

# **Alton High School Band Wind Ensemble Selected For Prestigious Educators Conference Show**

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ALTON - Alton High School's band has always been a formidable force throughout Illinois in music competitions. AHS Band Director Blake Korte said the band's wind ensemble has been selected to perform at the Illinois State Music Educators Conference for the first time in over 30 years at the end of January.

"The band will be performing at the annual Illinois Music Educators Conference and we consider that a tremendous honor," Korte said. "In conjunction with seminars, educators have an opportunity to see performances of other music ensembles throughout Illinois. It is a rigorous audition and application process to be accepted. We started in February, March, and April 2022 the application performance and put together ensemble recordings with the application.

"The application includes ensemble playing photos, a biography of the director and information about the school and city, plus letters of recognition. We received an email

we were selected to represent the district this past summer. This is also a big honor for the seniors who have graduated but were part of the group last year. We were so excited to be selected for the prestigious honor."

A total of 41 students, all listed below, are part of the Alton High band wind ensemble. The students will perform in a send-off at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 24 at the Alton High School auditorium for anyone wishing to attend. The performance at the music educator's conference is at 8:15 a.m. on Jan. 28 in Peoria.

## **Alton High School Wind Ensemble 2022/23**

### **Flute**

- Melanie Parker
- Colleen Wilson
- Audrey Ennis
- Makayla Murphy
- Maci Dobson
- Rayann Farris

### **Clarinet**

- Lani McFarlane
- Joanna Halliday
- Ella Droste
- Natalie Plate
- Camdyn Elrod
- Landon Wilkinson

### **Bass Clarinet**

- Brody Macias

### **Contrabass Clarinet**

- Ethan Renteria

### **Bassoon**

- Grant Kolesa

### **Alto Sax**

- James Paris
- Jared Taul
- Aiden Lorch

## **Tenor Sax**

- Spencer Leonard

## **Bari Sax**

- Keyser Butler

## **Trumpet**

- Meredith Rulo
- Peter Malenic
- Erianna McBride
- Emily Schrumpf
- Gabe Futhey

## **Horn**

- Makenzie Jones
- Joseph Hicks

## **Trombone**

- Josiah Donoho
- Anna Stover
- Victoria Brown

## **Euphonium**

- Wes Patridge

## **Tuba**

- Jackson Clayton
- Gabe White

## **Double Bass**

- Will Hussey

## **Percussion**

- DJ Holliday
- Norah Hardin
- Shane Kaufmann
- Wesley LeBrun
- Jacob Sneddon
- Allison Cooke
- Johnathon Ridgley