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Baker University music students have all of the advantages an intimate small-college environment affords plus the performance opportunities of much larger schools. Baker music ensembles enjoy major international concert tours every three years. This ability to offer students a wide range of musical experiences makes Baker's music program truly unique.

Founded in 1858, Baker offers the **highest return on investment** of private colleges in Kansas according to the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce. A report from the U.S. Department of Education found that Baker grads go on to earn the **highest average salaries** among graduates of universities in Kansas.

The National Association of Schools of Music accredits the music department's Bachelor of Arts in Music and Bachelor of Music Education degree programs. The Bachelor of Arts degree emphasizes the study of music in a liberal arts context. This program of study is designed for students who want to double major or who plan to pursue a career in musicology, composition, arts management, or the music business. Students may choose to focus on performance, music composition, jazz studies, history and literature, or interdisciplinary music theatre performance. The Bachelor of Music Education program leads to preK-12 licensure in

instrumental, vocal, or general music. Closely aligned with the Baker University liberal arts philosophy, the BME program prepares exceptional music teachers who are able to involve critical inquiry and interdisciplinary relationships in successful music teaching. Baker also offers a minor in music for students who wish to take courses in music theory and music history, study in applied lessons, and participate in ensembles.

The Baker Music Department offers **many performance opportunities** in ensembles for students to continue their musical pursuits after high school. All ensembles are open to music majors and nonmusic majors. Ensembles include Symphonic Band, Jazz Ensemble, Orchestra, Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, Percussion Ensemble, Woodwind Quintet, Brass Ensemble, and various other chamber ensembles. Baker Athletics offers Baker Wildcat Pride Pep Band and Marching Band.

The Baker University bands enjoy a **rich history** and **tradition of excellence**. In addition to the Baker Marching Band Festival, our band faculty host The Kevin Mahogany Annual Jazz Festival every November, a high school honor band in February, a pre-festival clinic for bands, and a trombone workshop. Our Jazz Band has performed with many world-renowned artists such as jazz trombonist Harry Watters, clarinetist Ken Peplowski, and jazz vocal legend and Baker alumnus Kevin



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WELCOME

25th ANNUAL BAKER UNIVERSITY MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL



On behalf of Wildcat Nation, I would like to welcome you all to Baker University! I hope your time here in Baldwin City fills you with inspiration through the music, talent, hard work, and showmanship of each band performing today, as well as the outstanding efforts of the many volunteers involved in making this event another tremendous success. The Baker University Marching Band Festival is just one of the many examples of the outstanding dedication to students to which our Baker University Music Department is committed. It is my sincere hope that the hospitality you are shown by everyone at Baker is of the highest standard and that your experience today is one that you will never forget. My thanks go out to all involved in making today's festival a high-quality opportunity for students to showcase their musical talents. We are so excited to host all of you today, and thank you for allowing us to be a part of your musical experience. Congratulations to you on your many musical achievements, and best of luck in your future endeavors!

—Dr. Lynne Murray | President



Hello, Musicians! Welcome to the 25th annual Marching Band Festival at Baker University! We are truly delighted to welcome you to our campus and look forward to hearing the fruits of your hours of practice and preparation during your performances. Have fun as you perform and listen to all of the wonderful bands participating today. Congratulations on your achievements!

—Dr. Darcy Russell | Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences



Welcome to Baker University and the annual Marching Festival! I am thrilled that you have chosen to share your musical talents at our festival. Delivering rousing performances in lockstep precision is only achieved after many hours of dedicated practice: Hats off to each director, student musician, and color guard member! Display your school colors proudly and enjoy an extraordinary day.

—Dr. Trilla Lyerla | Chair, Department of Music & Theatre



Greetings! It is an honor to host you today, and I commend you on your musical achievement and for your tireless dedication to music. Your artistry and commitment to excellence are special gifts that have the power to enrich your life and that of your audiences. Today is a celebration of your musical achievements and an opportunity to share them with your parents, peers, and community. We welcome you and thank you for sharing your artistry with us today!

—Dr. Frank Perez | Marching Band Festival Director, Director of Bands, Kansas Bandmaster Association Past-President



Welcome to Baker University! It is a privilege to have so many high-level ensembles performing on our campus today. The dedication and commitment required to be excellent in this activity is what makes the marching arts so spectacular, and today is a celebration of that commitment. The skills that you are developing today will set you up for great success in the future. It is my sincere hope that some of the excellent performers here today will someday join us as members of the Baker Marching Wildcat Band!

—Logan Dingus | Director of Athletic Bands



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Department of Music & Theatre | Fall 2024

Upcoming Performances in Rice Auditorium

Choir Concert

October 17 | 7:30 p.m.

Theatre Production: *JQA*

Darby-Hope Theatre

October 22-26 | 7:30 p.m.

October 27 | 2 p.m.

Nick May's Faculty Recital

McKibbin Recital Hall

October 28 | 6 p.m.

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Jazz Ensemble Concert

November 21 | 7:30 p.m.

Kevin Mahogany Jazz Festival

November 22 | All Day

Symphonic Winds Concert

December 3 | 7:30 p.m.

A Christmas Carol – The Radio Play

December 5-7 | 7 p.m.

Christmas Candlelight Vespers

December 10 | 2 p.m.

MEET TODAY'S ANNOUNCER



Will Cooper retired as the band director for the Baldwin City, Kansas, public schools after 35 years of teaching. During his tenure, the Baldwin bands consistently earned the highest ratings at state and regional festivals in concert, jazz, and marching band. He led the Baldwin High School Band to performances at Walt Disney World on four occasions. He holds degrees from the University of Kansas (BME) and Kansas State University (MME). Mr. Cooper has served as the state president for the Kansas Bandmasters Association and twice as the president of the Northeast District of the Kansas Music Educators Association. He has been the assistant director of the Kansas Lions State Band five times and the tour director of the Kansas Ambassadors of Music European Tour.

Mr. Cooper is an active trumpet performer in northeast Kansas and performs with the Free State Brass Band, De Soto Brass Band, and Lawrence City Band and is the principal trumpet player with the Topeka Symphony Orchestra.



Darrell Cox

Darrell Cox, who is retired from the music profession, has spent 25 years teaching instrumental music and 10 years in the music retail business. He is a former member of the Air Force Drum and Bugle Corps at Lacland Air Force Base. While in the service, he served in the Special Forces of the Air Force called Pararescue. Mr. Cox has performed on trombone with the Hutchinson Symphony and was lead trombone for the Topeka Jazz Workshop and Jazzhaus Big Band in Lawrence, Kansas. Mr. Cox has served on the High Plains Music Camp staff and the International Lions Band Staff and has adjudicated music contests across most of Kansas and Missouri. He holds memberships in KMEA, NAFME, and KBA.



Chris Miertschin

Chris Miertschin is director of bands and assistant professor of music at Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas. His duties include music direction of the Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, and Thresher Sound Athletic Band; brass lessons; and teaching additional music and music education courses. He is a B.A.N.D. Artist with KHS America as an ambassador for the XO Brass 1650 Double Horn. Mr. Miertschin is also a member of the horn section for the Salina Symphony Orchestra, regularly performs in the pit orchestra of Theatre Salina, maintains a brass studio, and is an in-demand freelance horn and trombone player in central Kansas.

ADJUDICATORS

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Jeff Smikahl

Jeff Smikahl is in his 26th year teaching in Olathe. He spent 14 years as director of bands at Olathe East after serving as the associate director of bands for the previous 11 years. Before Olathe East he was the director of bands and choirs at Jefferson County North High School. Mr. Smikahl holds bachelor's and master's of music education degrees from the University of Kansas. He has performed with several regional ensembles and has also performed at the 2014 and 2015 World Series games and World Series parades as part of the Kansas City Royals Thunder Drumline. He is a member of the Crossroads Wind Symphony. He lives in Olathe with his wife, Tracy, their daughters Isabel and Teagan, and their puggle, Peanut. Mr. Smikahl is an artist/endorser for Vic Firth.



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PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

25TH Annual Baker University Marching Band Festival

Click on band names below for performance details.

Festival results will be posted at bakerU.edu/marchingfestival.

Opening Ceremonies 2:15 p.m.

4A	Anderson County High School Bulldog Band	2:30 p.m.
5A	Highland Park Marching Scots	2:45 p.m.
3A	Perry-Lecompton High School Kaw Band	3:00 p.m.
4A	Rock Creek High School Marching Band	3:15 p.m.
4A	Ottawa High School Marching Cyclones	3:30 p.m.
3A	Prairie View High School "Pride of the Buffaloes"	3:45 p.m.

Afternoon Session Awards 4:15 p.m.

Color Guards

4A	Louisburg High School Jazzy Cats Color Guard	5:00 p.m.
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Drum Lines

4A	Louisburg High School Wildcat Drum Line	5:10 p.m.
4A	Tonganoxie High School Marching Chieftains Drum Line	5:20 p.m.

Judges Break 5:30 p.m. (30 min)

4A	Holton High School Wildcat Marching Band	6:00 p.m.
4A	Eudora High School Cardinal Regiment	6:15 p.m.
2A	McLouth High School Marching Band	6:30 p.m.
5A	Turner High School "The Golden Bear Band"	6:45 p.m.
4A	Tonganoxie High School Marching Chieftains	7:00 p.m.
4A	McPherson High School Marching Band	7:15 p.m.
4A	Louisburg High School Marching Wildcat Band	7:30 p.m.

Evening Session Awards 7:50 p.m.

Jeremy Frye Grand Champion Trophy and Awards are sponsored by MeyerMusic.com.
Today's competition photos are available for purchase through BJohnsonPhotography.com.

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Anderson County Bulldog Band

Anderson County High School | Ottawa, KS

2:30 p.m. • Class: 4A

Program: Women of the Aughts

Musical Selections: “Disturbia,” “Bad Romance,” “Toxic”

Director: Brian Lollman

Drum Majors: Emma Struttman, Emma Baumann

The Anderson County Bulldog Band is bringing back the pop hits from the early 2000s, featuring Rihanna’s “Disturbia,” Lady Gaga’s “Bad Romance,” and Britney Spears’ “Toxic.”



Highland Park Marching Band

Highland Park High School | Topeka, KS

2:45 p.m. • Class: 5A

Program: Adventure Awaits

Musical Selections: “Raider’s March,” “Jurassic Park/The Lost World”

Director: Jeff Carlson, **Assistant Director:** Alicia Price, **Visual**

Designer: Jeff Moss, **Drum Majors:** Ilia Rivera, Mia Rojas



Perry Lecompton Kaw Band

Perry Lecompton High School | Perry, KS

3:00 p.m. • Class: 3A

Program: Vibin’ and Thrivin’

Musical Selections: “Ain’t No Mountain High Enough,” “Build Me Up Butter Cup,” “We Are Family”

Director: Steven Rathert

Drum Major: David Hays



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Rock Creek High School Marching Band

Rock Creek High School | St. George, KS

3:15 p.m. Class: 4A

Program: Obsidian

Musical Selections: “Monster,” “Wanted Dead or Alive,” “Say Amen (Saturday Night)”

Director: Daniel Smith

Assistant Director: Janie Brokenickly

Drum Major: Daniel Schierling

The Rock Creek High School Band performs at football games, basketball games, music festivals, and four concerts throughout the school year. The band is made up of 45 Rock Creek students. The band has appeared at numerous festivals, including KBA Small School Festival, Baker University, Emporia, Kansas State University, and others. The RCHS Marching Band prides itself on its goals for continuous improvement through an inclusive and student-led environment. The RCHS band is a visible part of the Rock Creek community, with most of its members being involved in at least one other organization at Rock Creek and beyond.

From the depths of darkness and the heart of mystery, we proudly present to you our marching show: “Obsidian.” Prepare to be entranced by a performance that explores the very essence of the human experience. Like the volcanic glass from which it draws its name, “Obsidian” reflects the intensity and depth of the music performed. With the haunting strains of Skillet’s “Monster,” the resolve of Bon Jovi’s “Wanted Dead or Alive,” and the fervent plea of Panic! at the Disco’s “Say Amen” echoing, each note is a journey into the shadows of the soul, inviting you to confront the mysteries that lie within. Join us as we embark on this ambiguous odyssey, where the boundaries between light and darkness blur, and the echoes of rock legends resonate through the night.



The Ottawa High School Marching Cyclones

Ottawa High School | Ottawa, KS

3:30 p.m. • Class: 4A

Program: A Trip to Highway 80!

Musical Selections: “Rebel Yell,” “Welcome to the Jungle,” “Livin’ on a Prayer,” “Danger Zone”

Director: Brett Butler

Assistant Director: Mark Paquette

Drum Majors: Karrington Hall, Xavier Evans

The Ottawa High School Marching Cyclones have performed recently at the Eudora Marching Festival. Our rock show features hit songs from the groups of the ’80s! The groups and artists featured will be Billy Idol, Guns N’ Roses, and Bon Jovi. The last song, “Danger Zone,” is from the big action-packed movie of 1986, *Top Gun*, which featured Tom Cruise. The original song “Danger Zone” is written by Kenny Loggins.



Prairie View “Pride of the Buffaloes” Marching Band

Prairie View High School | La Cygne, KS
3:45 p.m. • Class: 3A

Program: '80s Classic Rock

Musical Selections: “Bang the Drum All Day,” “So Happy Together,”
“Jump,” “The Horse”

Director: Jeff Russell, **Assistant Director:** James Beltz, **Color Guard
Instructor:** Jenny Trumbly, **Baton Coach:** Angela Ramey,
Drum Major: Bailey Hughes

This year’s classic rock show features the percussion section on “Bang the Drum All Day,” next “So Happy Together” features the color guard. The band travelled to Branson, Missouri, last spring and performed at the Dutton Theatre and Silver Dollar City. They are led by drum major Bailey Hughes.



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Louisburg Jazzy Cats Color Guard

Louisburg High School | Louisburg, KS
5:00 p.m. • Class: 4A

Program: TBD

Musical Selections: TBD

Color Guard Instructor: Eliza Maloney

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Louisburg Marching Wildcat Drum Line

Louisburg High School | Louisburg, KS

5:10 p.m. • Class: 4A

Program: TBD

Musical Selections: TBD

Drum Line Instructor: Zeb Tiedeman



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Tonganoxie Chieftain Drum Line

Tonganoxie High School | Tonganoxie, KS

5:20 p.m. • Class: 4A

Program: Nougat

Drum Line Instructor: Jeremy Albert



Holton Wildcat Marching Band

Holton High School | Holton, KS

6:00 p.m. • Class: 4A

Program: Dreamland

Musical Selections: “Enter Sandman,” “California Dreamin’,” “Teenage Dream,” “Dream On”

Director: Jayme Malsom

Color Guard Sponsor Marissa Beightel

Drum Majors: Carter Meerpohl, Braiden Geisen, Mady Bontrager

The Holton Wildcat Marching Band participates regularly in area marching festivals at Washburn University, Eudora, Holton, and Baker University. They are also regular participants at the Kansas Bandmasters Small Schools Marching Band Championships, placing seventh overall in 2022.

This year’s show “Dreamland” will take you on a journey through a wonderful dreamscape. The Sandman helps send us off with Metallica’s “Enter Sandman.” We are then transported to the west coast as we cruise the shore to “California Dreamin’” by The Mamas and the Papas. We feature our Wildcat Color Guard on Katy Perry’s “Teenage Dream,” and then close with endless possibilities as the band plays Aerosmith’s iconic hit “Dream On,” featuring euphonium soloist Jace Huyett.



Cardinal Regiment

Eudora High School | Eudora, KS

6:15 p.m. • Class: 4A

Program: How to Train Your Dragon

Musical Selections: “How to Train Your Dragons #1, #2 & #3”

Director: Damian Johnson

Color Guard Sponsor: Danielle Medlock

Drumline Technician Arlo Kinsey, **Drum Major:** Andrew Lord



McLouth Marching Band

McLouth High School | McLouth, KS

6:30 p.m. • Class: 2A

Program: To the Flame

Musical Selections: Selections from The Firebird by Stravinsky, “Ritual Fire Dance” by Manuel de Falla, and “Fire of Eternal Glory” by Shostakovich arr. Curnow

Director: Kelly Bushouse, **Staff Arranger:** Justin Kline

Flute Specialist: Grace Farney, **Clarinet Specialist:** Maddie Cain,

Saxophone Specialist: Andrea Edwards, **Trumpet Specialist:**

Oscar Haro, **Horn Specialist:** Jana Hitchcock, **Low Brass**

Specialist: Ellie White, **Percussion Instructor:** Andrew Zerr.



Turner Golden Bear Marching Band

Turner High School | Kansas City, KS

6:45 p.m. • Class: 5A

Program: Planes, Trains, and Automobiles

Musical Selections: “Danger Zone,” “Crazy Train,” “Low Rider”

Directors: Wes Lewis, **Assistant Director:** Bailey Eisenbraun

Color Guard Sponsor: Heidi Boetcher

Drum Majors: Cynthia Villicana, Aileen Martinez



Tonganoxie High School Marching Chieftains

Tonganoxie High School | Tonganoxie, KS

7:00 p.m. • Class: 4A

Program: The Greatest Showman

Musical Selections: “The Greatest Show,” “This Is Me,”
“Never Enough/From Now On”

Director: Charles Van Middlesworth, **Band Assistant:** Stacy Crook-Collinge, **Drumline Instructor:** Jeremy Albert

Drum Majors: Taylor Brents, Samuel Farrow, Paityn Van Middlesworth

The Marching Chieftains are performing the music from the *Greatest Showman* featuring the song “The Greatest Show,” arranged by Paul Murtha and Will Rapp, “This Is Me,” arranged by Jay Bocook, and “Never Enough/From Now On,” arranged by Paul Murtha and Will Rapp. The band features trombone soloist David Hickey, and trumpet soloist Jacob Celeen.

The Tonganoxie High School’s Chieftain Swingers Jazz Ensemble performed at the KMEA State Music convention in February 2024 and performed for the governor of Kansas in September. Tonganoxie High School has also been chosen as one of 23 high schools in Kansas to receive recognition as a 2024 Performing Arts School of Excellence by the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA). The Performing Arts School of Excellence recognition is designed to recognize high schools that have scored exceptionally high in debate, speech, music, and theater during the 2023-2024 school year.



McPherson High School Bullpup Marching Band

McPherson High School | McPherson, KS

7:15 p.m. • Class: 4A

Program: Summer of Love

Musical Selections: “Aquarius,” “I Can See for Miles,” “Happy Together,” “White Rabbit,” “Turn, Turn, Turn”

Director: Kyle Unruh, **Assistant Directors:** Carrie Goodson, Isaac Hopkins, **Percussion Instructor:** Avery McCormick

Color Guard Instructor: Ashlyn Shugart

Drum Majors: Florence Hall, Layla Rank

The McPherson High School Band is part of a dynamic music program in McPherson, and the MHS Band has an established tradition of excellence in marching, jazz, and concert band performance. McPherson High School was named the 2022 Kansas Performing Arts School of Excellence, recognizing outstanding success across band, choir, orchestra, theatre, debate, and speech programs.

Tonight, the Bullpup Marching Band presents a program featuring music of the 1960s, including hits by the likes of The Who, Fifth Dimension, and The Turtles.



Louisburg Marching Wildcat Band

Louisburg High School | Louisburg, KS

7:30 p.m. • Class: 4A

Program: Grease!

Musical Selections: “Summer Nights,” “Beauty School Dropout,” “Greased Lightnin’,” “Born to Hand Jive,” “We Go Together”

Director: Zebulon Tiedeman

Drum Majors: Brynley Bauer, Minna Meyer, Andrew Jamison

This year’s show features music from the 1979 film *Grease*. We will be performing a variety of music from this iconic movie. You will hear “Summer Nights,” “Beauty School Dropout,” “Greased Lightnin’,” “Born to Hand Jive,” and “We Go Together.” Featured soloists include Sarah Proctor on flute, Nathaniel Phillis on alto saxophone, Hailey Pool on mellophone, Colton Prettyman on sousaphone, and Ben Proctor on trombone.

The Louisburg Marching Wildcat Band would like to thank the community and administration in Louisburg for their continued support.



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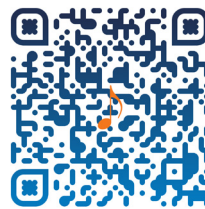


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