

# BUILDING BETTER BANDS

## Missouri Bandmasters Association



### IMPORTANT DATES

**NOVEMBER 7-21**  
**ALL STATE BAND**  
**REGISTRATION**

**DECEMBER 2, 2023**  
**STATE BAND AUDITIONS**

**JANUARY 24-27, 2024**  
**MMEA**

**JUNE 16-19, 2024**  
**MBA SUMMER**  
**CONVENTION**

## Convention Highlights

The 54th Missouri Bandmasters Association Summer Convention was extraordinary. Our new convention space within Margaritaville allowed for clinics, concerts, exhibitors, and even the final brunch to be held all in one location.

This year, Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser presented two inspiring clinics, reminding us how important we are to our students and the lasting impact we have on them. Colonel Don Scholfield, Conductor of the United States Air Force Band and 2024 Missouri All-State Band Conductor, presented two clinics focusing on careful score study and your band's development. Dr. Lori Schwartz-Reichl presented clinics that made us truly evaluate our teaching practices and our relationships in the school system.

There were many other great clinics about small schools, large schools, sightreading, jazz, marches, sound systems, and more. The topics were vast, but the personal and professional connections that were made are always the most valuable part of the Missouri Bandmasters Association Summer Convention.

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# Annual Awards

**MBA Hall of Fame:** Cathy Coonis was inducted into the Missouri Bandmasters Hall of Fame. She taught in Cuba, Marshfield, Springfield, and 20 years at Seymour. In her retirement, Cathy taught at New Covenant Academy. She is an active performer and has also served MOAJE and the Southwest MMEA District for many years. Cathy has inspired countless students as well as other music educators over her 30+ year teaching career.



**Butch Antal Service Award:** Hickman High School was awarded the Butch Antal Service Award. They have been the home of All-State Band Auditions since the first all-state band. Receiving the award was Hickman High School's Principal, Mrs. Mary Grupe.

## MBA OFFICERS

- President Brad Hudson
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## CONVENTION NUMBERS

- Directors: 150
- First Year Teachers: 17
- Guests: 67
- Performers: 101