

**Wind Symphony Spotlight on our Seniors, 2024**  
**Congratulations, Seniors, on all you have accomplished thus far in your life's journey.**

**We will miss you, but we are excited for what lies ahead for you!**

**Zenon Alzola**



***Instrument:*** Clarinet, Bass Clarinet

***Years at LLA:*** 13

***College/University attending:*** Cal State University San Bernardino

***Major:*** Nursing

***Favorite memories of band:*** I enjoyed Seattle a lot! The tulip garden was really fun with everyone, too,, the other tourist seemed disturbed by us but that was still fun! Hiking down to the waterfall was such a pretty view and hiking around the lake was a really good time :) and we can't forget baking music in the church...

***Thank you:*** Thank you to the low reeds section for being so solid and Mr. Mohr and Mr. Udvardi for being such great musical mentors!

**Matthew Arretche**



***Instrument:*** Trumpet

***Years at LLA:*** 11

***College/University attending:*** Attending Cal State University San Bernardino

***Major:*** Information systems and technology - cybersecurity

***Favorite memories of band:*** The concerts and just getting to play.

***Thank you:*** Thank you, Mr Mohr for being a great teacher, thank you to Sarah Steven's mother for helping us out all the time and uh, yea.

## **Mia Bunoan**



***Instrument:*** Flute

***Years at LLA:*** 3

***College/University attending:*** Southern Adventist University

**Major:** Business Pre-dent

***Favorite memories of band:*** Riding the broken brachiosaurus and triceratops scooter ride at Cracker Jax Family Fun Park during the 2022 Arizona Wind Symphony tour.

***Thank you:*** I'd like to thank Dr. Glicklich for taking me as one of his flute students when I first joined Wind Symphony. He influenced my technique and inspired me to become a better flutist. I'd also like my junior high flute teacher, Ms. Juliana Baioni. Thank you for your genuine care, warm spirit, sense of humor, and being the best JH flute teacher.

## **Aaron Friesen**



***Instrument:*** Percussion

***Years at LLA:*** 12

***College/University attending:*** Cal State Fullerton

***Major:*** Computer Engineering

***Favorite memories of band:*** There's so many to choose from, but these are some that come to mind. When I was younger and was in the 6th grade band, one of my friends was playing cowbell and the band playfully teased him and called him cowbell boy, which I still mention with him today. Another fond memory I have was in 7th grade, one of the songs we were to perform for an intense adjudication briefly featured me as a soloist, which I got an award for. That was the first solo I had, and it made me feel special and got to showcase the hidden skills I had. The 2022 band tour to Arizona was fun, from the friends I made that

year to the amazing songs that we got to play. One of the songs we played was called Assurance, and it was a contemporary arrangement of many hymns put together but it featured the percussion heavily, and it was a fun song to play. Personally, I feel like that year was the strongest the band was and I am honored to be a part of the band for that year.

**Thank you:** I would like to thank Mr. Binkley, my former percussion teacher, for helping set the groundwork for all of the percussion skills I have today. And of course, Mr. Mohr, for being such an amazing teacher and pushing me past the limits I thought I had.

## **Jacob Huang**



**Instrument:** Tenor Saxophone

**Years at LLA:** 13

**College/University attending:** California State University San Bernardino

**Major:** Pre-Nursing

**Favorite memories of band:** Seattle Tour. Specifically walking around with friends.

**Thank you:** Thank you, Mr. Mohr, for leading us. Thank you, skilled band mates for making up for my weaknesses.

## **Jordyn Jamison**



***Instrument:*** Percussion

***Years at LLA:*** 5

***College/University attending:*** Southern Adventist University

***Major:*** Business Pre-dent or Pre-med

***Favorite memories of band:*** A really fun memory I had during my time in band was during the Seattle tour my junior year. Tour just happened to be the same time as the Avengers Infinity War opening night. We were fortunate enough to have nothing on the itinerary that evening so a group of us were able to watch the movie late that night even though we had a really early wake up call for a performance that day.

***Thank you:*** I want to thank my family and friends for support me and the department. I have had a wonderful time my years in band and I want to thank everyone.

**Katie Kidder**



***Instrument:*** Oboe, English horn

***Years at LLA:*** 13

***College/University attending:*** Southern Adventist University

***Major:*** Biology/Pre-med

***Favorite memories of band:*** Waking up with the other seniors to prank Mr. Mohr with a moose head at 3 a.m. during band retreat. Also, having to fan out the music that got wet during the Seattle tour.

***Thank you:*** I want to say thank you to my parents for forcing me to do music when I was younger, even though sometimes I might have put up a fight. Thank you for believing in me and supporting me in music and for helping me reach this point. To Mr. Mohr, thank you for giving me, and all the other band members, a time and place to play music and take a break from our busy and stressful classes.

**Madison Kohltfarber**



***Instrument:*** Clarinet

***Years at LLA:*** 9

***College/University attending:*** Southern Adventist University

***Major:*** Theology Pre-med

***Favorite memories of band:*** When we “baked” our music, moose head senior prank, Seattle needle, Mr.Mohr running down the “up” escalator, instrument museum, band outside (band tans), small ensemble shenanigans.

***Thank you:*** God, family, Mr. Udvardi, Mr.Binkly, and Mr.Mohr

## **Brooke LaTour**



***Instrument:*** Flute

***Years at LLA:*** 13

***College/University attending:*** Southern Adventist University

***Major:*** Business Pre-dent

***Favorite memories of band:*** Walking around Seattle with my friends and the plane ride with Shann and Billy.

***Thank you:*** Parents, Billy and my friends

## **Chikwendu Okwandu**



***Instrument:*** Tuba

***Years at LLA:*** 13

***College/University attending:*** Cal Baptist University

***Major:*** Architecture

***Favorite memories of band:*** Adjudication in Concert Winds; Writing music with Mr. Mohr; Arizona & Washington tours

***Thank you:*** My parents, Mr. Mohr (and Mr. Binkley), Mrs. Mackenzie, Mr. Oswald,  
And most of all... God, for giving me a passion for art and music.

## **Vierre Richardson**





***Instrument:*** Tuba

***Years at LLA:*** 5

***College/University attending:*** Oakwood University

***Major:*** Chemistry

***Favorite memories of band:*** definitely going to the pool in seattle when we were, ummm, not supposed to be in the pool; pranking Mr. Mohr with the help of Pastor Chris during retreat and watching the sunrise; playing kazoos

***Thank you:*** To my parents for pushing me to do my best when I felt inadequate. To Terry Douglas for teaching me to be a better player and to be reminded of God whenever I play, thank you for encouraging me and showing me other amazing players to look up to. Thank you to my loving friends Maddie Condon and Gabby Benzor for making me feel welcome and wanted in Wind Symphony. Having people who look out for you can easily make a scary experience turn into the most exciting one. Thank you to Mr. Mohr for always being on my team since the day I got to LLA. You have pushed me to do whatever I could do to succeed and become part of something better.

**Shann Sampayan**



***Instrument:*** Alto Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone

***Years at LLA:*** 6

***College/University attending:*** Southern Adventist University

***Major:*** Business

***Favorite memories of band:*** My favorite memory was when we stayed up late at night and took down that random animal from the band camp and brought it to Mr Mohr's room with pastor Chris. Another fun memory was last year during band trip when I stayed up late with other band members and we just talked about life. My last favorite memory was when we played Godzilla. All that practice and the slideshow was so funny and made my year.

***Thank you:*** I'd like to thank my mom and dad for pushing me this far, and my friends and classmates for entertaining and enjoying band with me.

**Mackenzie Schauermann**



***Instrument:*** Flute

***Years at LLA:*** 12

***College/University attending:*** Walla Walla University

***Major:*** Biology Pre-med

***Favorite memories of band:*** By far the various tours, looking out the windows on the long drives during the Arizona tours. At Seattle: hiking at Bowman Bay, taking photos in the tulip fields, watching shows in the hotel rooms, trolling around downtown Seattle, shopping at the marketplace, climbing the space needle; everything during that tour was so much fun to me. Except that one performance of Lamb of God :/ (we don't talk about that one). I really loved the early morning prank we did with the moose and the kazoos.

***Thank you:*** I want to sincerely thank Mr. Mohr for teaching us throughout our high school years. You always made our tours and outings fun. It's been an honor to play under you Mr. Mohr. Thank you.

**Jeremy Zamora**



***Instrument:*** Percussion

***Years at LLA:*** 12

***College/University attending:*** Southern Adventist University

***Major:*** Nursing

***Favorite memories of band:*** Puget Sound High School Band Tour Performance.

***Thank you:*** Thank you first of all to God for giving this opportunity and for the talent of music. Thank you, Mr. Mohr for being a fantastic mentor and teacher, Mr. Binkley for teaching me for a majority of my percussion skills, and family and friends for supporting me all this way.