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Towson High School senior earns chair in 2021 All-National Honors Concert Band

Band to participate in virtual program Jan. 22 – 24, 2022

Towson, MD – Yiyun Li, a senior at Towson High School, was selected through a highly-competitive audition process to play a first clarinet part in the 2021 All-National Honors Concert Band.

The All-National Honors Concert Band is one of the [All-National Honor Ensembles](#) coordinated by the National Association for Music Education. The other All-National Honor Ensembles include a symphony orchestra, mixed choir, guitar ensemble, jazz ensemble, and modern band.

The 2021 All-National Honor Ensembles program will be a virtual event, held Saturday, January 22 – Monday, January 24, 2022. This virtual event will include several rehearsals with the 2021 All-National Honor Ensembles conductors, a college fair, mock auditions, and workshops with renowned clinicians. Each ensemble will create a final, recorded performance that will premiere online.

Li started playing clarinet at the age of 10. She has been taking private lessons with Edna Huang since Grade 6. Her interest in the clarinet intensified at Ridgely Middle School, where she received support from Huang and her band teachers, Sue Wilson and Jackie Freeburger.

At Towson High, Li has played first chair clarinet in the Towson High School Gifted and Talented Wind Ensemble, the Towson Clarinet Choir, and the Towson High School Marching Generals, under the direction of music department chair David Rhen.

Rhen described Li as “a highly dedicated student with fantastic school spirit and a passion for music.”

Li has been selected for the BCPS All-County Band every year since Grade 7. She also qualified for Maryland All-State Band in Grades 8- 12 and for the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's Side by Side Concert in Grade 10. She is a member of the Baltimore Symphony Youth Orchestra, Peabody Wind Orchestra, and Peabody Youth Orchestra.

(Editor's note: A photo of Li accompanies this release.)

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