



TEXAS LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC

August 21, 2026

I hope your rehearsals are off to a great start as you begin what promises to be an exciting year!

Registration opened August 8 for the return of the **TLU JR/SR Honors Wind Ensemble**, taking place November 6–7, 2026 in Jackson Auditorium. This two-day event provides students with a musically enriching and versatile experience, including the opportunity to work with distinguished applied faculty and perform as members of the Honors Wind Ensemble. This year, I am pleased to serve as the ensemble's conductor, and I am especially excited to welcome my esteemed colleague, **Carol Brittin Chambers**, as our guest composer. All members of the Honors Wind Ensemble will have the opportunity to work directly with Mrs. Chambers, one of today's most celebrated composers for the modern concert band and TLU's composer-in-residence.

In addition to the musical experience, some meals will be provided, all participants will receive a T-shirt, and the ensemble's performance will be professionally recorded by **Alan Sharps Recording**, with digital recordings available for purchase.

Student Nominations

Participants for this year's Junior/Senior Honors Wind Ensemble will be selected solely through director recommendations. I am asking each director to nominate a **maximum of ten deserving upperclassmen** to participate. I would especially encourage you to consider nominating a **percussionist** as part of your ten students, as Mrs. Chambers' music is often particularly rich in percussion. Students who are involved in performing at playoff football games on Friday evening are still strongly encouraged to participate. We will do our best to accommodate their schedules.

Nominations are currently open: [Nomination Form](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email at **brichardson@tlu.edu** or by phone at **(830) 372-6045**. I look forward to seeing you and your students in November!

Sincerely,

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