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Welcome ALHS Band Class of 2030!

My name is Mr. Matuszeski and this year will be my eighth year teaching at Abraham Lincoln High School. I was born and raised in Council Bluffs and graduated from AL under the band direction of Dr. Terry Hanzlik in 2010. While in school, I played trumpet in the ALHS Marching and Concert Bands, and bass guitar and trumpet in the Jazz Bands. Because I want you to know that you CAN play in the band and be involved in other activities, I also played Varsity Soccer, was in NHS, was a photographer for the yearbook, and worked at Panera Bread.

After graduating from AL, I attended the University of Iowa to receive my Bachelors in Trumpet Performance and K-12 Music Education. At the University of Iowa, I was fortunate to perform in ensembles encompassing many genres including: wind symphonies, Latin Jazz groups (music of Brazil, Cuba, the Caribbean, and West Africa), big band jazz, and classical solo trumpet. When I am not making music with my students, I am usually spending time with my wife, Kaylie, my friends, family, or my dog, Frankie. She is a five-year old Blue Heeler/Great Pyrenees mix. In my free time, I attend local concerts, do yard work and house projects. I love trying new places to eat, and I travel as much as I can!

I can't wait to welcome you to the High School Band Family, learn more about you and make music and memories together!! Believe it or not, plans are already underway for a fantastic 2026-2027 school year, so I have included some important information on the next page! First, take a look on the back of this letter at some of the awesome experiences the ALHS Band Family is looking forward to sharing with you!

See You In August!

-Mr. Matuszeski



Why should YOU be a part of the AL band?!

Here's what current members say about it!

"The band has allowed me to open up and come out of my comfort zone. I can be who I truly am when I'm with the band. The people are so supportive and without them, my high school experience wouldn't be nearly as fun or memorable."



"The best part about being in band is that you find a group of people who will support you and care about you! They help you to feel welcome, no matter what."



"Being a part of the band encourages me to do better, while also uplifting others and connecting with all sorts of people in an accepting environment."

"There is always a place I can go that feels completely safe and where I know I can get help and advice from other students and Mr. Mat."

"It's like having a second home. We all have a place here."



"The AL Band family is a non-judgemental group of weird people that care about each other in a way no other group does in the school. We work hard and play hard."



"It means that you are part of a huge family, who all take care of each other, work together, and have fun."

