

## **MISSOURI BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION**

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

All-State Band Registration Window November 4-25, 2025

> All-State Band Auditions December 6, 2025

> All-State Paperwork Due December 16, 2025

All-State Payments Due January 13, 2026

All-State Band/MMEA January 28-31, 2026

MBA Summer Convention June 14-17, 2026





#### Kurt Bauche Butch Antal Service Award

Kurt Bauche was honored with the 2025 Butch Antal Service Award for his outstanding dedication and years of service to the Missouri Bandmasters Association. His behind-the-scenes work has been vital to the organization's success.

#### Rob Nichols & Jim Cunningham MBA Hall of Fame Inductees

Congratulations to Rob Nichols and Jim Cunningham on their induction into the 2025 MBA Hall of Fame! Both have made lasting contributions to music education in Missouri through their leadership, innovation, and mentorship.

#### Convention Handouts, Surveys, & Link to Purchase Recordings

The 2025 Missouri Bandmasters Association Summer Convention was held June 15–18 at the Tan-Tar-A Conference Center at Lake of the Ozarks. Directors from across the state gathered for a week of learning, networking, and family fun. This year's theme, "Intentional Learning," was brought to life through engaging clinics by Dr. Travis Cross, Chris Gleason, Dr. Frank Tracz, and more. Evening performances by the Warrensburg Community Band, St. Joseph Big Band, Show-Me Brass, and Truman Rocks added to the experience. Thanks to all who attended, presented, and exhibited—your presence made this year's convention one of our best yet!



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As you make purchases for your program or personal needs, we encourage you to support the companies on our sponsor list and those who exhibit at our conference.

If you know of a business or educational organization that may be interested in sponsoring in the future, please send them our way!

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