

Fremd High School Band Directors – 2021-2022

Matthew Moore is in his 21st year as the Director of Bands at FHS. In addition to overseeing the Band program he teaches the Wind Symphony, Concert Band, and sectionals, while co-teaching the Viking Marching Band, Jazz Ensemble, and Jazz Lab Band.

Mr. Moore previously taught at Meridian Jr. High, Stillman Valley High School, and Harry D. Jacobs High School. 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, and afro-Cuban percussion). He is an accomplished percussionist and drum set player, performing in numerous ensembles and productions throughout the Chicagoland area. He was fortunate to have studied under many outstanding music educators including: Steven Squires, Dr. Lawrence Stoffel, Dr. Ronnie Wooten, 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 2021-2022 school year marks the 16th 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" four 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 presentations/performances at the 2007 and 2011 Midwest Clinic.

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. Outside of FHS he greatly enjoys the outdoors and spending time with his family. He also enjoys playing jazz trumpet and conducting or performing on drums/percussion for different Chicagoland musical productions. Professional affiliations include ILMEA, NAFME, NBA, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

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

Mr. Teichert's music education career started at Wheeling High School in 2011, where he contributed to the Wildcat Marching Band as a saxophone and percussion assistant. In 2013, he started directing Wheeling High School's Jazz Band 2 and was later 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.

Ensembles under Mr. Teichert's direction have earned recognition at various concert and jazz festivals. Mr. Teichert and his students have been fortunate to receive clinics from educators such as Dana Hall, Scott Burns, Marques Carroll, Victor Garcia, Tom Garling, Xavier Breaker, Thomas Bough, Erica Neidlinger, Brian Logan, Corey Seapy, and Tim Yontz. Mr. Teichert is proud to have assisted the Fremd Wind Symphony for performances at the Illinois Superstate Concert Band Festival. Mr. Teichert's proudest achievement is the musical and personal growth of his incredible students.

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, and Dr. Bob Lark. In addition to studying saxophone with 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. Currently, Mr. Teichert is completing coursework towards a Master's in Music Education from VanderCook and a Master's in Educational Leadership at DePaul University.

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 had the opportunity to perform 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, JEN, and NAFME. Outside of Fremd High School, he teaches private lessons in saxophone and improvisation, and enjoys writing and recording original music.

Griffin Lober is in his third year as part-time Band Director at FHS. His responsibilities include co-teaching Symphonic Winds and sectionals, as well as directing the VMB drumline and musical pit orchestra. Outside of the Music Department, 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 Bachelors of Music in Music Education in May, 2019.

While 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!