



## **Mariah Whitmore**

**student tenure: July 2003 – August 2008**

Graduating from Lawrence High School in May 2008, Mariah was a student with an incredibly strong work ethic. She was one of the few students at LHS that made snare drum placement in the drum line her sophomore year. Also an outstanding performer on mallet instruments, her accomplishments included:

- KMEA State Band selection (2008)
- KMEA District Band selection (2006, 2007)
- KSHSAA State First Division (I) ratings for percussion solo (2006, 2007)
- KSHSAA Regional First Division (I) ratings for percussion solo (2006, 2007, 2008)
- KSHSAA State First Division (I) ratings for percussion ensemble (2006, 2007)
- KSHSAA Regional First Division (I) ratings for percussion ensemble (2006, 2007, 2008)
- Lawrence High School Marching Band (2006 – 2008) - Snare  
*Center Snare and Section Leader (2007, 2008)*
- Lawrence High School Symphonic Band (2005 - 2008)  
*Section Leader (1st chair) (2007 – 2008)*
- Lawrence High School Symphonic Orchestra (2005 – 2008)  
*Section leader (1st chair) (2007 – 2008)*
- Prairie Wind Festival – University of Kansas (2007)
- Lawrence Youth Symphony (2004 – 2006)
- Lawrence All-City Honor Band (2004)

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Since leaving the percussion studio, Mariah graduated from The University of Kansas with a BS in Chemical Engineering in May 2012. She is currently living in Chicago, Illinois and is pursuing a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering from Northwestern University. She works in a lab called *The Center for Bionic Medicine* where work is being done in developing bionic limbs (i.e. prosthetic arms and legs that are controlled with the mind).



*Mariah performing a marimba solo at KSHSAA 6A State Music Festival in 2007*