



Moore School of Music
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to confirm that Shivam Gupta, a student at Friendswood High School, participated in the UH High School Honor Band Project held at the University of Houston. This elite summer program took place from June 23-27, 2025.

The UH Honor Band Project is a distinguished college immersion experience offered by the University of Houston Band Department, designed for the most accomplished high school musicians in Texas. Through a rigorous audition process, Shivam was selected to join other talented peers in this unique and enriching program.

During the program, Shivam engaged in various activities including:

- Ensemble rehearsals led by our world-renowned music faculty.
- Individual coaching sessions to enhance musical skills.
- University enrichment experiences, which included discussions with composers and conductors, as well as exclusive University of Houston activities.
- Evening small chamber ensemble collaborations, also coached by UH faculty, fostering growth as a leader and artist.

Shivam's participation in the UH High School Honor Band Project reflects his exceptional musical talent and commitment to his craft. We are confident that this experience has significantly contributed to his clarinet playing skills and development as a musician and leader.

On behalf of the University of Houston Band Department, I commend Shivam for his commitment, dedication and enthusiasm throughout the program, again this year, and wish him all the very best in his future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Bertman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Bertman
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