

NORTH IOWA BAND FESTIVAL ROYALTY 2023

CENTRAL SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL BAND



Abby Pate

Parents: Bill and Kari Pate

Music: Band, Jazz Band, Drum Major/Student Director, Meistersinger Honor Band

Beyond Music: Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Softball, Trapshooting, Student Council, National Honor Society, Yearbook, and church activities

Future Plans: Attend Northwestern College to study Nursing and Spanish as well as play softball and play in the Red Raider Band.



Ethan King

Parents: Johanna Kuchenbecker

Music: Band, Jazz Band, Band Letter Winner

Beyond Music: Worship Musician and Meal Coordinator at Bethel Methodist Church

Future Plans: Attend NIACC for 2 years and transfer to a university to become an Interior Designer.

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CLEAR LAKE HIGH SCHOOL BAND



Emily Benitz

Parents: Shelby and Stephen Benitz

Music: Concert Band, Marching Band, Solo & Ensemble
Division I Ratings

Beyond Music: Soccer, Cross Country, Speech, Mentoring,
National Honor Society, NCC Academic All-Conference,
NCC Art Show, Division I Rating in Short Film, Silver Cord,
and Church Activities

Future Plans: Attend Iowa State University with an
undecided major.



Leo Tolentino

Parents: Christina and Jenn Tolentino

Music: Marching Band, Concert Band, Marching Band
Section Leader, Division I Rating in Bass Ensemble and Choir

Beyond Music: Eagle Scout, Cross Country, Track, National
Honor Society, and Youth Leader at Church

Future Plans: Serve a 2-year church mission trip in Goiania,
Brazil, then attend college with an undecided major, possibly
at Brigham Young University.

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FOREST CITY HIGH SCHOOL BAND



Kyra Gibbs

Parents: Valerie and Patrick Gibbs

Music: Marching band, Concert band, Pep band, Concert choir, show choir, show band, and All-State choir audition

Beyond Music: Volleyball, Golf, Student Council, Interact, Spring play, Fall musical, Large Group Speech, Individual Speech, and Youth Group leader

Future Plans: Attend University of Iowa for a Music Therapy major and audition for the Hawkeye Marching Band.



Cesar Lechuga

Parents: Jean and Sergio Lechuga

Music: Band, Choir, Marching Band, Show Choir, All-State, Speech, and Fall Musical

Beyond Music: Cross Country and Spring Play

Future Plans: Attend NIACC then transfer to UNI or pursue a music career in singing or songwriting.

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GARNER-HAYFIED-VENTURA HIGH SCHOOL BAND



Jenna Gerdes

Parents: Robert and Angela Gerdes

Music: Marching Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Forest City Municipal Band, Borth Ioa Band Camp Counselor, UNI Honor Band, District Honor Band, John Phillip Sousa Award, Outstanding Musician Award, Division I ratings in Timpani and Marimba, Bernie J. Urich Memorial Music Scholarship, and Top of Iowa Conference All-Academic Team for Band & Choir

Beyond Music: National Honor Society, Colorguard Assistant, Light/Sound Production for Theater, and the President's award for Education Excellence

Future Plans: Attend UNI in the fall of 2023 to study music and obtain a degree in Music Education.



Nolan Balk

Parents: Ashley Griffin, Jake & Jen Balk

Music: Marching Band, Jazz Band, Concert Band, Choir, Combo, Instrumental and Vocal Solo and Ensemble, All-State auditions, All-District Clarinet, Iowa Jazz Championships Qualifier, All-Conference Clarinet, UNI honor band, Waldorf Honor band, Jazz Soloist Award, Dorian Honor Choir, Wartburg Honor Choir and UNI Music Scholarship for Clarinet Performance

Beyond Music: Student Council, Chess Club, Drama, Speech Contest, Mock Trial, Football, Basketball, Archery, Golf, E-Sports, Battle of the Books, All-State Speech

Future Plans: Attend the University of Northern Iowa School of Music to study Music Education with an emphasis in jazz studies. Plans to join a jazz big band, marching band, a concert ensemble, and the UNI Men's Varsity Glee Club. Following graduation plan to teach high school instrumental music in Iowa.

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LAKE MILLS HIGH SCHOOL BAND



Ellie Hanna

Parents: John and Cortnie Hanna

Music: Concert Band, Marching Band, Pep Band, Drumline Captain, and Best Band Leader Award

Beyond Music: Volleyball, Basketball, Track, and Prom Queen

Future Plans: Play volleyball at NIACC and study Health Sciences.



Andrew Wallin

Parents: Lorn and Sonja Wallin

Music: Concert Band, Marching Band, and Pep Band

Beyond Music: Football, Trap Shooting, FFA, 4-H, and Prom King

Future Plans: Help on the family farm and drive semi-truck.

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MASON CITY HIGH SCHOOL BAND



Kylie Trappe

Parents: Courtney and Josh Beals, Adam Trappe

Music: Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Pep Band, Jazz I, Mohawk Follies, Drill Leader, and Band President

Beyond Music: Jr. Board of Directors for Clear Lake Bank, Church, Silver Cord, National Society of High School Scholars, National Honor Society, Volleyball, Bowling, Softball, Track, and Coaching Parks and Rec youth teams

Future Plans: Attend Buena Vista University to major in Business and play volleyball.



Marshall Hackbart

Parents: Shannon Belcher, Mike Hackbart

Music: Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Riverhawk Rock, Jazz II, Mixed Choir, Concert Choir, and Chorale Choir

Beyond Music: Speech, Dungeons and Dragons, Stebens Children's Theatre, Student of the Month, Andy Gassaway Spirit Award, Best Backstage Actor Award, Best Crew Award, Unique Character Award and Art Shows

Future Plans: Take a gap year and then attend an art school on the East Coast to study Set Design, Ceramics and/or Art. Hopes to become a set designer or museum curator while continuing pottery as a hobby.

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NEWMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL BAND



Leah O'Connell

Parents: Amy and Tony O'Connell

Music: Marching Band, Concert Band, Pep Band, Pit Band, Tuba Christmas, Solo & Ensemble Contests, Honor Bands

Beyond Music: Cross Country and Girls Track Manager, YIELD (Youth Investing Energy in Leadership Development), Homecoming Court, Campus Leadership Team, National Honor Society, Honor Roll, and UNI Presidential Scholar

Future Plans: Attend UNI to major in Graphic Design and play in a concert band.



Andrew Arthur

Parents: Jacquelyn and Jeffery Arthur

Music: Marching Band, Jazz Band, and Concert band

Beyond Music: Basketball, YIELD, National Honor Society, and Iowa Scholar

Future Plans: Attend the University of Iowa for Business and International Studies and plans to join the Air Force ROTC program.

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NORTHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL BAND



Ellie Ehrhardt

Parents: David and Jill Ehrhardt

Music: Jazz Band, Marching Band, Concert Band, and Choir

Beyond Music: National Honor Society, Student Council, Speech, Drama, FFA, 4-H, Meals on Wheels, Shriners, Youth Group, and Student of the Month

Future Plans: Attend NIACC for and Associates in Arts then transfer to UNI to get a Bachelor's Degree to be an Art Teacher.

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OSAGE HIGH SCHOOL BAND



Mari Fox

Parents: Bryce and Carol Fox

Music: Marching Band, Concert Band, Pep Band, Honor Bands, Solo Ensemble Contests – Division I, All-State Orchestra on Tuba, School Musical Tech Crew

Beyond Music: Softball, Swimming, Student Council Secretary, National Honor Society, Educators Rising, Big Brother/Big Sister, and Sunday School Teacher

Future Plans: Attend University of Northern Iowa to major in Communication Disorders and a work to obtain a Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology.



Chase Potter

Parents: Spence and Julie Potter

Music: Marching Band, Concert Band, Pep Band, Waldorf Honor Band, Solo/Ensemble Contest for Band and Choir, Choir, Show Choir, School Musicals, Local Theater Musicals

Beyond Music: Cross Country, Track & Field, Golf, Student Council, National Honor Society Treasurer, Speech, Educators Rising and Big Brother/ Big Sister

Future Plans: Attend Wartburg College to major in Physics and Secondary Education while continuing with music.

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RUDD ROCKFORD MARBLE-ROCK HIGH SCHOOL BAND



Catherine Dow

Parents: Jessica Meyer, Andy Dow

Music: Marching Band, Concert Band, Pep Band, Jazz Band, Honor Bands, and Choir

Beyond Music: Volleyball, Football Cheer, Wrestling Cheer, Track, FFA, Spanish Club, Model UN, Speech, Student Council, Yearbook, and Class Officer

Future Plans: Attend NIACC to study Business Entrepreneurship and continue to play in band. After college, plans to become a full-time tattoo artist and start her own business.



Tyler Marth

Parents: Al and Tina Marth

Music: Pep Band

Beyond Music: Boy Scouts and Eagle Scouts, National Honor Society, Student Council, and Spanish Club

Future Plans: Attend Iowa State University to major in Biology with a minor in Criminal Justice. Plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Forensic Science with a goal to work for a crime lab in the private sector or for a government agency.