



**A RICH HISTORY OF SUCCESS**

2022 USBANDS NJ STATE CHAMPIONS - GROUP IV A  
2022 USBANDS 2ND PLACE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS—GROUP IV A  
2021 USBANDS NATIONAL CHAMPIONS - GROUP III A  
2021 USBANDS NATIONAL CHAMPIONS - GROUP III A  
2018 USBANDS NATIONAL CHAMPIONS - GROUP V A  
2018, 2017, 2015 USBANDS NJ STATE CHAMPIONS - GROUP VA  
2018, 2017, 2015 YAMAHA CUP CHAMPIONS - GROUP VA

## MATTHEW McLAUGHLIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Much of the success of the Highlander Band Program began with Matthew McLaughlin. His pursuit of musical excellence was unparalleled. He was one of the best musicians in the Highlander Band and was frequently featured as a soloist. He was also among the first band students to actively audition for the various New Jersey honor bands. Matthew had a perfect audition record, earning membership every year in the NJ Area Band, All Region Band, All Region Orchestra, All State Band, and All State Orchestra. He was named to the All Eastern Band and was awarded the NJ Governor's Award for Music. His enthusiasm and drive for music were contagious, and that was his main contribution to the Highlander Band. Not only did he achieve musical excellence himself, but he encouraged others to do the same, celebrating their successes along with his own. As a result of his trailblazing, Highlander Band members have had a dominant presence in New Jersey's honor bands since the early 2000's.

The recipient of this special Scholarship shares many of the same characteristics. They have also distinguished themselves as both an excellent musician and as an inspirer of others.