

Dear High School Band Teachers,

I am pleased to announce that this year the Gonzaga University Music Department is holding its 1st Annual Honor Band Festival. I am the Director of Bands at Gonzaga University, and am privileged to be Coordinator for this year's event.

I am writing to extend to you a cordial invitation to recommend as many students as you wish for participation in the Festival. It will be held Friday and Saturday, November 15-16, 2019 on the campus of Gonzaga University. The guest conductor is Gary Green, recently retired Director of Bands at the University of Miami. You and your students will not want to miss this special opportunity with him.

1. The director nomination process is web-based (paperless). Please use our form to nominate all your students. A separate online form needs to be completed for each student you are nominating. Two full days of activities will take place for participating students including their placement auditions, clinics with our applied faculty, and full ensemble rehearsals. Students should only be recommended if they would fulfill the responsibilities of the entire Festival. Students will not be excused for activities outside the Festival. The submission deadline for your nominations is **Friday, October 11, 2019**. Please use this link to nominate your students:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GUHonorBand2019>
2. We will notify you about our decisions during the week of October 14. The honor band fee for 2019 is \$65.00 per student. Instructions for submitting their participation fee will accompany our notification sent to you.
3. Hotel accommodations can be made at the Ruby River Hotel by calling 509-326-5577. The hotel is in walking distance to the rehearsal site.

As your students' band director, you will not want to miss the clinic session by Gary Green on Friday morning. Also, you are invited to attend the open rehearsals of the Festival Wind Ensemble.

The culminating event for students, parents, directors, and the public will be a free concert on Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the brand new Myrtle Woldson Performing Arts Center on the Gonzaga campus. Also performing on the program will be the Gonzaga University Wind Ensemble.

We look forward to hosting you and your students at the 1st Annual Gonzaga University Honor Band Festival. Please contact me with any questions at hamlin@gonzaga.edu or at 509-313-6792.

Best regards,

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