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## **JUSD Instrumental Music Programs Earn Honors** *Music For All Advocacy in Action Awards Announced*

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JURUPA VALLEY, CA -- Jurupa Unified School District music programs have earned multiple awards from the non-profit Music For All organization.

JUSD's middle and high school instrumental music programs won an Advocacy in Action: Recruitment, Engagement, and Retention award for the 2024 District Wind Band Festival, organized by secondary music teachers. The award honors JUSD middle and high school music programs for providing an adjudicated music festival in which middle school students could participate. The February event was a fun and engaging experience, which helped students earn important feedback and ratings, while also uplifting them with a chance to earn recognition for their hard work.

A second 2025 Advocacy in Action Award went to Rubidoux High School's instrumental music and color guard. RHS earned the honor in the community involvement category for efforts to help the community through the Toy Drive for the Holidays program. This program, developed by students, helps engage the community and brighten the holidays for children in need. For the past seven years, the RHS instrumental music and color guard programs, led by Director Sarah Choi, have worked to collect toys for less fortunate children in the Jurupa Valley community. The toys have gone to various nonprofit organizations, most recently Jurupa Valley Adopt A Family.

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Ms. Choi said the program is a wonderful example of students' leadership and character.

"It's easy to give and do things for other people when things are good for you," she said. "One of the strongest values of our program, the strongest value of our community is that we still want to give, even when we have very little. The students are a perfect demonstration of that willingness to give.

Both award-winning programs will be included in the Music for All Advocacy in Action Archive, where exceptional programs are shared as examples for music educators nationwide.

"I am so proud of our outstanding music programs, and I'm thrilled to see them earn these well-deserved honors," noted Jurupa Unified School District Superintendent, Dr. Trenton Hansen. "These awards showcase the care our teachers take in helping students to learn and become skilled musicians, and to grow into engaged and caring community leaders. These programs truly are a wonderful example of the power of The Jurupa Experience."

You can see the full list of this year's honorees at: <https://advocacy.musicforall.org/>

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## **ABOUT JURUPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*The Jurupa Unified School District is located within Riverside County. JUSD includes 26 schools total; fifteen elementary schools, one TK-6 music academy, one K-8 STEAM academy, three middle schools, three high schools, one continuation school, one adult alternative school, and one Pre-K school readiness center. We have 18 Community School campuses.*

## **ABOUT MUSIC FOR ALL**

*Music for All's mission is to create, provide, and expand life-changing experiences through music. Our vision is to be a catalyst to ensure that every child in America has access and opportunity for active music-making in their scholastic environment. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational organization, Music for All's events and programs serve more than 600,000 attendees annually — and more than 1.7 million program participants since 1975. Programs include the Bands of America Championships for marching bands, a summer music camp for students and teachers, festivals for concert bands and orchestras, national honor ensembles for students, and educational webinars, podcasts, and online resources for teachers.*

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