



Joliet Township High School Band Alumni Association
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Dear Fellow Alumni:

Another September is upon us and the shortened days remind us that summer is coming to an end. Likewise, we will wrap-up our association's 15th fiscal year and launch the next at our 16th *Annual Meeting of the JTHS Band Alumni Association*. This year's meeting will convene at 3:00 PM CDT on Sunday, September 17, 2017, in the Band Room at the Joliet Central 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. Did 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 seventh year. The Centennial Scholarship program was launched in 2012, and through this program, we have provided an annual \$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 \$20,000.00 in scholarship funds to Central and West band students.*** The students who receive these awards are outstanding examples of skilled musicians, scholastic performance, personal character and wonderful representatives of the spirit/legacy of the JTHS band programs.

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. Sponsorship and funding are the most essential components for our BAA's continued success and longevity. We have a critical need for assistance today to sustain our scholarship funds and operating expenses. Remember that any amount, whether it's \$5.00 or

\$500.00, goes directly and entirely towards providing much needed support and assistance to the outstanding JT West and JT Central students who continue our JTHS band musical legacy.

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? Should “Concert in the Park” become an annual event?

Attend our annual meeting. Join in on the discussions and help us launch another successful year, the “*sweet 16th*” year, for your JTHS BAA.

We all know that turning “*sweet 16*” is a cause for celebration in our society. It signals a *coming of age* and *passage to adulthood* with the main purpose of the party being to celebrate the person becoming “*older*” and entering a *different stage of their life*. This analogy is both fitting and timely because it can be used to gauge and direct our association’s path for the future. So today, we celebrate our successes of 15 years knowing that, with continue support from band alumni like you, the best is yet to come!

The tradition of music excellence is alive and well today at both the JT Central and JT West campuses. Our association’s ability to continue our support of 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 and send in your paid membership and/or donation so that together, we can help make our *sweet 16th* year the best ever!

Respectfully,

The Board of the JTHS BAA

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