



*Douglas S. Freeman High School*

# **VIRTUAL SPRING BAND AND ORCHESTRA CONCERT**

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**Mr. Rob Blankenship, Director**



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## **DSF Concert Band**

**Music from Tombstone (1993)**.....*Bruce Broughton/arr. Ricketts*

## **DSF Concert Orchestra**

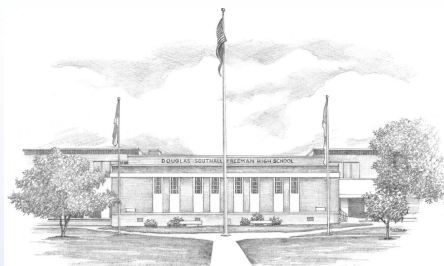
**Ashokan Farewell (1983)**.....*Jay Ungar/arr. Custer*

## **DSF Advanced Orchestra**

**Send In The Clowns (1973)**.....*Stephen Sondheim/arr. Krogstad*

## **DSF Wind Ensemble**

**River City Sunset (2020)**.....*Rob Blankenship*



### ***~about the director~***

**Rob Blankenship** has been teaching music in Henrico County Schools for the past nineteen years and was named Director of Bands at DSF in 2006. In 2007 he took over responsibilities as director of the DSF String Orchestra. Under his direction, all of Freeman's instrumental ensembles have earned numerous and consecutive superior ratings and awards at local and regional events. Mr. Blankenship is an alumnus of Douglas Freeman High School and holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Longwood College. Prior to attending Longwood, he served in the United States Army with the 26<sup>th</sup> Army Band, Ft. Hamilton, N.Y., and the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Band, Ft. Hood, Texas. Mr. Blankenship's professional affiliations include membership in the National Association for Music Education, the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association, and the Phi Beta Mu International Bandmasters Fraternity. He is a regular performer with The Commonwealth Winds, the assistant director of the Richmond Concert Band, and the director of the Richmond Jazz Band. Mr. Blankenship lives in Henrico County with his wife, Angie, and their two children, Jesse and Julie.

# DSF Concert Band

## Flutes

***Tano Chris-Ukoko***

Lauren Lukacs

Julia School - *piccolo*

Jackson Peterson

Andi Salazar-Garrido

LJ Straw

Connor Giles\*

Elijah Coward

Emily Toler

## Double Reeds

Karson Girvin - *oboe*

Brian Morton - *bassoon*

## Clarinets

***Preston Davis***

Angel Soto-Torres

Berkeley Hines

Sam Godzwa

Abby Kupstas

Bryden Mollenauer

Anastasia Edwards

Andrew Russell - bass



## Saxophones

***Johnny Metinko***

Kieran Berry

Abishek Samuel

Mayerli Molina

Lucas Riley

Cameron Disbrow

Alex Brann

Bridger Giddings

## Tenor Sax

Ben Coker

Braden Sweeney

Bailee Pemberton

Myles Dorsey

## Bari Sax

Joseph Chambers

## Trumpets

***Mason Barnes***

Jesus Marin-Leal

Viano Chris-Ukoko

Tyler Jones

Joshua Jones

Mason Ross

Adam Brown\*

Davis Woody

Reid Garnett

Tadgh Leahy

## French Horns

***Chase Hendricks***

Macarios Atia

Carter Barnes

## Trombones

***Will Campbell***

Alex Harris

Jackson Cunningham

Tavis Steele

Griffin Belding

Roland Davis

Ethan Smith

Kain McKinney

Sam Gavin

Jayme Davis

Jazmin Iraheta-

Gruessing

Errick Britt

Dylan Elias

## Baritones

***Jack Harper***

Ryan Trinite

Hung Nguyen

Zach Edwards

## Tubas

Nathan Gustavson

William Kurz

Tommy Wasilik

## Percussion

***Abraham Morkous***

Wyatt Giddings

Daisy Colgin

David Douglas

Brock Smullen

Carter Reidelbach

Rory Notley

Thomas Walker

Isaac Garber

Erin Collier

Alessandro Barrientos  
-Hernandez

Ian Aguilar

Cooper Amendola

AJ Widdows

Alex Vaughan

Shady Girgis

\* Class of 2020

^ Tri-M Honor Society

**Bold/Italics=Section Leader**

## DSF Concert Orchestra

### Violin I

#### *Daisy Colgin*

Nafisa Anjum  
Sahel Rahman  
Emily Douglas  
Bridie Abbott  
Jasmin Abdalla

### Violin II

Siegfried Santos  
Hamza Salihovic  
Virginia Johnson  
Monze Paz  
Stephanie Portillo  
Angie Iraheta-Gruessing  
Ariel Durbin

### Violin III

Emilee Lowry  
Isabel Sutherland  
Shimyra Gillespie

### Viola

#### *Ethan Rashkind*

Leah Schumacher  
Joy Mee

### Cello

#### *Aiden McGrath*

Brooke Capuzzi  
Bruce Munoz  
Gus Dulaney Dewald  
Adrianna James  
Maya Tucker  
Lora Young

### Bass

#### *Carter Reidelbach*



## DSF Advanced Orchestra

### Violins

#### *Daisy Colgin* \*^

Isabel Kump^  
Tazrin Rahman\*  
Amelle Chanda^  
Nyla Addotey

### Violin II

#### *Ashwin Suresh* \*^

Virginia Broughton  
Deonna Edmonds  
Brian Munoz\*  
Lily Morris  
Emily De La Rosa\*

### Viola/Violin III

#### *Davy McConnell-Wells*

Maggie Luu\*  
Rachel Hawkins  
Jada Smith\*

### Cello

#### *Jerry Lin* ^

Hannah Sjovold\*^  
Paige Beale^  
Mollie Bowman\*^  
Marlise Lucas  
Larissa McMahan

### Bass

Campbell Collett\*  
Leo Chen\*

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# DSF Wind Ensemble

## Flutes

***Emily Toler***<sup>^</sup>

Jessica Li<sup>^</sup>

Gabe Riley

Rachel Garland

## Alto Saxophone

***Ryan Strohmman***

Lauren Knitter<sup>^</sup>

Jamie Grahek

Torren Lewis

## Trombone

***Sam Phillips***<sup>\*</sup>

Jack Phillips<sup>^</sup>

Emma Melton

Al Gilstrap<sup>\*</sup>

## Oboe

Karson Girvin<sup>\*^</sup>

## Tenor Saxophone

Simon Atsanyuk

Christian Massengill<sup>\*</sup>

## Baritone

***Zach Edwards***<sup>\*^</sup>

Colin Godwin<sup>\*^</sup>

## Bassoon

Brian Morton<sup>\*^</sup>

## Baritone Saxophone

Joseph Chambers<sup>^</sup>

## Tuba

Dylan Elias<sup>\*^</sup>

Tommy Wasilik

## Clarinet

***Abby Kupstas***<sup>^</sup>

Bryden Mollenauer<sup>\*</sup>

Sam Godzwa

Anastasia Edwards<sup>\*</sup>

## Trumpet

***Matthew Moore***

Tadgh Leahy

Seth Casey<sup>\*</sup>

Justin Ntuny<sup>\*</sup>

## Percussion

***Cameron Peterson***<sup>\*^</sup>

Luke Morton

Miles Fagan<sup>\*</sup>

Connor Wright

Lauren Witmer<sup>^</sup>

Ethan Brantley

Brian LaRosa<sup>\*</sup>

Cole Thomason<sup>\*</sup>

## Bass Clarinet

Andrew Russell<sup>^</sup>

## French Horn

***Carter Barnes***<sup>^</sup>

## Piano/Percussion

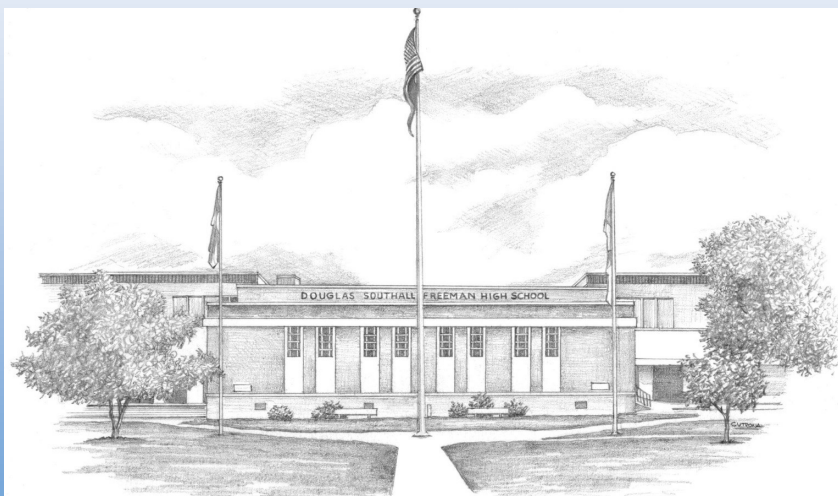
Andre Tran

Holden Seward<sup>^</sup>

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## Events

### All-County Band ~ January 18, 2020

Zach Edwards	Tadgh Leahy	Karson Girvin	Matthew Moore
Preston Davis	Colin Godwin	Abby Kupstas	Emma Melton
Brian Morton	Emily Toler	Lauren Knitter	Luke Morton
Ryan Strohman	Dylan Elias	Andrew Russell	Cameron Peterson
Joseph Chambers	Jack Phillips	Carter Barnes	Jessica Li
Justin Ntumy	Tano Chris-Ukoko	Mason Barnes	

### All-County Orchestra ~ January 16, 2020

Daisy Colgin	Davy McConnell-Wells	Isabel Kump	Ethan Rashkind
Amelle Chanda	Hannah Sjevold	Virginia Broughton	Mollie Bowman
Deonna Edmonds	Jerry Lin	Ashwin Suresh	Paige Beale
Tazrin Rahman	Maya Tucker	Rachel Hawkins	Aiden McGrath
Lily Morris	Campbell Collett	Brian Munoz	Leo Chen
Virginia Johnson	Maya Tucker	Sahel Rahman	

### Central Regional Orchestra ~ January 24-25, 2020

Virginia Broughton	Deonna Edmonds
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### Senior Regional Orchestra ~ November 8-9, 2019

Daisy Colgin	Jerry Lin
Isabel Kump	Davy McConnell-Wells

### All-District Band ~ January 30-February 1, 2020

Zach Edwards	Tadgh Leahy
Karson Girvin	Matthew Moore
Preston Davis	Colin Godwin
Abby Kupstas	Emma Melton
Brian Morton	Emily Toler
Lauren Knitter	Luke Morton
Ryan Strohman	Dylan Elias
Andrew Russell	Cameron Peterson
Joseph Chambers	Jack Phillips
Carter Barnes	Jessica Li
Justin Ntumy	Bryden Mollenauer
Angel Soto-Torres	



### All-Virginia Band ~ Event Cancelled Due to COVID-19

Ryan Strohman

# Farewell and Good Luck, Seniors!

## **Mollie Bowman, Cello**

*Leadership & Awards:* Distinguished Rebel Award

*Extra Music Involvement:* Percussion Ensemble, All County Orchestra, Pit Orchestra, Tri-M Music Honor Society

*Favorite Memory:* I will always remember some of the tangent, side conversations that we had in orchestra. Some of the best are from my Junior year when I was stand partners with Zoe. Our class talked about Morton Lauridsen and \_Alien\_ and green M&Ms. I'll always love all of our tangents.

*Funniest Moment:* When Ian's stand was not facing him and in the MIDDLE of the piece, I see his foot reach up to his stand and TURN IT WHILE HE WAS PLAYING. And 'm pretty sure when we finished the song he said something to the effect of "I didn't think anyone would see that."

*Future Plans:* I'll be going to William & Mary in the fall with plans to major in English and possibly double minor in sociology and religious studies. I am also planning on getting certified to teach.

*Parting Words:* DSF orchestra has been a blast. I've loved all the laughs, the concerts, the people, the trips, the memories, the teacher (thanks Mr.B ;), the opportunities, and the friendships!

## **Adam Brown, Trumpet**

*Extra Music Involvement:* Marching Band

*Favorite Memory:* First week of band camp meeting Harry, Jonathan, and Garret.

*Funniest Moment:* Zach knocking Carters trumpet off the table freshman year of band camp.

*Future Plans:* Air Force or Trade School

*Parting Words:* I hope the next marching season goes well and you can carry out the superior legacy at VBODA.

## **Seth Casey, Trumpet**

*Extra Music Involvement:* Pep band, 3rd quarter band

*Favorite Memory:* JMU Parade of Champions

*Funniest Moment:* Sophomore year section leader (Paige) making us march through the sprinklers in a sectional.

*Future Plans:* Studying business at Roanoke College, continuing with music.

*Parting Words:* Thank y'all for giving me a place to call home for the past four years. The Rebel Brigade has, and always will be a second family. Best of luck next year, roll Rebels.

## **Campbell Collett, Double Bass**

*Funniest Moment:* Too many!

## **Daisy Colgin, Violin, Percussion**

*Leadership & Awards:* Tri-M Music Honor Society, Section Leader for Concert and Advanced Orchestras, Outstanding Sophomore award, Outstanding Junior award

*Extra Music Involvement:* Pit Orchestra, Marching Band, All-County Orchestra, Senior Regional Orchestra

*Favorite Memory:* Too many to list! Some of the best ones: befriending, feeding, and bonding with the little kitten Al found in the Bojangles sewer on the way to JMU (I love you, Mr. Jangles), eating lunch and chilling on the couch in Mr. B's office almost every day, every single thing that happened during the marching season, playing cymbals at the very last pep rally of the year, the Disney trip sophomore year, any time I felt bad I'd sit in Mr. B's office and relax on the couch until I felt better, and, my personal favorite, started dating the (best) drumline captain. There are a ton of things I'll miss, especially the friends I've made over the past 4 years.

*Funniest Moment:* I really liked the inside jokes we had in each group, they were all really funny and I'll miss laughing at dumb things when we were supposed to be rehearsing.

*Future Plans:* Furthering my love and knowledge of percussion and violin as a Music Ed major. I'll be coming back to visit Mr. B and all of the ensembles I was in as much as I can.

*Parting Words:* Juniors, sophomores, freshmen and all future freshmen: You will NEVER meet anyone like Mr. B. He will change your life. You can trust him, rely on him as a teacher and a friend, and tell him anything. He will help you, he will be there for you, and he will make high school amazing for you and everyone else. I wouldn't have gotten here without him. Thanks, Mr. B. I'll miss you and everyone else in the music department. Oh, and to my front ensemble buddies: Pit don't sit, guys! Have fun finding another cat whisperer next marching season. Give the vibraphone my love. Love y'all.



## **Anastasia Edwards, Clarinet**

*Favorite Memory:* Talking to the "band girlyies", haha. Sorry, I wasn't in band enough. But I got a lot closer to Rachel and Karson over the year so that was really nice. Oh! But my favorite memory of Zach being in band was going to the first football game of senior year and being able to see him direct the whole band.

*Funniest Moment:* Mr. B talking about how the whole band had improved on the music & had gotten more confident, and Bryden and I started laughing and Mr. B looked at me and said "Well, I wasn't thinking about you, but now I am!" Side note - seriously, thank you for letting me play this year, I had a great time :)

*Future Plans:* I am attending Longwood University for their nursing program, very excited!!

*Parting Words:* I had a really good time with the band. From playing advanced music that I never thought I'd be able to do to just chit chatting in the band room. Thank you for a great year!!

# Farewell and Good Luck, Seniors!

## **Zach Edwards, Euphonium, Trumpet**

*Leadership & Awards:* Section Leader, Drum Major

*Extra Music Involvement:* Pep Band, Pit Orchestra, All-County Band, All-District Concert and Symphonic Band

*Favorite Memory:* Being able to accept our first place trophy at Hermitage with Carly

*Funniest Moment:* Cameron saying NO PROBLEM! 8th grade year. Kind of an inside joke, so I will gladly explain it if you want.

*Future Plans:* I plan to major in Bio on the track to go into medical school after undergrad. Musically, I plan on minoring in music, and joining ensembles like pep band or wind ensemble.

*Parting Words:* I feel incredibly fortunate to have the chance to be drum major of the best band ever. I could not have asked for a better collection of hard-working, hilarious, dedicated individuals. For the past five years, I have found a home in the Rebel Brigade, and I am sad to say goodbye.

## **Dylan Elias, Tuba and Trombone**

*Extra Music Involvement:* All-District Band, All-County Band

*Favorite Memory:* Creating the first couple steps of the marching band show on the field.

*Funniest Moment:* Lunch with friends after wind ensemble.

*Future Plans:* I'm trying to join the Marine Corps.

*Parting Words:* Marching band was the most fun I've had in high school. Band, in general, was awesome. Don't be an idiot.

## **Miles Fagan, Percussion**

*Leadership & Awards:* Concert band section leader

*Extra Music Involvement:* Marching Band

*Favorite Memory:* When James Mayer and Quinn got milkshakes for everyone and then couldn't hand them out so they left them in the hall and I had 6 milkshakes.

*Funniest Moment:* When Bannon put ice down Jack's shirt and pants, so Jack took them off and then walked into the band room looking for new clothes.

*Future Plans:* hope to study cyber security.

*Parting Words:* Enjoy your time here, and all the friends you make. It'll be gone before you know it. Thank you for everything Mr. B.

## **Al Gilstrap, Trombone, Baritone**

*Leadership & Awards:* Field Manager

*Extra Music Involvement:* Wind Ensemble, Pit Orchestra, Marching Band, Pep Band

*Favorite Memory:* Every moment- from sitting on Mr. B's nasty green couch to my last performance at Hermitage has been my favorite. Being with my boys all four years has been amazing and I am going to miss all of them. They're the family I needed after making such a big change in my life. All the mornings for marching to the late nights for the musical have been my favorite.

*Funniest Moment:* I have war stories to tell but the funniest that I have in mind I don't think I can say, it's almost too much. Then funniest I think I can say is Quinn running out of the room and then coming back in his classic "too much Taco Bell" look. I feel like I can say that story because he is not here to defend himself.

*Future Plans:* Right now I am working and attending Reynolds. I hope to be an animator and get my BFA degree in Kinetic Imaging at VCU.

*Parting Words:* This is not a complete goodbye from me because I have siblings who also have careers in music but it is goodbye for me in being in a band. Although there are potential opportunities the future is murky. With this year feeling robbed, I am not going to get the closure I hoped for. I never really got that last day of high school, it was gone before I even knew it. So I just hope that the generations behind me are going to have a better senior year but there was no better band class I could have asked for. Truly grateful for the relationships I've built, the experience I got, and the person band has made me. Thank you, Mr. Blankenship.

## **Karson Girvin, Oboe**

*Leadership & Awards:* Tri-M Music Honor Society, Outstanding Band Freshman, Section Leader (of myself)

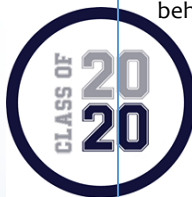
*Extra Music Involvement:* All-County Band, All-District Band, Tri-M Music Honor Society, St. Mary's Music Ministry

*Favorite Memory:* One of my favorite memories was the Tri-M Music Honor Society Induction Ceremony junior year. I really enjoyed getting to see everyone show off their musical talent in their own unique way, and it was really fun for me to get to play with my friends that I don't often get to perform with because they are in orchestra.

*Funniest Moment:* The first day of school freshman year when Mr. B found out that I played the oboe. He started freaking out, and I soon realized that I was the only oboe player at Freeman (coming from a school where there was always at least two, this kind of scared me a bit at the time. haha). Looking back on this moment though, I can't help but laugh.

*Future Plans:* Attending the University of Notre Dame, planning to major in Chemistry. While I am not planning on majoring or minoring in music, I still hope to be involved in music on campus.

*Parting Words:* Thank you Mr. B and everyone in band and orchestra for the past four years, but the time has come for me to pass on the torch to the next oboe player.





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## Colin Godwin, Euphonium

*Leadership & Awards:* Low Brass Section Leader & Tri-M

*Extra Music Involvement:* Marching Band, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Pit Orchestra, Third-Quarter Band

*Favorite Memory:* Getting first place at the Hermitage Classic my junior year, because I was really happy with how I played my solo that night and it paid off with the rest of the show being so good that we got first for the like the first time ever at that competition.

*Funniest Moment:* The pantsing!

*Future Plans:* I will be attending CNU and I plan to study history. I will be continuing my musical career by participating in their music ensembles and their marching band.

*Parting Words:* To the classes of 2021, 2022, and 2023, do not take for granted your high school years and the memories you make along the way. These years are some of the best you have had in your entire life. Cherish the friends you make in your high school years because they will be your friends for life. During your time in marching band, really immerse yourself in the group that you are in. So, I now say, thank you to everyone in the band for becoming my family over the past four years. You are all very special people to me and I will remember the times we spent together. And a special thanks to Mr. B. You made the band my home and you always allowed us to express ourselves through the music that you chose for us to play. The band room at Freeman will always be a second home for me and I will miss you all dearly. Roll Rebels roll!

## Brian La Rosa, Percussion

*Leadership & Awards:* Bass Drum section leader

*Favorite Memory:* The bus ride back from JMU.

*Funniest Moment:* When Scrooge ordered a pizza during band camp.

*Future Plans:* I plan to be a computer science major.

*Parting Words:* If I could do it again, I would have started marching band my freshman year because while some parts of this band have been difficult, I loved every second of it.

## Christian Massengill, Tenor and Baritone Saxophone

*Leadership & Awards:* Bari Sax section leader

*Extra Music Involvement:* Sax Quartet (tenor)

*Favorite Memory:* Chilling in the locker room with friends.

*Funniest Moment:* Jackson Albrecht's year-old smoothie.

*Future Plans:* I will be attending UVA.

*Parting Words:* Thank you to everyone who made these last 4 years so great! Walking into the band room was often the best part of my day.

## Bryden Mollenauer, Saxophone, Clarinet

*Extra Music Involvement:* Wind Ensemble, Marching Band, Third-Quarter Band, All-District Band

*Favorite Memory:* My favorite memory was the Disney trip and spending time with all the boys.

*Funniest Moment:* When Justin asked if he had veins.

*Future Plans:* Major in computer science at JMU.

*Parting Words:* Winter is coming.

## Brian Morton, Bassoon, Saxophone

*Leadership & Awards:* Low Saxes Section Leader, Bassoon Section Leader, Tri-M

*Extra Music Involvement:* Pit Orchestra, 3rd Quarter

*Favorite Memory:* Winning 1st in our class at Hermitage, 2018.

*Funniest Moment:* The time half the band spontaneously laid down and spooned on the band room floor.

*Future Plans:* Go to William and Mary to study...something.

*Parting Words:* "Well, it's been real, dog. I'm sorry, that's how I ended all of my serious relationships" - Eleanor Shellstrop

## Brian Munoz, Violin

*Favorite Memory:* Trip to Disney.

*Funniest Moment:* Playing wall-ball in freshman year after rehearsing.

*Future Plans:* Attending VCU.

*Parting Words:* Thanks for the memories and for the laughs.

## Cameron Peterson, Percussion

*Leadership & Awards:* Drumline Captain, Wind Ensemble section leader, Concert Band section leader, Outstanding Band Freshman, Outstanding Band Sophomore, Arion Award for Music

*Extra Music Involvement:* Pit Orchestra, Marching Band, Show Choir Band, All-County and All-District Band, Tri-M, Percussive Coordinator for Chorus.

*Favorite Memory:* Seeing my sections (both Wind Ensemble and Marching Band) grow and improve. There's nothing quite as heartwarming as seeing the people you love advance their own passion of music with your guidance.

*Funniest Moment:* The long, hysterically drawn-out time in which Cole struggled to learn what his dynamic marking was in marching band during our 9th grade.

*Future Plans:* Minor in Music and Theatre at the University of Richmond. Major? We'll figure that out :D

*Parting Words:* Thank you. If you're reading this, you and band have helped make me the passionate and music-loving guy that I am today, and I couldn't be more grateful. I will miss all of you, and I'll never forget any of you...mostly because you'll be seeing me in the future! And to that, I say: touché!



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## **Sam Phillips, Trombone/Bass Trombone, Tuba**

*Leadership & Awards:* Section Leader in Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Band

*Extra Music Involvement:* Pep Band, Pit Orchestra, Show Choir Band, a little Percussion Ensemble.

*Favorite Memory:* I liked when we won the Hermitage Competition my junior year and I had the Nut Button. That was a fun competition.

*Funniest Moment:* When Justin and I sent Roland down the hill in Red Rover at the Welcome Picnic end of my Sophomore year.

*Future Plans:* College

*Parting Words:* \*BURP

## **Tazrin Rahman, Violin**

*Leadership & Awards:* Orchestra award

*Favorite Memory:* Over the course of four years, I would say my favorite memories consist of the times when we would go off on tangents that would sometimes last for almost half of our class period.

*Funniest Moment:* Throughout the years, the class as a whole was really fun. I enjoyed every aspect of it and could not have asked for a better orchestra class.

*Future Plans:* Biochemistry at Johns Hopkins University.

*Parting Words:* And so the adventure begins.

## **Hannah Sjovold, Cello**

*Leadership & Awards:* Freshman Orchestra Award, All-County Orchestra, Central Regional Orchestra, Tri-M, Section leader

*Extra Music Involvement:* Pit Orchestra, Tri-M Music Honor Society, University of Richmond Symphony Orchestra, Richmond Philharmonic Orchestra, Richmond Symphony Youth Orchestra Program, Richmond Cello Orchestra, Somerset Young Artists Trio, Percussion Ensemble, Reveille UMC's instrumental ensemble, started orchestra tutoring program at Freeman

*Favorite Memory:* The induction ceremony for Tri-M. I played a piece with Karson and Ashwin and it was a great experience being able to work with my friends and then perform for our families and other friends. It felt like I had reached a milestone and I was very proud of myself for getting to where I was then (and where I am now).

*Funniest Moment:* Every day in class, whenever Davy opened his mouth something absurd would come out –from his hilariously functional "equation," "Mr. Mozartt," and more it always left me in stitches. Of course, the only person who could rival Davy was Zoe with her iocane powder and alien theories :)

*Future Plans:* I am going to American University and majoring in International Studies, but I also hope to minor in music.

*Parting Words:* Thank you, Mr. Blankenship, and everyone in band and orchestra. You made Freeman my home. I wish senior year could have ended differently, as we all do, but I know we are all going to do great things in the future. As Ahsoka Tano said, "This is a new day, a new beginning."

## **Jada Smith, Violin**

*Favorite Memory:* Going to see the fireworks at Cinderella's Castle at Magic Kingdom!

*Funniest Moment:* Any weird tangent we wound up on that started from something simple and just got completely off the topic of music or something.

*Future Plans:* I'm going to JMU to study nursing.

*Parting Words:* 3rd Period Orchestra has always been my favorite class of the day. I am going to miss the shenanigans and the fun times in the band room soo much!!

## **Ashwin Suresh, Violin**

*Leadership & Awards:* HERE

*Extra Music Involvement:* I was part of RYSO in the top orchestra there since 7th grade and I played at Carnegie Hall freshman year.

*Favorite Memory:* My favorite memory would be going and playing wall-ball with Tim and Brian outside near the end of the school year after we finished playing in class.

*Funniest Moment:* Class as a whole was a fun and lighthearted class that I enjoyed throughout the years.

*Future Plans:* Economics/Business at W&L.

*Parting Words:* Just keep swimming (haha, I am not much of a poet when it comes to parting words).



## **Cole Thomason, Percussion**

*Extra Music Involvement:* Pep band, Show Choir band, Pit Orchestra

*Favorite Memory:* Fro Flakes solos during 3rd quarter

*Funniest Moment:* The pain of realizing that the district audition I was about to try and sight-read the prepared piece for was being judged by Dr. Alexander, who heads VCU's percussion department, and runs the entrance auditions into the program.

*Future Plans:* Percussion performance major at VCU.

*Parting Words:* Hope the best, prepare for the worst, and just send it.

## Congratulations Class of 2020!

## We will miss you!

## Mark your calendars for Summer 2020

Summer Marching Band Rehearsals will be held on Monday evenings throughout the summer in the band room from 6pm-8pm. The expectation is that if you are in town, you come to rehearsal.

**July 6, 20, 27 and August 3**

### BAND CAMP

August 6	Student Leadership Day, 9am-12pm
August 10-11	New Member Camp, 9am-12pm
August 12-13	New Member/Pre-Camp Rehearsals, 9am-3pm
August 17-20	Band Camp, 8am-5pm
August 24-27	Band Camp, 8am-5pm
TBA	Family Picnic and Preview Performance, 6pm
September 2	Post Camp Rehearsal, 5:30pm-8pm
September 3	Home Football Game

## Thank you to our contributors!

### Maestro (\$500 and up)

Alan Edwards  
Anonymous

### Conductor (\$51 to \$99)

Tom & Tina Grahek      John & Joy McGrath  
Hank & Paula Chambers

### Composer (\$100 to \$499)

Paula & David Kupstas	Renee & Mike Peterson
The Thomason Family	Laura & Chris Jones
Bill Melton & Louellen Brumgard	Nneka Tillman
Richard & Sharon Seward	Steven & Virginia Witmer
Roland & Susan Kooch	Julia & Chad Wright

### Soloist (\$10 to \$50)

The Russells	Elizabeth Wallace
Deborah & Patrick Fagan	Elaine Powell
Amber Stein	Theophilus & Vivian Addotey
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