

# Fremd High School Bands - Awards & Accolades (2001-2015)

## Fremd Music Department:

- Twice awarded "Grammy Signature School Status" for excellence in musical education with school concert bands, jazz bands, orchestras, and choirs. Recognized as a "Top Twenty" Music Department out of 2,000+ schools that applied.
- Curricular ensembles: five bands, five choirs, and four orchestras. Extra-curricular ensembles: three A Cappella choirs, Show Choir, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Lab Band, Jazz Combo, Viking Marching Band, Winter Drumline, various woodwind, brass, and percussion small ensembles.
- ArtsFest performances – hosted 70+ guest musicians and ensembles over past seven years.
- Music Department construction – new band room, ensemble rooms, and practice rooms (completed fall 2008)

## Wind Symphony:

- Awarded numerous "Superior/Division 1" ratings at the "Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival"
- Awarded four "Division 1/Superior" ratings at the Illinois State University "Concert Band Invitational" Festival
- Selected to perform at the ILMEA 2009 All-State Conference
- Selected to perform twice at the University of Illinois "Superstate Concert Band Festival"
- Performed with Dr. Mallory Thompson (Northwestern University) for her presentation at the 2007 Midwest Band and Orchestra 2007 Convention
- Performed as the clinic band for a presentation at the Midwest Band and Orchestra 2011 Convention with Dr. Brian Shelton, Mr. Rick Lopresto, and Mr. Moore

## Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Winds:

- Awarded "Superior/Division 1" ratings at the "Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival" in 2013 and 2014

## Viking Marching Band:

- Extra-curricular/volunteer marching band since 2005 season
- 31 Chicago-area marching band competitions
- Numerous performances at University of Illinois "Marching Band Championships" and Illinois State University "Marching Band Invitational"
- Recent shows: "Revolution and Triumph" (2014), "Rhapsody in Blue"(2013), "Bushido"(2012), "España"(2011), "Pirates!"(2010), "A Twist of Classical"(2009), "West Side Story"(2008), "Gangsta' Jazz"(2007), "Scenes from Egypt"(2006), "A Day in the City"(2005), "The Storm"(2004)

## Jazz Ensemble:

- Numerous "Superior/Division 1" ratings at the "Northshore Jazz Festival" (Glenbrook South HS) and "Jazz in the Meadows" (Rolling Meadows HS)
- "Grand Champion" of Holiday Bowl Jazz Festival (CA), "Grand Champion" of Outback Bowl Jazz Festival (FL)
- February "Jazz & Java" Concerts – Jazz Ensemble guest artists: Tim Coffman, Ron Perrillo, Chris Madsen, Rob Parton, Tom Garling, Mark Colby, Nick Drozdoff, Rob Parton, Frank Catalano
- Jazz Lab Band and Jazz Combo – Numerous "Division 1/Superior" ratings at local jazz festivals

### **Community Performances**

- Palatine Memorial Day Parade/Ceremony performances: 2014, 2012, 2010, 2008, 2006, 2004, 2002
- Palatine Fire Fighter's September 11th Ceremony - 2008, 2009
- Palatine Fire Fighter's Memorial Dedication - 2006
- Inverness Veterans' Memorial Dedication - 2007
- Palatine 4th of July Parade - D211 Northside Drumline (FHS/PHS) - 2015

### **Combined Concerts and Festivals:**

- Combined concerts with the following ensembles: Northern Illinois Wind Ensemble, Millikin University Wind Ensemble, Drake University Wind Symphony, Elmhurst College Wind Ensemble, Elmhurst College Jazz Band, Schaumburg HS, Conant HS, New Trier HS, and Lake Zurich HS
- Band festival performances with Wind Symphony, Symphonic Winds, Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band – Northern Illinois University, Northwestern University/Northshore Concert Band Festival, Elk Grove Percussion Festival, Wheaton College, and Concordia University

### **Band Trips:**

- San Antonio 2015 - Alamo Bowl half-time show, Alamo Bowl Pep Rally performance, Parade competition, symphonic band clinic with guest conductors
- Florida Trip 2013 - Outback Bowl Symphonic Band & Jazz Band Festival (awarded "Superior/Division 1" ratings), symphonic and jazz band clinics with guest conductors, Outback Bowl half-time show, Ybor New Year's Eve Parade, Disney World Main Street parade and Disney recording studio workshop
- California Trip 2011 – Performance on flight deck of USS Midway, San Diego "Big Bay Balloon Parade", Holiday Bowl half-time show, New Year's Eve Disneyland Parade
- Hawaii Trip 2009 – Performance at Pearl Harbor, performance with US Navy "Pacific Fleet Band", two performances on Oahu
- Florida Trip 2007 – Gator Bowl half-time show, Gator Bowl Symphonic & Jazz Festival (awarded "Superior/Division 1" ratings), symphonic and jazz band clinics with guest conductors, Jacksonville "New Years Eve" parade, Disney World Main Street parade and Disney recording studio workshop
- California Trip 2005 – Holiday Bowl Symphonic & Jazz Festival (awarded "Superior/Division 1" ratings - Grand Champions for symphonic and jazz), symphonic and jazz band clinics with guest conductors, San Diego "Big Bay Balloon Parade", Holiday Bowl half-time show, New Year's Eve Disneyland Parade
- Florida Trip 2003 – Outback Bowl Symphonic & Jazz Festival (Grand Champions), symphonic and jazz band clinics with guest conductors, Outback Bowl half-time show, Ybor New Year's Eve Parade, Disney World Main Street parade and Disney recording studio workshop
- Missouri 2001 – Six Flags St. Louis parade performance and Heritage Music Festival (awarded "Superior/Division 1" ratings), symphonic and jazz band clinics with guest conductors