



ALUMNI NEWS

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Upcoming Events:

Alumni Events:

Oct. 1st – HHS vs. Hillgrove (Home)
(Homecoming/Alumni Band Night)

Concerts:

Oct. 19th - Fall Concert at HHS
Dec. 7th – Holiday Concert at KSU
(Bobbie Bailey Performance Center)
Mar. 9th – Pre-Festival Concert
Mar. 18th – 20th – District Festival at
McEachern

2009 Football games:

Oct. 1st – HHS vs. Hillgrove (Home)
(Homecoming)
Oct. 8th – HHS vs. S. Cobb (Away)
Oct. 15th – HHS vs. Campbell (Home)
Oct. 22nd – HHS vs. Kennesaw Mountain
(Home) (Senior Night)
Oct. 29th – HHS vs. McEachern (Away)
Nov. 5th – HHS vs. North Cobb (Away)

2009 Marching Competitions:

Oct. 9th – Lassiter Marching Showcase
Oct. 11th – Cobb Marching Exhibition at
McEachern
Oct. 16th -Tournament of Champions at
Western Carolina University
Nov. 6th – BOA Indianapolis Regional

Community Events:

Hoya and the Hare Road Race

Usually in April. Applications will be
available on-line at www.harrisonbands.org.

Night of Jazz

Usually a Saturday in February. Ticket and
table details at www.harrisonbands.org.

Pops Concert on the back fields at Harrison
on Friday, May 6th Look for ticket and table
info on-line at www.harrisonbands.org.

Fill us in on your life

It is nice to hear what our former students are doing in their post-Harrison lives. For those of you who haven't told us what you are doing, please fill out the alumni information form at www.harrisonbands.org and send it to us, or drop us an email at alumni@harrisonbands.org. We love to hear about our graduates and want to let all of your fellow alumni know about you, too!

If you received this newsletter by mail, please send us your e-mail address so that we can e-mail it to you in the future and cut down on some band expenditures. Send an e-mail to alumni@harrisonbands.org and we'll capture your e-mail and put you on the newsletter e-mail list! This newsletter is also posted on the website.

Alumni Band Night/Homecoming at Harrison

Alumni Band Night/Homecoming will be on Friday, October 1st at the Hillgrove football game. The marching band will still be gearing up for the competitions at Lassiter, Western Carolina and Indianapolis. Come see this year's show, *Vesti la giubba*, following the game.

Buy a ticket to the football game, wear your Blue and Green, come sit with us in the stands and if you want, bring your instrument and play with the Harrison band.



We have new arrangements to some of the old stand tunes and to the fight song. So, things don't sound exactly as you may remember them. Go to our website (harrisonbands.org) under alumni and print off the new arrangements. We look forward to seeing you at the game!

After the game, drop by the band room and visit with current and past Harrison Band members.

MACY'S Thanksgiving Parade

On November 26th the 194 member 2009 Harrison Marching Band performed in the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade.

We spent a wonderful week in New York, touring, shopping and getting up at 2:15 a.m. to go to rehearsal on the morning of the parade. The weather was great and none of us will ever forget the walk along the parade route!



Former Director Notes

Chester Phillips (2000-2007) has completed his doctor of music arts degree from the University of Georgia and is currently busy with his first year with the Georgia State University marching band. He married Megan Wright in June.



Stephen Meyer (2007-2010) is in his first year as the assistant band director at Clear Creek High School in League City, Texas.



Ian Murphy (2005-2010) has moved to Columbus, Ohio with his

family to return to school to get his teaching certificate.

We appreciate all that Steve and Ian did for the Harrison Bands and wish the best of luck to both of them in their new endeavors!

Welcome to our New Staff!

Chris Parks is the **Assistant Director of Bands**. Prior to his appointment to Harrison, Mr. Parks was the Director of the Boston University Bands and Boston University Music Organizations, positions he held for ten years. At Boston University Mr. Parks conducted the Marching Band, Pep Band, Scarlet Band, Concert Band, Big Band and Commencement Brass Choir. Mr. Parks received his BM from the University of Texas at El Paso and his MM at Boston University. He spent 5 years touring nationally and internationally as a trumpeter with numerous Broadway Mr. Parks, his wife Sandra and daughter Leanne reside in Kennesaw where Sandra is professor of Dance at Kennesaw State.



Jeffrey Hope, Percussion Instructor graduated with a degree in Music Education from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and then earned his master's degree in Percussion Performance. At the University, he worked as a graduate assistant to Thom Hannum, taught and arranged for the Sudler Trophy-winning Minutemen Marching Band percussion section. Since 1997, Jeff has written for and taught numerous high school marching, indoor, and concert percussion groups in Massachusetts and throughout New England.



Colby Kuzontkoski, Percussion Instructor is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Music and a Master of Music in Percussion Performance. For the last six years Colby has had the opportunity to write for and teach competitive percussion ensembles around the country. He has also taught and given clinics at numerous high schools throughout New England. Colby is also an experienced drum set player having studied with Boston favorite Bob Gullotti for three years and has performed extensively in jazz and GB bands throughout the Northeast.



Class Notes

Class of 1997

Tiffany Jones (percussion) is living in Orlando and working on her master's degree in counseling from Palm Beach Atlantic University.

Class of 1999

Susan Smith Brough (clarinet) and her husband Nate are the parents of a daughter, Melanie.

Matt Reeves (trumpet) and **Stephanie Speir Reeves** are the parents of a son, Carson.

Class of 2000

Stephanie Speir Reeves (trumpet) and **Matt Reeves** are the parents of a son, Carson.

Jessica Treadway Sisson (clarinet) is a University of Georgia and Samford Law school graduate.

Class of 2001

Michael Jones (percussion) and his wife Bekah are living in the Boston, Massachusetts area where Michael recently graduated from seminary.

Class of 2002

Mike Gearhart (percussion) is working for ITS in East Cobb

Class of 2003

Tom Gearhart (baritone) is in Charlotte NC working for Electrolux.

Kevin Haygood (trumpet) married **Farren Inguanti** this summer.

Alex Mattei (tenor sax) makes public service announcement movies for Keep Cobb Beautiful and is attending graduate school at Georgia Southern.

Brandon Treadway (trumpet) graduated with undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Georgia.

Class of 2004

Meredith Black (tenor sax) is attending graduate school in Paris, France.

Natalie Erwin (oboe) is married to Chris Kennel.

Jonathan Grogan (trombone) is finishing up a music education degree at Georgia State and is a drum major with their first marching band.

Lindsey Kregel (percussion) became engaged at DragonCon. Her fiancé was dressed as a stormtrooper.

Ben Ray (trombone) graduated from Kennesaw State University and is currently on the marching band staff at Harrison.

Class of 2005

Gene Clark (percussion) is engaged to be married.

Shane Henry (percussion) is in graduate school.

Farren Inguanti (clarinet) married **Kevin Haygood** (trumpet) this summer. She is an RN at St. Joseph's Hospital in Atlanta.

Stephen Photianos (percussion) and his wife Clara are the parents of a daughter Aurora.

Derek Vos (flute) graduated with a music degree and is living in California.

Class of 2006

Andrew Cole (trumpet) graduated from the University of Georgia and is the Events Manager at the Strand Theatre on the square in Marietta.

Megan Jeffrey (percussion) graduated from Georgia Southern, recently got married and lives in Claxton, Georgia.

Mark Milby (trumpet) graduated with a degree in Ecology from the University of Georgia.

Samantha Ross (flute) graduated from Georgia Southern University, with a B.S. in Nursing in May 2010. She is employed by Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee as a nurse resident in adult critical care.

Ashley Sherwood (flute) graduated from the University of Tennessee with a forensic anthropology degree and is pursuing graduated studies in Knoxville.

Yanic Small (trumpet) is one of the first four drum majors at Georgia State University.

Larissa Treadway (flute) graduated from the University of Georgia with a marketing degree.

Paul Westin (bassoon) is a pastry chef.

Class of 2007

Bethany Beckalic (oboe) recently married Wayne Dryden.

Michael DeThomas (bass clarinet) and **Andrea Long** (colorguard) are engaged

Phil Flynn (euphonium) is engaged to be married this December.

Jack Walker (alto sax) is one of the mellophone section leaders of the University of Georgia Redcoat Band.

Class of 2008

Tim Allen (trumpet) is one of the first drum majors at Georgia State.

Class of 2009

Sarah Gearhart (alto sax) is a sophomore at Georgia Southern majoring in Sports Management.

Allison Turner (piccolo) is a rank leader in the University of Georgia Redcoat Band.

Taylor Watts (alto sax) is a music education major at UGA and is a drum major for the University of Georgia Redcoat Band.

Class of 2010

Robert Ashley (trumpet) is attending the University of Georgia, majoring in Pre-Med and will march with the Redcoat Band.

Dustin Balshi (baritone sax) is Production Robots Engineering major at Jacksonville State University.

Connor Barfield (trumpet) is attending Berry College and

plans to major in European History, Government, or International Affairs.

Elizabeth Bickley (flute) is studying English with a minor in Spanish at the University of Virginia. She is in the UVA marching band.

April Borchelt (colorguard) is an Illustration/Commercial Graphics major at Kennesaw State University.

Casey Carter (percussion) is attending Kennesaw State University as a Psychology major.

Brian Chandler (french horn) is at Auburn University majoring in Computer Science or Engineering with a minor in Music.

Nikki Clewis (bassoon) is a Business/Finance major at Georgia Southern University.

Emmalie Cole (colorguard) attends Jacksonville State University and is an Early Childhood Education major.

Sam Coleman (trumpet) is attending Kennesaw State University.

Andrew Cotti (clarinet) is a Nuclear Engineering major at Brigham Young University.

Amy Cromer (colorguard) is majoring in Business Administration at Kennesaw State University.

Taylor Davis (percussion) is a Pre-Med major at Young Harris College.

Diana Del Campo (colorguard) is attending Jacksonville State University as a Business major.

Paul DeMerritt (percussion) is a Music and Writing major at Georgia State University

Kelsea Edenfield (flute) attends the University of Georgia and is a Pre-Law or Pre-Med major.

Christina Garrison (colorguard) is studying Business Management / Public Speaking at the University of Alabama.

Avriel Glass (french horn) is a History major at Berry College.

Ryan Golemo (percussion) is attending Mississippi State University majoring in Civil Engineering.

Jonathon Greenwood (percussion) is an Engineering major at Georgia Institute of Technology.

Meghan Hale (trombone) attends Georgia Southern University as a Biology major.

Matthew Howell (tuba) is majoring in Aeronautical Science at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Leah Hudson (colorguard) is a Childhood / Developmental Psychology major at Kennesaw State University.

Alyssa Johnson (flute) is majoring in Psychology at Georgia Southern University.

Michelle Lojo (trumpet) attends Georgia Southern University, majoring in Biology.

Caitlin May (clarinet) is a Music Management major at Georgia State University.

Ashley McNair (flute) is a Nursing major at the University of West Georgia.

Claire Merchlinsky (oboe) is studying Illustration at Savannah College of Art and Design.

Billy Mosher (alto sax) is an Agricultural Finance major at Kansas State University.

Laura Neal (colorguard) attends Kennesaw State University.

Sarah O'Keefe (alto sax) attends Auburn University as a Marine Biology major with a minor in Music Performance.

Thomas Paradiso (euphonium) is a Music major at the

University of Alabama. He is in the marching band.

Stephen Parker (french horn) is a Psychology major at Kennesaw State University. He is on the staff of the Harrison Marching Band.

Kaitlin Pelech (flute) is a Psychology major at Georgia College and State University.

Katie Phillips (flute) is attending Georgia State University as a Music Management major.

Kevin Raines (euphonium) is a Business Management major at the University of Georgia.

Brandon Reed (alto sax) is a Political Science major at Kennesaw State University or Georgia Southern University.

Matthew Rickard (percussion) attends Kennesaw State University.

Steven Rogers (trumpet) is a Business major at Kennesaw State University.

Rachel Smereski (clarinet) is attending Georgia Highlands College as a Business major.

Christian Stephanos (trombone) attends Georgia State University and is majoring in Music and Music Education.

Lauren Stoker (trumpet) is a Marine Science major at the University of South Carolina.

Brittany Tatem (trumpet) is a Chemistry Major at Georgia Institute of Technology.

Caroline Tatum (french horn) is a Pre-Vet / Animal Sciences major at Berry College.

Jessie Thomas (euphonium) attends the Georgia Institute of Technology and is studying Polymer and Fiber Engineering.

Cassie Trout (clarinet) is a Music Education major at Georgia State University. She will be part of the GSU inaugural Marching Band.

Emily Urbanski (oboe) is a Chemistry major at Georgia Southern University.

Kadar Vannoy (trumpet) is studying Biology at Morehouse College.

Rose Walker (colorguard) attends Kennesaw State University.

Dina Zolan (clarinet) is a Music Education major at the University of Georgia. She is marching with the Redcoat Band.



Highlights of the Harrison Band Program



Western Carolina Tournament of Champions- 2009

Division Champion

1st place, Grand Champion

Chancellor's Trophy Winner

Atlanta BOA Super Regional - 2009

3rd place finalist competing among 42 bands – awarded Class AAA Outstanding Visual

Atlanta BOA Super Regional - 2008
2nd place finalist competing among 34 bands - awarded Outstanding Visual Performance in Finals.

Massillon Ohio BOA Regional – 2008
1st place overall, Outstanding Music Performance, Outstanding Visual Performance, and Outstanding General Effect in Preliminaries and Finals

Winterguard International Midwest Power Regional -2008
Finalist

Winterguard Southern Association of Performance Art – 2008
Silver Medalist

BOA Grand Nationals – 2007
Finalist in Indianapolis – top 12 in the nation

Midwest Music Festival – 2007
Wind Ensemble chosen as one of the top four high school bands in the U.S. to perform in Chicago

St. Patrick's Day Parade – 2007
Dublin, Ireland

Atlanta Winter Guard International – 2007
Regional finalist

Sudler Flag of Honor – 2006
One of two international recipients presented by the Sousa Foundation.

Murfreesboro BOA Regional – 2006
1st place overall, Outstanding Music Performance and outstanding General Effect

National Concert Band Festival – 2006
Wind Ensemble is one of top 18 high school bands in the U.S.

Atlanta BOA Super Regional – 2005
Finalist finishing 5th place overall against over 40 bands

Bowling Green BOA Regional – 2005
Finalist finishing 3rd place overall against over 30 bands, Class AAA 3rd place

Eagles Nest Invitational (Collins Hill) - 2005
Grand Champion, Class AAAA 1st place in Band, Music and Color Guard

Georgia Music Educator's Association – 2005
Featured performance

University of Georgia "JanFest" – 2005
Featured performance

Atlanta BOA Super Regional – 2004
Finalist finishing 9th place overall competing among 41 bands

Lassiter Marching Band Showcase – 2004
Grand Champion, Class AAAAA Division Champions, Outstanding Music, Outstanding Visual, Outstanding General Effect, Class AAAAA Grand Champion Trophy

Ohio BOA Regional – 2004
1st place overall, Outstanding Music Performance and Outstanding General Effect

Florida BOA Regional – 2003
Finalist finishing 3rd place overall competing against over 30 bands, Class AAA 2nd place

Atlanta BOA Regional – 2003
Finalist finishing 7th place overall competing against 34 bands, 2nd highest scoring band from the state of Georgia, overall 5th place ranking in Music General Effect

Lassiter Marching Band Showcase – 2003
Grand Champion, Class AAAAA Division Champion, Most Outstanding Music, Most Outstanding Visual, Most Outstanding General Effect

National Concert Band Festival – 2003
Wind Ensemble is one of top 18 high school bands in the U.S.

Atlanta BOA Regional – 2002
Class AAA Division I Rating

New York St. Patrick's Day Parade – 2002
3rd place band

Drumline – 2002 - Fox 2000 Studios
Marching Band selected to participate in the filming of the movie *Drumline*

Nokia Sugar Bowl – 2001
Marching Band chosen to participate in the halftime show in New Orleans

Orlando BOA Regional – 2000
Finalist finishing 6th place overall, Class AAA Division I Rating

Citrus Bowl Parade – 2000
Marching Band participated in the 2000 Citrus Bowl Parade in Orlando

Midwest Music Festival – 1999
Wind Ensemble chosen as one of the top four high school bands in the U.S. to perform in Chicago

University of Georgia "JanFest" – 1999
Featured performance

National Concert Band Festival – 1998
Wind Ensemble is one of top 16 high school bands in the U.S.

Para-Olympic Games – 1996
Marching Band participated in the Closing Ceremonies of the 1996 Para-Olympic Games in Atlanta

MusicFest Orlando – 1996
Grand Champion

Smoky Mountain Music Festival – 1994
Grand Champion
