

Honor Band Alternates

Flute		Trumpet	
Allison O'Connor	Scott Middle School	Dru Kobs	Otte-Blair Middle School
Arriana St. Onge	Millard North Middle School	Nathan Schlagel	Mission Middle School
Oboe		Alex Carlson	Kiewit Middle School
Laura Porath	Waverly Middle School	French Horn	
Bassoon		Kristin Bainbridge	Kiewit Middle School
Anastasia Mireles	Mission Middle School	Brett Alfrey	Elkhorn Middle School
Clarinet		Trombone	
Elisabeth Thorson-Green	Westside Middle School	Adam Elwood	Fremont Middle School
Brett Hessel	Beadle Middle School	Woody Rittenberger	Gretna Middle School
Rachel Ehrenberg	Trinity Christian School	Baritone	
Bass Clarinet		Colin Snider	Horizon Middle School
Ashlye Olivares	Otte-Blair Middle School	Tuba	
Alto Saxophone		Emma Tessier	Gretna Middle School
Peter Helstrom	Trinity Christian School	Mallet Percussion	
Tenor Saxophone		Emily Meyer	Barr Middle School
Jason Combes	McMillan Magnet Center	Timpani	
Bari Saxophone		Kevin Fries	Papillion Junior High
Julio Andrade	Beveridge Magnet School	Percussion	
		Grant McMullen	Westside Middle School

Participating Schools and Directors

Barr Middle School	Lewis Cole	Mickle Middle School	Mary Pfofner
Beadle Middle School	Jodi Lindquist	Millard Central Middle School	Jon Lucht
Beveridge Magnet School	Norm Edwards	Millard North Middle School	Deb Jenkins
Bishop Neumann Junior High School	Joann Couton	Mission Middle School	Mark Benson
Bluffs Middle School	Michael A. Koch	Music in Catholic Schools	Melissa Delaney
Centennial High School	Mary Wellman	Music in Catholic Schools	Deb Lund
Chambers Public School	Duane DeVries	Music in Catholic Schools	Charles Miller
Columbus Middle School	Jeff Peabody	Northstar Middle School	Rob Salistean
Elkhorn Middle School	Chris Johnson	Otte-Blair Middle School	Linda Donohue
Elkhorn Ridge Middle School	Scot Thompson	Papillion Junior High	Ken Janak
Elm Creek R-4 School	Edward Kohel	Platteview Central Junior High	Marla Janak / Jerry Layher
Fremont Middle School	Steve Steager	Pound Middle School	Jim Schulz
Gretna Middle School	Chris Tucker	Russell Middle School	Al McKain
Gross Junior High	Leslie Janak / Leigh Anne Kreykes	Scott Middle School	Dick Marolf / Jacque Rush
Hastings Catholic Schools	John Franssen	St. Michael School	Brenda Lambert
Horizon Middle School	Dan Wiese	Sunrise Middle School	Jan Wymore
Kiewit Middle School	Jamie Switzer	Trinity Christian School	Nate Auman
Lexington Middle School	Sheila Evans / Chad Scharff	Waverly Middle School	Jim Kucera
McMillan Magnet Center	Abby Erickson	Westside Middle School	Bob Jenkins

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in concert

4:00 p.m., Saturday

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Fine Arts Center

University of Nebraska - Kearney

Dr. James R. Sawyer, conductor

about the conductor



Dr. Sawyer holds a B.M.E. from VanderCook College of Music, a M.M. in Trumpet Performances from the University of Michigan, and an Ed.D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He also attended Grambling College of Louisiana where he was a member of the famous Tiger Marching Band.

Dr. Sawyer's career as a music educator began in 1974 as band director of a small parochial school in Chicago. He has since taught at every level of the educational spectrum including Director of bands at Livingstone College in Salisbury, NC and Assistant Director of Bands at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. He has taught extensively in the Grand Rapids Public Schools, where he served as Director of Instrumental Music at Ottawa H.S., Creston H.S., and at Central H.S. During his tenure there, he was named Greater Grand Rapids PTA "Teacher of the Year" and was honored with the "Excellence in Education Award" by the Grand Rapids Foundation.

His professional performance credits include lead trumpet for many internationally known artists such as the Bob Hope Show, the Chi-lites, the Dells, the Four Tops, the Mannhattans, the Temptations, the Stars of the Lawrence Welk Show, the Jim Nabors Show, and most recently the Shirley Jones and Bob Newhart Shows as a member of the Holland Tulip Festival Jazz Orchestra.

Dr. Sawyer served as executive administrator of the Campus School of Arts and Literature in Grand Rapids, however, his passion for teaching and working with young people brought him back to the classroom. He is currently Co-Director of Bands at East Kentwood High School, a suburb of Grand Rapids, MI, where he directs "the largest marching band in the state of Michigan" with an instrumentation of over 300 members. The Chicago native and his wife, Charsie Sawyer, who serves as voice department chair at Calvin College, have one son, Jay, who majors in percussion at Western Michigan University.

~ Program ~

- America Exultant Henry Fillmore / Arr. by Andrew Glover
- Bosnian Folk Songs. Fred J. Allen
- Little Suite for Band. Clare Grundman
- Prairie Dances David Holsinger
- Shaker Variants Elliot Del Borgo

Honor Band Personnel

Flute

- Sarah Wolf Hastings Catholic Schools
- Katy Weak Trinity Christian School
- Emily Weisz Mission Middle School
- Demi Jacobsen Fremont Middle School
- Shelby Travis St. Michael School
- Jenna Stecker Columbus Middle School
- Leanna Keith Papillion Junior High
- Ranie McClenahan Elkhorn Ridge Middle School

Oboe

- Lev Nachman Westside Middle School
- Rachel Coburn Elkhorn Ridge Middle School

Bassoon

- Miles Kellett Papillion Junior High
- Ben Lempka Gretna Middle School

Clarinet

- Joseph Weber Millard Central Middle School
- Anna Fangmeier Scott Middle School
- Sara Janak Papillion Junior High
- Evelyn Lindgren Otte-Blair Middle School
- Jennifer Schneider Barr Middle School
- Kathy Jacobs Otte-Blair Middle School
- Collin Smith Westside Middle School
- Cara Conyers Otte-Blair Middle School
- Emily Hemphill Centennial High School
- Rebecca Adams Russell Middle School
- Kelsey Lane Otte-Blair Middle School
- Eileen Lee Russell Middle School
- Patricia Foley Otte-Blair Middle School
- Erin Solheim Otte-Blair Middle School
- Faith Hovey Bluffs Middle School

Bass Clarinet

- Kelsey Schluter Beveridge Magnet School
- Tyler Leighty Trinity Christian School
- Brittany Paul Scott Middle School

Alto Saxophone

- Sara Gentzler Gretna Middle School
- Anne Fortson Kiewit Middle School
- Grace Lyden Westside Middle School
- Kim Rogers Beveridge Magnet School

Tenor Saxophone

- Ryan Gill Millard Ventral Middle School
- Emily Lutz Trinity Christian School

Bari Saxophone

- Chase Svoboda Sunrise Middle School
- Jordan Evans Gretna Middle School

Trumpet

- Michael Richards Westside Middle School
- Katy Gottsch Chambers Public School
- Maren Finsand Scott Middle School
- Bryce Cooper Pound Middle School
- Joe Fehringer Pierce High School
- Nicholas Braun-Jankovich Beveridge Magnet School
- Elizabeth Schweitzer Mickle Middle School
- Chris Spanel Pound Middle School
- Taylor Cobb Northstar Middle School
- Shane Feuz Bluffs Middle School
- Steven Lau Beadle Middle School
- Jeannette Arnold Scott Middle School

French Horn

- Eric Bachman Trinity Christian School
- Kaitlin Grode Holy Name School
- Zion Schell Scott Middle School
- Megan Tunink Elkhorn Ridge Middle School
- Kaitlin Johnson Millard Central Middle School
- Jeff Sheets Pound Middle School
- Bethany Loux Beveridge Magnet School
- Eric Marrow Pound Middle School

Trombone

- Tim Madvig Pound Middle School
- Caroline Juster Westside Middle School
- Matthew Karges Lexington Middle School
- Kevin Carder St. Michael School
- Liz Tedder Mission Middle School
- Tommy Lawrence Otte-Blair Middle School
- Carsten Bosselman Barr Middle School
- Jordan Neukirch Scott Middle School

Baritone

- Jeremiah Steager Bishop Neumann Junior High
- Sean Kurfman Russell Middle School
- Emily Snell Mission Middle School
- Jay Scherbring Gretna Middle School

Tuba

- Becky Rasmussen Our Lady of Lourdes School
- Seth Hulsey Platteview Central Junior High
- Derek Marshall Elm Creek R-4 School
- Daniel Florance Papillion Junior High

Mallet Percussion

- Dana Caudle Millard North Middle School
- Calvin Kao Westside Middle School

Timpani

- Troy Smalley Gretna Middle School
- Curtis Luettel St. Michael School

Battery Percussion

- John Hotovy Gross Junior High
- Thomas Jorgensen Beveridge Magnet School
- Michael Blaha Otte-Blair Middle School
- Cal Harman Otte-Blair Middle School