

Fremd High School Band Directors – 2020-2021

Matthew Moore is in his 20th year as the Director of Bands at FHS. His responsibilities include teaching the Wind Symphony, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Lab Band, Viking Marching Band, student sectionals and overseeing the Band program.

Mr. Moore previously taught at Meridian Jr. High, Stillman Valley High School, and Harry D. Jacobs High School (1998-2001). Mr. Moore is a graduate of Streamwood High School and also earned three degrees from Northern Illinois University - Bachelor of Music Education, Masters of Music, and Masters of Educational Administration. As a percussionist at NIU he performed in the Wind Ensemble, Wind Symphony, University Band (trumpet), Percussion Ensemble, Steel Band, Jazz Bands, Jazz Combos, Huskie Marching Band, and numerous World Music ensembles (gamelan, tabla, West-African drumming). He is an accomplished percussionist and drum set player, performing in numerous ensembles and productions in the Chicagoland area. He was fortunate to have studied under many outstanding music educators including: Steven Squires, Dr. Lawrence Stoffel, Robert Chappell, Rich Holly, Jeff Stitely, Cliff Alexis, and G. Alan O'Connor.

During Mr. Moore's tenure the Fremd Band program grew from 130 to over 280 students. The 2020-2021 school year marks the 15th consecutive year in which the band program had over 200 students enrolled in the curricular bands. Mr. Moore also served as Music Department Chair for seven years at FHS. Under his direction the Fremd Wind Symphony, Jazz Ensemble, and Symphonic Winds have received numerous accolades and "Division 1/Superior" ratings both in and out of state. The Fremd Wind Symphony was selected to perform at the University of Illinois "SuperState Concert Band Festival" three times, as well as being invited to perform at the 2009 ILMEA All-State Conference. Additional accolades include being awarded first place at the "State of Illinois Concert Band Festival" (Illinois State University), and clinic performances at the Midwest Clinic in 2007 (Dr. Mallory Thompson, Northwestern University) and 2011 (presentation by Mr. Moore and two band director colleagues).

Under Mr. Moore's direction the Fremd Jazz Ensemble has been awarded numerous "Division 1/Superior" ratings throughout jazz festivals in Illinois, Missouri, Florida, and California. The band was selected to perform at the prestigious ILMEA 2017 All-State Conference, and was also awarded top honors in their division at the 2017 "Jazz in the Meadows" Festival. Mr. Moore instituted the Fremd Viking Marching Band as an extra-curricular ensemble in 2005. In this format the VMB has been very successful, performing each season at numerous local marching band competitions.

Mr. Moore has been awarded two District 211 Board of Education "Recognition of Excellence Awards", "Citation of Excellence" Awards from the National Band Association, Quinlan and Fabish "Outstanding Music Educator Award", and also nominated for the Golden Apple Award. He has been a guest conductor/clinician for numerous IGSMJA junior high festivals, ILMEA District 9 Junior Jazz Festival, ISYM Summer Band Camp, and the U-46 Middle School Honors Band (twice). For many years he proudly served as the ILMEA District 7 Assistant and Head Band Representative. Mr. Moore also enjoys conducting and performing (drums, percussion) in local musicals with Schaumburg On Stage, Point2Productions, and St. John's Players. Professional affiliations include ILMEA, NAFME, NBA, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

J.T. Teichert is in his 5th year as Band Director at FHS, and first year as Music Department Chair. His responsibilities include teaching the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Winds, Viking Marching Band, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Lab Band, Jazz Combo, and student sectionals.

Mr. Teichert's career started at Wheeling High School in 2011, where he contributed to the Wildcat Marching Band as a Saxophone and Drum Line assistant. In 2013, he started directing Wheeling High School's Jazz Band 2 and was eventually hired as Assistant Director of Bands in 2015. His responsibilities included leading Symphony Band and Jazz Band 2, while assisting with Wind Symphony,

Jazz Band 1, Jazz Combo, and Marching Band. Mr. Teichert assisted the Wheeling High School Wind Symphony and Jazz Combo in performances at The Midwest Clinic, Illinois SuperState Concert Band Festival, and The Music for All National Concert Band Festival.

Under Mr. Teichert's direction, the Fremd and Wheeling Jazz programs have earned honors and awards at the North Shore and Jazz in the Meadows Jazz Festivals. Fremd Jazz Combo has received honorable recognition at both festivals mentioned, including "Outstanding Soloist" awards and "First Place/Division 1" status in the Jazz Combo category. Concert ensembles under the direction of Mr. Teichert have performed and received "Superior Ratings" at the Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival and Northern Illinois Concert Band Festival. Mr. Teichert and his students have been fortunate to receive clinics from Dana Hall, Scott Burns, Marques Carroll, Victor Garcia, Thomas Bough, Erica Neidlinger, Brian Logan, and Tim Yontz.

Mr. Teichert graduated with a degree in Music Education from DePaul University, where he received instruction and performed alongside notable faculty including Susan Cook, Erica Neidlinger, Scott Burns, Mark Colby, Tom Matta, Dana Hall, Tim Coffman, Ron Perrillo, Bob Rummage and Dr. Bob Lark. In addition to studying saxophone privately with Susan Cook, Scott Burns, and Mark Colby, he studied jazz arranging with Tom Matta and jazz pedagogy with Dr. Bob Lark. During this time, Mr. Teichert was a member of several ensembles including: Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Orchestra, Jazz Chamber Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, and Wind Symphony.

Mr. Teichert has performed or collaborated with a variety of established musicians and groups including: Wayne Bergeron, Benny Golson, Randy Brecker, John Fedchock, Haley Reinhart, Bob Lark Alumni Band, Tom Matta Big Band, and Mark Colby Quartet. He can be heard as a soloist on Randy Brecker's 2015 Jazzed Media Release, Dearborn Station. He has performed at notable venues including: Joe and Wayne Segal's Jazz Showcase, Chicago Symphony Center, Phyllis's Musical Inn, Lincoln Hall, Reggie's Rock Club, Montreux Jazz Festival, and Umbria Jazz Festival.

Mr. Teichert is a member of ILMEA, NBA, and NAFME. Outside of Fremd High School, he teaches private lessons in saxophone and improvisation, and has served as a community music teacher in Chicago.

Griffin Lober is in his 2nd year as part-time Band Director at FHS. His responsibilities include teaching the freshman percussion class as well as directing the Drumline in the VMB. He also assists with directing the Concert Band with Mr. Moore. Aside from music, he is also a Special Education Teacher's Assistant.

Mr. Lober is a Schaumburg High School alumnus and, more recently, a graduate of the University of Kentucky. During his time at the University of Kentucky, he performed with the Wildcat Marching Band, Wildcat Pep Band, UK Concert Band, UK Symphony Band, UK Wind Symphony, UK Symphony Orchestra, UK Choirs, and UK Opera Theatre. During his four years at UK, he has had the privilege to perform at such venues as; The Taxslayer Bowl in Jacksonville, FL, two March Madness tournaments, the Bands of America National Championships in Indianapolis, IN, and, most recently, Carnegie Hall. He received his Bachelor's of Music in Music Education in May, 2019.

Also during his time at the University of Kentucky, Mr. Lober was able to study under incredible professors such as; Professor James Campbell, Dr. Francisco Perez, Dr. Kevin Holm-Hudson, Dr. Karen Bottge, Dr. Cody Birdwell, and Professor Scott-Lee Atchison. Outside of teaching at Fremd High School, Mr. Lober is a member of NAFME, KMEA, ILMEA, and the Percussive Arts Society. Other than teaching and playing music he is also an avid billiards player and never misses an episode of Jeopardy!