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## A Letter from Our Treasurer

Colton Thomas

Hello OCMEA Members!

My name is Colton Thomas and I am serving as Treasurer for your OCMEA State Board this 2017-2018 school year! I am a sophomore in Music Education with a specialization in Jazz Saxophone at the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music. I am very excited to work with all of Ohio's fantastic music schools and to see what kinds of awesome programs your chapters are putting together for meetings and events! There are many exciting events approaching on the State Board level such as our OCMEA Fall Conference, which will take place at the Ohio State University School of Music's Weigel Hall on Sunday, November 19. The State Board has invited a fantastic group of renowned music educators to present on many aspects of music education in order to give you the tools necessary to succeed. We hope to see you there!

Your OCMEA State Board would love to see what your local chapters are doing to continue your professional development in music education. Please post what your chapters are up to and tag the OCMEA Facebook and Instagram pages so that we can share your awesome work with the community!

Have a great month!

**Colton Thomas**



# All About Fall Conference

## What?

A one-day professional development conference for future music educators just like yourself! Come hear renowned music educators' give their tips and tools as we embrace this year's theme, "Tell Me Something I Don't Know"! Plenty of opportunities for networking will also be available throughout the day.

## When?

Sunday, November 19th 2017

Registration opens at 9:45

First session begins at 10:15

## Where?

Ohio State University | Columbus, OH  
Weigel Hall

## I'm sold! Where do I sign up?

Registration is available online at:

<http://bit.ly/2zrEoFj>

Registration fee: \$10

# An Interview with a Music Education Student

**Mackenzie B.** from the University of Toledo shares her Music Education story!

## **Why did you choose to major in Music Education?**

I chose Music Education because I've always loved music and have wanted to share that love with children. I felt like I missed out in gaining a solid musical foundation in school and want to provide that for future generations.

## **What is your instrument?**

Voice.

## **What is your favorite music to play or sing?**

My favorite music to sing is musical theatre pieces. They tend to be quite varied in vocal style and fit the tone of my voice better.

## **How long have you played your instrument/been singing?**

I have been singing since the 3rd grade when I did the *Wizard of Oz*

## **What got you started in music?**

My parents got me into music. My mom would constantly sing to us and when she noticed that I had a knack for it she started pushing me to try out for shows.

## **What are you looking forward to most about being a music educator?**

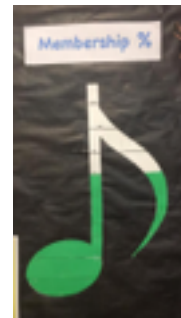
I'm looking forward to sharing my love of music with future generations and hopefully inspire them to pursue and appreciate music.

Do you want to be featured in the OCMEA Newsletter?

Contact our editor, Aly Szczublewski at [alyshas@bgsu.edu](mailto:alyshas@bgsu.edu) to find out how you can make your mark!

# FEATURED CHAPTER: WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

Wright State University has a thriving Ohio Collegiate Music Education Chapter. Currently 54 students have registered for their NAFME/OCMEA membership out of the 90 music education majors. The membership has increased drastically over the past 4 years! They are focusing on engaging their membership in presentations, workshops, and volunteer opportunities, on and off campus. Wright State University started a membership drive this year, looking for 100% membership! The music education faculty have pushed the importance of joining and students are showing a greater interest!



This summer seven WSU students went to Washington D.C. for the NAFME Hill Day! They were the largest school in attendance. They learned how to advocate for music education and were able to talk with some congressman. They want to invite other Ohio Collegiate Members to attend next years event!



WSU's OCMEA Chapter participated in the Homecoming Golf Cart Parade this year! Student organizations were asked to decorate a golf cart and then they were judged and the winning golf cart was named! OCMEA's golf cart was decorated with musical instruments and had three saxophonist playing Wright State Universities fight song. They won the contest and received a gift card to Chartwell's Catering!



The organization was also asked to volunteer at Music For All's Dayton Marching Band Regional. They were in need of volunteers to help run logistics of the show day. Wright State OCMEA had twenty-one students volunteer their time at the regional! Wright State Universities Trombone Ensemble was also asked to play the National Anthem at finals but unfortunately it was rained out.

Wright State University OCMEA is very excited about the start to the year and would like to invite anyone to their Kodály and Orff Workshop on Saturday November 4th from 10am-3pm. The workshop is being held on Wright State Universities Campus in the Creative Arts Center, Room 279. Scott Forney and Mary Ellen Haines are the presenters. Wright State University OCMEA is very excited about this workshop!



**We want to feature your chapter! Contact Aly Szczublewski at [alysahas@bgsu.edu](mailto:alysahas@bgsu.edu) for more information.**

# Check Your Chapter's NAfME Registration Numbers!

Chapter	Number of Registered Members	Increase of Members from Last Month	Members Last Year
Baldwin-Wallace College	10	+6	83
Bowling Green State University	5	+2	40
Capital University	10	+9	48
Case Western Reserve University	7	+5	18
Cleveland State University	2	+1	16
Heidelberg University	3	+0	12
Kent State University	7	+3	49
Miami University	9	+7	51
Mount Vernon Nazarene	1	+0	7
Ohio Northern University	2	+0	21
Ohio State University	6	+2	81
Ohio University	4	+2	43
Otterbein College	2	+0	29
University of Akron	13	+6	86
University of Cincinnati	20	+13	65
University of Toledo	8	+2	22
Wittenberg University	1	+0	23
Wright State University	54	+30	52
Xavier University	4	+0	9
Youngstown State University	1	+0	24

Beat last years' numbers! Encourage your chapter to Renew or Sign Up for their NAfME membership today!