

West Virginia String Teachers Association



The official Newsletter of the West Virginia Chapter of the American String Teachers Association

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President's Message

Welcome to the 2016-17 year!

Greetings! I am your new chapter President, and couldn't be prouder to represent a small but mighty community of string educators. It is my goal to help our chapter grow and to help keep us all informed and connected as much as possible. I plan to send out at least four of these newsletters a year, so if you have any news you'd like to share, please send me an email (jsturm@k12.wv.us) and I will gladly add it to a newsletter or send out a mass email. We have several events planned for the year from the ASTA String Competition, WV String Day, All State Auditions to the WV Orchestra Competition.

We also have a new website so please bookmark it and check it frequently for updates on our events. I wish you all a successful, rewarding and enjoyable start to the school year.

Thank you for your devotion to our art and for spreading the enjoyment of string instruments!



WV-ASTA

President:
Dr. Jeannine A. Sturm

President-Elect:
Andrea Priester Houde

Secretary/Treasurer:
Patty Brock



Collegiate Corner: From your President-Elect

Hello West Virginia strings teachers! I am so pleased to be serving as Vice-President of WVASTA this year. String education is so important as a part of our students' complete education. Not only do we teach our students about music, but we teach them vital skills that they will use in their lives. Thank you for doing the hard work that you do everyday for all of them. Please let us know in WVASTA if there is anything that our organization can do to help, if you have ideas that you would like to share, or if you would like to contribute in any way to our mission. I look forward to working with you at our state's string events. All the best wishes for a new school year!



Student Spotlight

Angel Robertson, Class of 2016

Spring Mills High School (Martinsburg)

Achievements:

Berkeley County Outstanding Senior Orchestra Award (2016)

National School Orchestra Award (2015 & 2016)

WV All State Orchestra (2015 & 2016)

NAfME All National HS Honor Orchestra (2015)

Future Plans: Attending WVU to major in Forensic Anthropology with a potential minor in Violin Performance.



Important Contact Info

(see last page for dates)

ASTA String Competition

Mary Wilson (bigmacwil@hotmail.com)

237 Poplar Drive
Morgantown, WV 26505

2016 WV String Day

Rayce Leib
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All State High School Orchestra

Justin Jones
jkjones@gmail.com

All State Middle School Orchestra

Shelby Clark
ShelbyNClark1@gmail.com

WV Orchestra Festival (Strawberry Festival)

Patty Brock
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Know a WV string teacher that isn't an
ASTA member?
Direct them to our website today!

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STRONGER TOGETHER 2016
GRAPEVINE, TEXAS NOVEMBER 10-13

**Congratulations to Jeffrey Libscomb &
George Washington High School!**

Violinist Ava Hobeika was accepted into the
2016 All National Honor Orchestra as part of
the NAFME National Conference
in Grapevine, TX.

From the WVU Student ASTA Chapter

Hi everyone! We are from the West Virginia University ASTA chapter. Although we are a newer and smaller chapter, we're excited to get the ball rolling and gain as many members as possible. Our current mission is to spread our love of music through strings throughout our School of Music and community by helping with different events. So far, we have ideas involving giving lessons to youngsters in Morgantown's public schools and also to help West Virginia teachers with anything strings! Since we are such a young chapter, we are open to any and all suggestions from already thriving chapters and from educators around the state. Hope everyone has a fun and musical school year!



Start a Student Chapter!

Did you know you can start a student level ASTA chapter at your Middle or High School? Every student chapter receives a subscription of *American String Teacher* journal, networking opportunities via Social Media and discount rates for ASTA workshops!

Help your students develop a strong presence and exhibit pride in their string programs! This chapter is the perfect opportunity for peer learning, as well as allowing students to learn a secondary instrument!

Fees to start a chapter are \$64 and you only need 5 members to get started! Visit our website for details!



Important Dates:

All Sate Application Deadline: Nov. 1st

2016 String Day: November 12th
(Bridgeport HS)

2017 Strawberry Festival: May 19th

ASTA String Competition: Oct. 22,
2016; Wallman Hall, Room 229, Fairmont
State University. *Deadline to apply:* 3:00
p.m. Eastern Time, Wed. Sept. 14, 2016.

All State Auditions: January 7, 2017
(Bridgeport HS)

2017 National ASTA conference:
March 2-4, 2017, Pittsburgh, PA

2017 WVMEA In-Service Conference:
March 2-4, 2017, Charleston, WV

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Check out our new website
for more information!

www.wv-asta.weebly.com

