

## STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

"I studied with Chris for about 6 years...His technical abilities are obvious and they not only helped to teach me as a student, but to inspire me as a musician to strive for more. He is an excellent teacher, performer, and person. He constantly propels his students forward to what he knows that they can achieve. Chris is undoubtedly one of the best teachers I've ever had due to his perseverance and dedication as a teacher, and because of his willingness never to give up on any student."---Gabby B.

## SAXOPHONE STUDENT HONORS AND PERFORMANCES

### 2024

#### Winona State University

Studio attends the Minnesota Music Educators Association, and performs with the Winona State Wind Ensemble.

Alex Schlieff---wins the concerto competition. Performs the Claude T. Smith; graduates with BA in Music Business

Tyler Upham---performs senior recital: Itturalde, Bonneau, Potter, Upham, and Banks.  
Graduates with BM in Music Education.

#### College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University

Keegan Kuhns---performs for the International Saxophone Quartet Masterclass

#### K&S Conservatory

High School students Timur, and Ari both earned 'Best in Site' at their respective Solo and Ensemble competitions in Woodbury, MN.

### 2023

#### Winona State University

Studio participated in Saxophone Day with Beatbox Saxophonist Derek Brown in residency

#### College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University

Keegan Kuhns---attended Saxophone Day with Derek Brown at WSU;  
performed Worley *September Sonata* in masterclasses for Dr. Rodrigo Pires de Lima, and Emily Brewer.

Izzy Bui---performed Shostakovich *Golden Age* for Brewer masterclass

Nathan Courchane---performed Creston *Sonata* for Lima masterclass

Meghan Weiss---performed Maurice *Tableaux de Provence* for Lima masterclass

## 2022

### Winona State University

Jake Schumacher - graduates with a BM in Saxophone Performance; performs a senior recital:  
Love, Banks, Peck, Mellits, and Monk.

### College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University

Anna Streed, Nathan Courchane, Izzy Bui, Nathan Smisek perform Maslanka's *Songs for the Coming Day* and Hass' *Volcanic Ash*

Students performed in masterclass for Dr. Ann Bradfield

## 2021

### Winona State University

Hayden Swenson---graduates with a BA in Music; presented at capstone on saxophone history

Chrissy Deetz---graduates with a BM in Music Education; performed a recital:

Jake Edwards---graduates with a BM in Music Education; performed a recital: Glazunov,  
Kilstofte

Riley Huppert---graduates with a BM in Music Education; performed a recital: Creston, Noda,  
Muczynski

Jake Schumacher---performed a junior recital: Maslanka *Sonata*, Smith *Fantasia*, Maslanka  
*Recitation Book*.

## 2020

### Winona State University

Students attended guest lectures by Jonathan Kuuskoski (Director of Entrepreneurship at University of Michigan) and Melissa Duncan (MSW, LICSW, RPT; Psychotherapist)

Studio attended the North American Saxophone Alliance Conference at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona.

### Former Student Accomplishment

Jonathan Green---graduates from Univ. of Northern Iowa with BM in Music Education  
Band Director at West Delaware High School

**2019**

University of Northern Iowa

Thomas Sparks--- graduates from UNI with BM in Music Education  
Band Director of Ballard County Schools District

Denzel Washington---graduates from UNI with MM in composition

**2018**

Denzel Washington---has saxophone composition premiered at the North American Saxophone Alliance Biennial Conference at CCM in Cincinnati, OH.

**2017**

Hunter Horby - graduates from Baylor University

**SAXOPHONE STUDENT HONORS (K-12)**

*Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas*

**2016**

***All-Region results***

**Lebannon Trail High School (Frisco, TX)**

Jack Crawford---1st bari in the freshman band

**Heritage High School (Frisco, TX)**

Jerry Zhao---4th alto in freshman All-Region band

Former Student accomplishments

**Centennial High School (Frisco, TX)**

Joey O'Reilly---2nd in Region, 1st in Area, and alto saxophonist in the TMEA 5A All-State band.  
Taught for 6 years, prior to moving to Iowa.

**2015**

## **All-Region results**

### **Clark, Maus, Hunt, and Cobb (Frisco, TX)**

Jack Crawford---4/24 alto saxophone (Wind Symphony)  
Anthony Menchaca---5/24 alto saxophone (Wind Symphony)  
Keaton Kirk---8/24 alto saxophone (Honor Band)  
Simon Song---12/24 alto saxophone (Concert Band)  
Joshua Flores---7/24 alto saxophone (Honor Band)  
Jerry Zhao---18/24 alto saxophone (Symphonic Band)  
Chase Salembier---2/8 tenor saxophone (Wind Symphony)  
Ashton Casey---4/8 tenor saxophone (Honor Band)  
Abby Johannes---6/8 tenor saxophone (Symphonic Band)  
Brian Vasquez---7/8 tenor saxophone (Symphonic Band)  
Ashley Jenkins---3/8 bari saxophone (Honor Band)  
David Parks---5/8 Baritone saxophone (Symphonic Band)  
August Chibnall---8/8 baritone saxophone (Concert Band)

### **Centennial High School (Frisco, TX)**

Ryun Hahn--1/6 alto saxophone (qualified for Area); 2/12 at Area (missed State by 1 chair)  
Joey O'Reilly---5/6 alto saxophone  
Aaron Feizy---1/3 tenor saxophone (qualified for Area)

## **2014**

### **Clark, Maus, Hunt, and Cobb**

#### Alto Saxophones

Honors Band-1st Chair---Sam Straub  
Honors Band-3rd Chair---Ethan Unger  
Symphonic Band-2nd Chair---Ivan Espino  
Concert Band-1st Chair---Jeff Bao

#### Tenor Saxophones

Wind Symphony-2nd Chair---Duong Pham  
Honors Band-1st Chair---Chase Salembier  
Symphonic Band-1st Chair---Colin Evans

#### Baritone Saxophones

Honors Band-1st Chair---Daryl Dugenio  
Symphonic Band-1st Chair---Nigel Remorca

## **2013**

## **All-Region results**

### **Clark, Maus, Hunt, and Cobb**

Aaron Feizy---2/6 Tenor Saxophone  
Julian Sennette---3/6 Tenor Saxophone  
Jared Rausch---4/12 Alto Saxophone  
Isaiah Post---7/12 Alto Saxophone  
Ivan Espino---8/12 Alto Saxophone  
Anna Sutterfield---9/12 Alto Saxophone  
Jaidah Gibson---11/12 Alto Saxophone  
Eric Wu---1st Alternate Tenor Saxophone  
Bharath Nallanthighal---2nd Alternate Alto  
Saxophone

### **Centennial High School**

- Hunter Horby---1/3 Tenor Saxophone (qualifies for Area);1/6 in Area (records for state); 1/3 in 6A All-State. Is attending Baylor, and performs in the top Jazz Band at the University.

## **2012**

### **Centennial High School----Frisco, Texas**

- PJ Rahimi (10th): won OUTSTANDING PERFORMER at UIL State Solo and Ensemble competition. Only 252/90,000 win this award. Performed *Improvisation et Caprice* by Eugene Bozza.
- Naturally Sharp Saxophone Quartet (PJ, Hunter, Kevin, Jacob): make '1s' at State Solo and Ensemble, as well as win 2nd place at Houston's Underground Saxophone Quartet competition. Lantier and Bozza Quartets.
- Cramer Brooks: accepted into University of North Texas, Indiana University, and Baylor University. He is attending Baylor to major in music.
- PJ Rahimi earns 1st Baritone Sax and Hunter Horby earns 2nd Tenor Saxophone in All-Region Jazz Band. Both qualify and record for All-State.
- PJ Rahimi makes 1st Baritone Saxophone in the Texas All-State Jazz Band.

## **All Region Results:**

**Clark, Maus, Hunt, and Cobb Middle School---Frisco, Texas**

- Joey O'Reilly---1/12 Alto Saxophone (Wind Symphony)
- Jared Rausch---7/12 Alto Saxophone (Symphonic Band)
- Hannah Winter---9/12 Alto Saxophone (Concert Symphony)
- Aaron Feizy---1/6 Tenor Saxophone (Wind Symphony)
- Connor Nehls---3/6 Tenor Saxophone (Symphonic Band)
- Isaiah Post---4/6 Baritone Saxophone (Symphonic Band)
- Gabby Bidwell---1st Alternate Tenor Saxophone (7th Overall)
- Jacob Newman---2nd Alternate Baritone Saxophone (8th Overall)

**Centennial High School**

- Jacob Guerrero---1/6 Alto Saxophone (qualifies for Area)
- Kevin Zempke---3/6 Alto Saxophone
- Hunter Horby---1/3 Tenor Saxophone (qualifies for Area);1/6 in Area (records for state); 1/3 in 4A All-state
- PJ Rahimi---1/3 Baritone Saxophone (Already in Jazz All-State, so will not attend Area)

**2011**

**Centennial High School---Frisco, Texas**

- PJ Rahimi (9th/10th grade):
  - earned '1' ratings at both levels of State Solo and Ensemble on Baritone Saxophone (phase 1-Singlee/ 2-)
  - 1st Baritone Saxophone in Region 24
- Hunter Horby (9th/10th grade):
  - earned a '1' rating on Tenor Saxophone at Phase 1 State Solo and Ensemble (Demerseman/ Telleman *Sonata*)
  - first runner up (4th place) at Region 24 All-Region competition
- Cramer Brooks(11th/12th grade):
  - Rated '1' at Phase 1 State Solo and Ensemble (Bonneau *Caprice.../ Creston Sonata*)
  - 3rd Chair in All-Region Jazz Band
- Freshman Saxophone Quartet (PJ, Hunter, Kevin, Jacob):
  - earned 1's at both phases; Phase 1- ; Phase 2-Lantier Andante et Scherzetto
  - (Only freshman chamber group at Centennial to earn this rating)

**Clark and Cobb Middle School---Frisco, Texas**

- Tanner Leggett--- 1st/12 Alto Saxophone
- Joey O'Reilly--- 8th/12 Alto Saxophone
- Trey Johnson--- 1st/6 Tenor Saxophone
- Becka McElheney--- 6th/6 Tenor Saxophone
- Joey Vaikness--- 1st/6 Baritone Saxophone
- Hector Duran---5th/6 Baritone Saxophone
- Kelsey Mansfield--- Baritone Alternate (7th overall)

**University of North Texas---Denton, Texas (former university students)**

- Kyle Hutchins---attends University of Minnesota to study with Eugene Rousseau
- Drew Zaremba---earns alto position in UNT's 1 o'clock lab band

**2010**

**Argyle High School---Argyle, Texas**

- Colton Kayfus: Alto Saxophone in ATTSB Region

**Clark Middle School---Frisco, Texas**

- Luke Ellis: Alto Saxophone in Region 24 Band
- Tanner Leggett: Alto Saxophone in Region 24 Band
- Joey Vaikness: 2nd Bari Sax in Region 24 Band (2/17)
- Andrew Simon: Outstanding Soloist at Peak Music Festival Band Competition (Grainger)

**Centennial High School---Frisco, Texas**

- PJ Rahimi: 1st Bari Sax in Freshman Region Band
- Cramer Brooks: 1st Tenor Sax in All-Region 24
- Hunter Horby: 3rd Tenor Sax in All-Region 24

**2009**

**Clark Middle School---Frisco, Texas**

- PJ Rahimi: 1st chair Baritone Saxophone in All-Region 24 (1/14)
- Tanner Gardner: Alto Saxophone in All-Region 24
- Hunter Horby: 1st chair Tenor Saxophone in All-Region 24

**2008**

**Clark Middle School---Frisco, Texas**

- PJ Rahimi: Baritone Saxophone in All-Region 24 (6/6---6th chair) 3rd middle school band