

WESTERN STATE COLLEGE OF COLORADO

September 19, 2011

Dear Band Director:

I hope this letter finds you enjoying the start of another school year. Most of you are well into your fall marching season. I understand how busy you are at this time of year but please take a moment to look over the materials for this year's ALL-COLORADO HONOR BAND.

Date Please find enclosed an application and audition materials for the ALL-COLORADO HONOR BAND. **February 23-25, 2012** will mark the sixtieth meeting of this prestigious ensemble.

Activities Registration will begin on Thursday, February 23, at 11:30 am followed by seating auditions at 1:00 pm. Recorded auditions will serve as placement within the sections and the live auditions will determine chair placement. Rehearsal will begin that day at 2:30 pm. The Host Night Concert will take place Thursday evening. Friday will be a day of rehearsal followed by separate social activities for directors and students in the evening. Please plan on attending the Director's Banquet while your students are at the Student Dinner and Dance. While not required, these events are highly recommended for directors and students.

Audition Material and Deadline Please make copies of the enclosed form for each student auditioning. Each audition recording must have a separate form. Audition recordings may be submitted on either cassette tape or CD. All forms and recordings must be received by **Wednesday, December 7, 2011**. This deadline is critical to ensure that the band is selected and the music can be mailed in a timely manner.

Guest Conductor Our guest conductor for this year's event is David Holsinger, Professor of Music at Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee. Dr. Holsinger teaches conducting and composition and serves as the Director of the Wind Ensemble at Lee University. Dr. Holsinger is an award winning composer and conductor. A two time recipient of the ABA Ostwald Award, a Nation Patron of Delta Omicron Music Fraternity, and an elected member of the American Bandmasters Association, Dr. Holsinger is an established American conductor and composer. Please see the back of this letter for additional information about Dr. Holsinger.

Brass Band The WSC Colorado Brass Band will meet as in years past. This group provides a wonderful opportunity for players and listeners alike to experience the beauty of the brass band genre. The ensemble is open to participating directors. All brass players are encouraged to get involved.

I am looking forward to seeing you in the near future and wish you continued success and musical growth throughout the coming months. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please feel free to contact me via email as that is always the quickest way for me to respond. Thank you for your time.

Musically yours,

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