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Dear Band Director,

Greetings from Susquehanna University!! I hope your semester is going well and that your holiday concert preparations are going smoothly.

I would like remind you of a unique summer opportunity at Susquehanna University. We are accepting applications for the Susquehanna University High School Wind Ensemble Institute (19-25 June 2016). This 7-day residential experience takes place on our beautiful campus and provides your students with a chance to grow as a musician and have fun along the way. This is the 8th year of the Institute and we are extremely proud of the experience we provide. Each student will have private lessons with one of our distinguished faculty members and will also participate in the Institute Wind Ensemble. We've added classes in music theory to our curriculum this year, which will enhance the learning opportunities for the participants. In addition, and perhaps most importantly, students will have an opportunity to rehearse and perform in a chamber ensemble coached by faculty members. Each student will be assigned to one of the following chamber groups:

3 woodwind quintets

1 flute quartet

2 clarinet quartets

1 saxophone quartet

3 brass quintets

1 tuba quartet

1 percussion ensemble

These chamber groups make up the wind ensemble with the following instrumentation:

1 piccolo

6 flutes

3 oboes

3 bassoons

1 E-flat clarinet

9 B-flat clarinets

1 bass clarinet

2 alto saxophones

1 tenor saxophone

1 baritone saxophone

6 trumpets

6 horns

3 trombones

2 euphoniums

3 tubas

5 percussion

In addition to lessons, chamber music and wind ensemble rehearsals, we have planned several fun activities including a variety of informative lectures on topics such as electronic music, composition and conducting. There is also a pool party and a trip to Knoebel's Amusement Resort. Students will also have access to all of the University's recreational facilities.

The camp is open by audition to 54 rising 9th through 12th graders. An application and audition materials may be found at <http://www.susqu.edu/WindEnsemble>. Please share information about the Institute with all of your students, as this experience can be beneficial to everyone. Fees (including tuition, room and board) are \$660 for the week. Please encourage your students to submit their application to me as soon as possible as there are a limited number of need- and merit-based scholarships available. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to working with you this summer.

Sincerely,



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