



Joliet Township High School Band Alumni Association
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Dear Fellow Alumni:

The month of September traditionally signals the end of summer and new beginnings too as students embrace the challenges and rewards of the new school year. Similarly, our Band Alumni Association is wrapping-up another successful year and we are excited to launch a new one at our *15th Annual Meeting of the JTHS Band Alumni Association*. This year's meeting will begin at 3:00 PM CDT on Sunday, September 18, 2016, in the Library Media Center at the Joliet West campus. We kindly request the favor of your reply: 1) RSVP directly to this [email](#), 2) RSVP via our [Facebook event](#), or 3) Ensure that we know how to contact you by [updating your info](#) today.

Our primary goal is simple, to support the band programs at both the Central and West campuses. Do you know:

- Each band receives an annual donation from the BAA to assist with their operating needs.
- Band alumni are invited to participate in annual Pep Bands during basketball season. Pizza is served afterwards to all students and alumni who participate.
- Our scholarship program is entering its sixth year. The Centennial Scholarship program was launched in 2012, and through this program, we have been able to provide a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a graduating senior from each campus. The addition of the Norman Macdonald Memorial Scholarship in 2014 allowed us to provide an additional \$1,000.00 scholarship to a graduating senior at each campus who is pursuing a music-related major. Since 2012, we have awarded a total of \$16,000.00 in scholarship funds to Central and West band students. The students who have won these awards are outstanding examples of musical skill, scholastic performance and personal character and are excellent representatives of the spirit and legacy of the JTHS Band Program.

Now, you are likely asking yourself... How can I help?

Support us annually with your paid membership. Two methods are available: 1) Use our online form – www.jthsbaa.org/forms/membership.htm or print and fill-out our mail-able form that is available at www.jthsbaa.org/pdf/membership.pdf. Please remember to mail-in your dues to JTHS BAA, P.O Box 1261, Joliet, IL 60434 by October 1st. (Make checks payable to “JTHS BAA”)

Donate to the BAA scholarship funds. As with any scholarship program, funding is the most essential component. We are asking for your assistance with sustaining these scholarships by making a financial donation. Any amount, whether it's \$5.00 or \$500.00, goes directly towards

providing much needed financial assistance to the outstanding students who work to continue the fine musical legacy that we helped build.

Join the discussion to help steer our priorities. What will the future of the JTHS BAA hold as we enter a new fiscal year? Will planning of our next alumni band concert begin in earnest? Will our scholarships continue? Will alumni be invited to another year of JT basketball Pep Bands and pizza party at each campus?

Attend our annual meeting. Join in on the discussions and help us launch another successful year, the 15th year, for your JTHS BAA.

When it comes to music, lyrics from “Sir Duke” (a song tribute to Duke Ellington composed and performed by Stevie Wonder in 1976) echo a truth, both loud and clear, that transcends us all:

“Music knows it is and always will
Be one of the things that life just won't quit
But here are some of music's pioneers
That time will not allow us to forget...”

The tradition of music excellence is alive and well today at both the JT Central and JT West campuses. Our ability to support the fine students in today’s bands depends on you! You see, as alumni we are also supporting *pioneers* of a wonderful and unique high school band experience. If you agree then act today... Send in your paid membership and/or donation of any amount so that together, we can help assure that the *music at JTHS just won't quit!*

Respectfully,

The Board of the JTHS BAA

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