

September 4, 2009

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Alderson-Broaddus College, I am pleased to announce:

***The Eleventh Annual Alderson-Broaddus College Honors Wind Ensemble***

As outlined in the enclosed information, the Honors Wind Ensemble provides your outstanding musicians with both recognition and a great musical experience.

The *Eleventh Annual Alderson-Broaddus College Honors Wind Ensemble* will be held on November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Both the Monday-through-Tuesday format, culminating in a concert on Tuesday evening, and the mid-November timing were suggested by band directors themselves as a way of avoiding conflicts with marching band activities in the fall. We are pleased to have **Dr. Shelley Jagow** from Wright State University (Dayton) as this year's guest conductor.

Please notice the deadline for **our receipt** of application materials: **Tuesday, October 13**. In order to keep HWE truly an honors experience, please limit your recommendations to only those students most deserving of this opportunity. **Depending on enrollment, some students applying may not be accepted.** We trust that receiving this material now provides you with ample time to announce the event, discuss this opportunity with your students, as well as distribute and collect application materials. Receiving these materials by the deadline allows us to review them carefully, make our selections from the pool of applicants, and notify you and your students in a timely manner. Let me suggest that you and your principal sign the enclosed application form, which you then may photocopy and distribute to those students you deem qualified for selection. **Please note:** There is one additional form enclosed where we would like you to rank your students in the order that you feel are most deserving of this experience. That form also gives you the opportunity to suggest future HWE guest conductors.

Thanks to many of you, our previous Honors Wind Ensemble festivals have been successful (students tell us they had a blast and loved making music). Needless to say, your suggestions and questions are most welcome.

As I wish you the best for a successful school year, I would like you to know that we at Alderson-Broaddus College value music education at every stage of life. We are actively involved with neighboring communities and are always looking to foster new friendships. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the A-B music faculty if we can be of service to you and your students. Whether it is a student master class, clinics with your ensembles, joint concerts, or just chatting about rehearsal strategies over the phone, we are all in this together, and we have specifically set aside time in our schedules devoted to meet and support you.

Best Wishes,

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