, which was the violin, at the age of 5 and she was immediately hooked.

With her violin success, Goodwin decided to explore other options and decided to pick up new instruments.

Although she plays four instruments, she plays the piano and the violin the most... and her favorite instrument to play is the piano. She enjoys how both hands can play different parts simultaneously.

Goodwin states, "It's prettier to hear both the melody and the harmony."

Although she hated playing the violin for many years while growing up, she still took 20 minutes to practice playing every day. Goodwin didn't fully commit to playing the violin and piano until she entered high school.

She later started playing the guitar simply, "because she felt like it," and, after she graduated from high school, taught herself how to play the ukulele while living in Thailand.

Goodwin no longer fears the 'jack of all trades, master of none' trap that some multi-instrumentalists worry about. She just enjoys the songs, loves to learn new music, and no longer worries about how good she sounds.

The one thing that Goodwin enjoys the most is to perform with others –the more the merrier! Playing with others can be more exciting and, when they all play well and it all comes together, she says, "it can be magical."

In the end, her passion for music and willingness to share it with others reminds us that music can build lasting connections and create a welcoming community for everyone.



A Commitment to Success

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Sawba Blut, a Class of 2025 Wilson Magnet High School graduate, has recently completed the Marines’ Boot Camp... and just six months ago he was a clueless student, wondering what he could possibly do after graduation.

Blut says that he chose the Marines because, “It gives better opportunities than college does: better financial stability – plus you could do both at the same time with college being covered.”

Serving your country while getting a paid degree in higher education is really a great opportunity. According to Marines.com: “As a Marine, you will be encouraged to pursue your college degree while on active duty, or even after you complete your service and return to civilian life.”

Blut also credited Wilson’s activities in preparing him for his upcoming Marine life. For example, the Outdoor Club (the OC), where he did hiking and other outside activities, got him ready for life in the field.

"Physical training and train all day," Blut said when describing his routine. He added that, "Honor, courage, and commitment," are the attributes that make a Marine."

Being in the outdoors requires having courage and commitment, and the OC definitely helped discipline him for this upcoming chapter.

Blut also mixed in with a variety of peers at Pariss Island, where he attended Boot Camp. “I’ve come in contact with different types of people: some are my age and some are older; different races; different backgrounds... anyone could join.”

Could the military be right for you?

“Talk to professionals, recruiters at your school, or go to recruiting centers,” says Blut.

College is a great path to start your career but a military life is a valid choice... especially if you are unsure of what to do. The military is a great way to get a start on life, leaving you the option to continue your education later with no financial stress.