



If you attended a Lafayette Jefferson High School football game last fall, and saw that impressive band marching down the field, the drum major leading it all is our next scholarship winner, Andrew Fiorini. Did you realize that not just the band director, but teachers, staff, and students have a say in who is chosen as a drum major. Andrew was one of only two selected for the position. What an honor! But honors aren't something new to Andrew.

- When he came to Jeff, he was one of just two freshmen admitted to the Wind Ensemble, Jeff's top concert band.
- He has been the lead trumpet in the Show Choir Band for the last two years;
- and, of course, he enjoys the Jazz Band and Jazz Combo.
- After three straight years of gold ratings at the state solo and ensemble competitions,
- he was awarded the first trumpet position in the Indiana Bandmaster's Association All State Honor Band this spring. And the list of awards goes on.

Andrew has also excelled vocally both in the Varsity Singers, which is the top choral group at Jeff where he is the senior leader this year, and in Jeff's musicals.

But his stage presence at Jeff is not just with music. He is a thespian, too. All four years at Jeff, he has appeared in productions with the Jefferson Players, often in the lead role;....all while maintaining a top academic record.

But most impressive are the many ways in which Andrew has invested his talents and himself for the benefit of others.

- He plays regularly at his church with both adult and youth worship teams, and not just trumpet, but also guitar.
- He has brought his vocal and instrumental music to many special events at his church and beyond. For example, in addition to his summer work schedule, he delights in helping with a one week Summer Worship Art and Music Program for 150 grade-schoolers.
- Other times his instruments stay home while he helps with cleanup projects in the community or just in his neighborhood.

Let me share some of what others have said about Andrew:

- well liked by people of all ages;
- great sense of humor;
- multi-talented;
- loyal, trustworthy, kind;
- does not need or demand attention.
- He is strong without being pushy, and gentle without being a pushover.
- Fellow students look to him for guidance because he is level-headed, consistent, fair and fun.
- Andrew is a young man who leads well because he serves well. He has spent his young life serving others in any group he is a part of, and supporting others in leadership.

Andrew wants to be a professional jazz musician and plans to attend a college with a solid jazz and music program. He also interestingly comments that Jazz is an American invention. It originated right here on our soil and the roots of the music are an important part of our history. He thinks it is incredibly important to keep the music alive and help future generations understand, appreciate, and have the joy of listening to this American art form.

We look forward to many more opportunities to applaud you, Andrew. Congratulations!