



## **Meagan Hunt**

**student tenure: December 2012 – April 2017**

An accomplished percussionist in many areas, Meagan holds the distinction that very few students in the "Special Alumni" list share: she received I ratings at the State Level for her percussion solos every single year, from freshman to senior- a clean sweep. Her primary interest in percussion was marimba, but she also was a solid leader in the bass drum line of her high school drum line, achieving the position of Captain her senior year. She also had success early on in her percussion development, making John Philip Sousa Honor Band, and participating in The Lawrence Youth Symphony. Her accomplishments include:

- KSHSAA State First Division (I) ratings for percussion solos (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)
- KSHSAA Regional First Division (I) ratings for percussion solos (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)
- KSHSAA State First Division (I) ratings for percussion ensemble (2015, 2016)
- KSHSAA Regional First Division (I) ratings for percussion ensemble (2015, 2016)
- Lawrence High School Jazz I (2015-2016) – auxiliary percussion
- Lawrence High School Marching Band (2014-2016) – bass line (*Captain, 2016*)
- Lawrence High School Wind Ensemble (2015-2017) *2<sup>nd</sup> Chair (2016) 3<sup>rd</sup> Chair (2017)*
- John Philip Sousa Honor Band (2014)
- Lawrence Youth Symphony (2012-2015) *1<sup>st</sup> Chair*
- Superior (I) rating at the 8th Graders Solo Festival (2013)

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After high school Meagan continued her education at Emporia State University as a Psychology major. She will graduate in December 2020 and will continue on to get her PhD in Clinical Psychology in the fall of 2021. Meagan spent a year as the Vice President of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society for Psychology, and she will serve as the President of the Honor Society for her final semester. She currently works as the Psychology Tutor in the ESU library. She lives in Emporia, Kansas, though she hopes to move to Washington in Spring 2021 for graduate school. She has a 3.8 GPA at ESU and will graduate with Honors.

### **Some reflections about Meagan from Steve Riley...**

***Meagan was always one of those students that never had to be motivated. She rarely came to a lesson unprepared and would push herself quite hard. When she was an 8<sup>th</sup> grader we talked about what her aspirations were as a high school student and she achieved practically every lofty goal she set for herself. One of the things that I do with every student in January of each year is that we sit down together and pick out which solo(s) they want to play for music contest in the spring. Her senior year I was honored when she chose one of my own compositions, a duet for marimba and piano called "Duality Intrinsic". It was a joyous occasion and final "icing on the cake" for us both in our student/teacher relationship when she performed that piece at State Contest that year along side LHS accompanist Randall Frye, receiving the Superior Rating.***



*Meagan hamming it up along side her fellow LHS Percussion Ensemble members. Also pictured among this group is fellow "Special Alumni" members Bryce Dunn and James Taylor.*