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Thad Roher
Friendswood ISD

Dear Mr. Roher,

On behalf of The Foundation for Music Education and our Board of Trustees, I am pleased to inform you that Friendswood ISD has two winners in the 2021 Mark of Excellence!

The **Friendswood Junior High Wind Symphony**, directed by **Thomas Landfried**, has been selected as a **National Winner** in the Mark of Excellence / National Wind Band Honors Project.

The **Friendswood High School Wind Ensemble**, directed by **Brett Nelson**, has been selected as a **National Winner** in the Mark of Excellence / National Wind Band Honors Project.

Congratulations on this wonderful achievement! The full listing of winners is enclosed.

The Mark of Excellence consists of the *National Wind Band Honors, National Choral Honors, National Orchestra Honors, National Jazz Honors, and National Percussion Ensemble Honors.*

It is a competition, entered by recordings, in which the top quarter are selected as National Winners and the second quarter receive Commended Honors.

This year 236 of the finest musical ensembles in the nation entered the competition. The project has now received entries from thirty-eight states.

All the groups will receive recorded and written comments from the adjudicators, and also a compilation recording of the performances of the National Winners. Additional information is in the enclosed press release.

Would you be so kind as to inform the directors of their selection?

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