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BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN HIGH SCHOOL
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WELCOME...!

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome each and every one of you to Kean University for the 2019 New Jersey Band Gala. Today we will hear 12 of the finest New Jersey high school concert bands / wind ensembles that have each recently distinguished themselves with an outstanding performance at their respective regional band festivals. On behalf of the executive board of the New Jersey Band Association (NJBA), it is my pleasure to congratulate the band directors and their student musicians for their dedication to excellence, which has led to their participation in this year's annual New Jersey State Band Gala. Their outstanding achievements serve as a model and inspiration to all of us who find great satisfaction in the fact that quality music education does reside in New Jersey. Congratulations!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the many school administrators and school staff members who actively champion music education in the school setting. Without their true support, musical performance would remain an unknown art form as well as an unknown form of personal expression for many of today's performers. I know that it is often very difficult to convince others of the long-term value of arts education, in spite of the fact that it remains at the core of our humanity. I thank you for all that you do to provide the opportunity for the students of your school district to receive a full and enriching education.

I also wish to thank the parents and other family members who have supported these young people in all of their endeavors, not the least of which has been their development as musicians. Parents, you hold the key to creating a brighter future for our world. Thank you for all that you do.

Last but not least, I wish to once again congratulate the conductors of each ensemble for the exceptional work that they do in teaching excellence through music performance in their respective communities.

Sincerely,

Thomas N. Connors, Ph.D.

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Executive Board Chair, New Jersey Band Association
Director of Music, Kean University

West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South Wind Ensemble

Jesse Argenziano, Director

Superintendent of Schools.....Dr. David Aderhold
Principal.....Dennis Lepold
Board of Education President.....Anthony Fleres
Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts.....Jeffrey Santoro

The West Windsor-Plainsboro HS South Band program includes three curricular ensembles. 9th-grade students are enrolled in Concert Band and 10th-12th grade band students move into either Symphonic Band or Wind Ensemble. All ensembles meet three out of every four school days and, in addition, students receive small group lessons during their study hall. After-school band activities include Jazz Ensemble and Combo, Percussion Ensemble, chamber groups, and Marching Band. Historically, the district has also offered the opportunity to travel and perform abroad, most recently in Spain, Czech Republic, and Austria. The WW-P HS South Wind Ensemble has received consistent Gold ratings from the New Jersey Band Festival and this is their fourth appearance at the NJ State Gala Concert.

Parsippany Hills High School Wind Ensemble

Michael Iapicca, Director

Superintendent of Schools.....Dr. Barbara Sargent
Board of Education President.....Frank Neglia
Principal.....Michael DiSanto
Supervisor of Grades 6-12 Math / Business / Music.....Pamela Freund
Music Parent President.....Christina Folan

The Parsippany Hills High School Wind Ensemble is the most advanced instrumental ensemble at PHHS. The band is made up of students in grades 9-12 by audition only. As part of the school curriculum, the Wind Ensemble meets daily for 44 minutes with students in attendance from 1-5 days of the week. In addition to school concerts, the band has performed at NJPAC, The Kimmel Center, and at the 2018 Mid-Atlantic Wind Band Festival at Rutgers University. The PHHS Wind Ensemble has earned a gold rating in each of its five years of participation in the NJSMA Band Festival. 2019 marks their fourth consecutive appearance at the NJ State Band Gala.