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Saturday, January 20, 2024 3:00pm

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Carmel, Indiana. Under her direction, the Creekside Wind Symphony was honored Bands and Performing Arts Department Orchestra Clinic in 2013. Her band has **Wendy Higdon Rice** is the Director of also been a featured performer at the Indiana Music Education Association to perform at The Midwest Band and Chair at Creekside Middle School in Conference

Beta Mu, Gamma Chapter. She is also a past recipient of the "Fifty Directors Who Outstanding Bandmaster in 2020 by Phi Mrs. Higdon Rice is in frequent demand Make a Difference" Award from School country. She was recognized as the conductor and speaker around the as an adjudicator, clinician, guest

Magazine, as well as being published by the National Association for Music Foundations: The Fundamental Elements for Building a Successful Middle School Band Program. Her articles have appeared in The Instrumentalist Vational Band and Orchestra Association Conference in Brisbane, where education, and has presented sessions at several national conferences Education (NAfME), D'Addario Education Collective, and Music for All, among others. She regularly speaks about important topics in music Association of School Music Dealers Conference, and the Australian ncluding The Midwest Clinic, Conn Selmer Institute, The National She is a contributing author for Band and Orchestra Magazine. she was a keynote presenter.

wo Masters degrees from Butler University, one in clarinet performance and ndiana MEA Magazine, *INForm*. She is a member of Phi Beta Mu nternational, Pi Kappa Lambda National Music Honor Society, the National University Honors College, graduating summa cum laude. She also holds Association for Music Education, the Indiana Music Education Association Association. She recently completed a two year stint as co-editor of the Mrs. Higdon Rice earned her degree in music education from Ball State Central Division Representative on the National Council for Band Music he second in education administration. She has served as the North Education, and as a board member for the Indiana Music Education and the Indiana Bandmasters Association.

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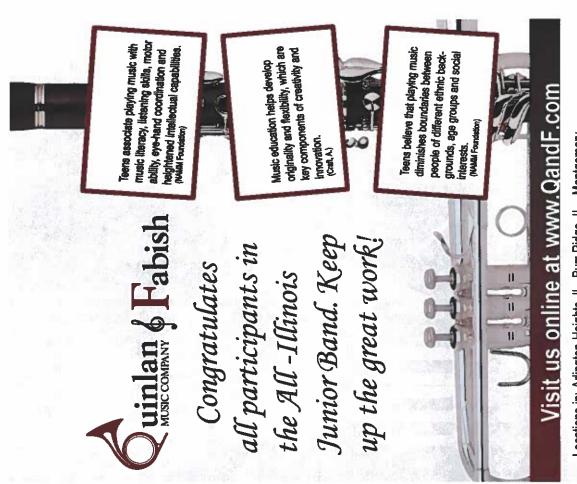
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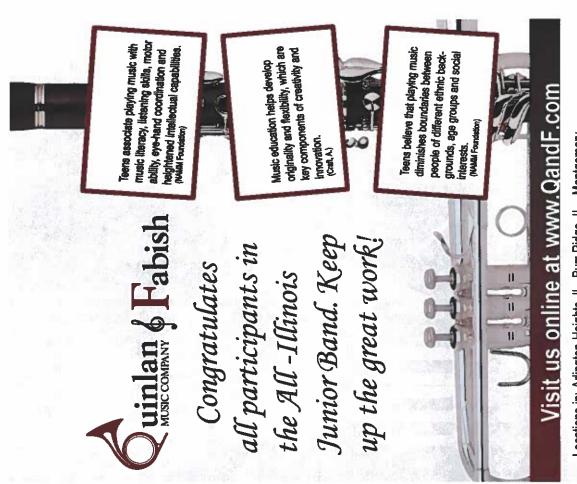
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Dylan Covert, piano

Albanian Dance

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Galactic Empires

David Gillingham

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Spencer Hile joined the Hersey band program in 2021. At Hersey, Mr. Hile teaches Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble 1, and the Marching Huskies. Mr. Hile also coordinates all aspects of the Band Program and the annual Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival. He also is the founder and conductor of the Encore Wind Symphony which is a summer youth honor band composed of students from across McHenry County.

Mr. Hile's interest in music began when he was required to join the band for his freshman year at Highland Park High School by his high school band director, Dr. Jim Hile. After the kicking and screaming subsided he discovered a deep appreciation for the most important instrument... Euphonium. In 2016, he graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign with a degree in Instrumental Music Education.

Outside of teaching and music, he is training to run his sixth marathon, trying out new recipes, obsessing over Apple products, and questioning why he ever became a Chicago Bears fan.

The Hersey Band program has a strong history of excellence dating back to when the school opened in 1968. The John Hersey Band program has received countless awards and accolades throughout a colorful history, including performances, under Mr. Don Caneva and Scott Casagrande's direction, at the MidWest International Band and Orchestra Clinic, the MidEast Convention, the Rose Bowl Parade and the Orange Bowl Parade. The John Hersey Symphonic Band has been accepted to perform at the Illinois Superstate Concert Band Festival every year since 2001, and they have also performed at the 2004 and 2007 National Concert Band Festival. In 2007-2008, the Hersey band program received international acclaim in their performance at the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic and they received the Sudler Flag of Honor given to bands of "particular national excellence" by the John Philip Sousa Foundation.

John Hersey High School Symphonic Band

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