

# 39th ANNUAL WKU HONORS BAND CLINIC

**January 23-25, 2020**

Eleventh and twelfth grade students selected will audition for placement into one of three bands upon arrival at WKU on Thursday, January 23rd. The bands are designated as 11/12 White, 11/12 Gray, and 11/12 Red. The top 11/12 band is the 11/12 Red Band. By design, we try to have two equal “second” bands with the 11/12 White and the 11/12 Gray. This ensures musical proficiency across all the bands.

The most outstanding 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students selected to participate will audition for **chair** placement in the 9/10 Red Band upon arrival at WKU on Thursday, January 23rd. There are NO 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in the 9/10 Red Band. I can assure you that all four bands will be outstanding. **90% of the students selected have All-District Band credentials and are first or second chair players in their high school band.** There is also a large number of students with prior All-State Band experience.

## **2020 WKU Honors Band Conductors:**

**Mr. Alfred Watkins**, Director of Bands (ret), Lassiter HS, GA, will conduct the 11/12 Red Band

**Mr. Darrin Davis**, Director of Bands, Broken Arrow HS, OK, will conduct the 9/10 Red Band

**Mr. Neil Swapp**, Santa Fe School for the Arts (retired), NM, will conduct the 11/12 White Band

**Mr. Brad Dubbs** Director of Bands, Eldorado HS, NM, will conduct the 11/12 Gray Band

**Please remember that all 9/10 students will audition for chair placement using the 9/10 Audition music. All 11/12 students will audition for band and chair placement using the 11/12 Audition music.**

The selection list also includes any alternates from your school that **MAY** be asked to attend the clinic if we have any cancellations for that instrument. **I will contact you to extend an invitation to those students as I receive cancellations.**

**PLEASE NOTE: If you have a student that cannot attend the clinic, please be sure to send an email to me at [gary.schallert@wku.edu](mailto:gary.schallert@wku.edu) by 5:00 pm CST on Friday, January 10. This deadline is necessary so that our staff has adequate time to contact an alternate to attend the clinic. Cancellations received after 5:00 pm on FRIDAY, JANUARY 10 are subject to forfeiture of that student's registration fee of \$36.00.**

**Directors traveling to Bowling Green should also remember to make hotel accommodations as quickly as possible.** We have included a list of hotels in Bowling Green for your convenience.