

# West Virginia String Teachers Association



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

## The Scroll

Fall 2017

### President's Message

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year!

Greetings! I hope your year is off to a fantastic start! It is my continuous goal to help our chapter grow and to help keep us all informed and connected as much as possible. We have several events planned for the year from the ASTA String Competition, WV String Day, and All State Auditions. WVU is hosting a slew of events from Viola day, to cello day and HS Honor Orchestra! Please check our website 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



## Member Spotlight: Andrea Houde

Congratulations to President-Elect Andrea Houde for being selected as the 2017 Outstanding Studio Teacher! We are proud of all the hard work and dedication she has put into the growth of violists in West Virginia!



Andrea was given her award at the 2017 WV Orchestra Festival in Buckhannon. Other awards given out that afternoon included Outstanding School Teacher (Dr. Jeannine A. Sturm) and Outstanding High School Senior Shaun Hancher, John Marshall HS). Nominations for the 2018 Awards will go out in March. Visit our website for more information!



## Student Spotlight

**Aya Hobeika, Violin, Class of 2019**

George Washington High School (Charleston)

### **Achievements:**

WV Governor's School of the Arts (2017)

WV Youth Symphony Orchestra member

WV All State Orchestra

NAfME All National HS Honor Orchestra (2016 & 2017)



From around the state....



## Important Contact Info

(see last page for dates)

**ASTA String Competition**  
Mary Wilson (bigmacwil@hotmail.com)  
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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  
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**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!

# 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. 1<sup>st</sup>

**2017 String Day:** October 21<sup>st</sup>  
(Mountaineer MS)

**2018 Strawberry Festival:** May 18<sup>th</sup>

**ASTA String Competition:** Oct. 21, 2018; Wallman Hall, Room 229, Fairmont State University. *Deadline to apply:* 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Wed. Sept. 15, 2017.

**All State Auditions:** January 6, 2018  
(Bridgeport HS)

**2018 National ASTA conference:**  
March 7-10, Atlanta, GA

**2018 WVMEA In-Service Conference:**  
March 8-10, 2018, Charleston, WV

## **WV-ASTA Officers (2016-18)**

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