

September 23, 2022

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from The College of New Jersey! We hope this message finds you doing well and enjoying a musical start to the academic year. It is with great excitement that we share details of our **2022 TCNJ Honors Festivals**, and invite you to nominate your students! We will hold two festivals this year:

- **Honors Chorus and Orchestra** will be held on Saturday, November 5 and Sunday, November 6
- **Honors Wind Ensembles** will be held on Sunday, November 13 and Sunday, November 20

Our Honors Festivals are designed for your top woodwind, brass, percussion, string, and voice students currently in grades 9-12. Each festival will feature rehearsals with our conducting faculty, masterclasses with our artist-teacher faculty, and performances in our beautiful concert halls! The festivals will provide students with a nurturing and enriching environment to make music with students from over 50 different schools from across the region. The cost for students to participate in the festival is \$45, which includes a commemorative t-shirt and lunch on the first day!

**We invite you to nominate up to 10 of your most talented students in grades 9-12 for this special program.**

**Instructions for nominating students (please complete the online form by Friday, October 14)**

- Online nomination form: <https://forms.gle/udcwwMpxRgXYVGHYA>
- The nomination form has been set-up so that individual teachers can nominate students in their specific content area (e.g., the band director should nominate woodwind, brass, and percussion students, the choir director should nominate voice students, and the orchestra director should nominate string students). If a district is nominating students for all three ensembles, the form should be completed three times, once for each ensemble.
- Although not required, choral directors are encouraged to nominate students from all voice parts.
- Please inform your students of the specific dates/times of the program. We ask that any student who expresses interest keep their schedule open in case they are selected. Acceptance letters will be emailed to you and your students by no later than Friday, October 21.
- Please list students in the order you think we should accept them. Rank your most talented and deserving students first. If a student is interested and they are not necessarily your top player, but you think they are very deserving of an opportunity such as this, feel free to consider that in your ranking.
- The deadline to nominate students is **Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m.**

Thank you for the opportunity to work with your students. We look forward to receiving your nominations!

Eric M. Laprade, *Director of Bands*  
John P. Leonard, *Director of Choral Activities*  
Heather Mitchell, *Assistant Director of Choral Activities*  
Uli Speth, *Director of the College Orchestra*  
Adam Warshafsky, *Assistant Director of Bands*