



**Bryce Dunn**  
**student tenure: February 2012 – April 2017**

A very talented and dedicated student in many regards, Bryce was a part of the studio from middle school all the way through his senior year. Although Bryce focused primarily on snare drum later in his tenure, he also showed great range receiving first division ratings on both mallet and snare solos at State Contests, and was the first chair percussionist in his school's wind ensemble. His accomplishments include:

- KSHSAA State First Division (I) ratings for percussion solos (2015-2017)
- KSHSAA Regional First Division (I) ratings for percussion solos (2015-2017)
- KSHSAA State First Division (I) ratings for percussion ensemble (2015, 2016, 2017)
- KSHSAA Regional First Division (I) ratings for percussion ensemble (2015, 2016, 2017)
- Lawrence High School Marching Band (2014-2016) – snare line (*Drumline Captain, 2016*)
- Lawrence High School Wind Ensemble (2015-2017) *1<sup>st</sup> Chair, 2017*
- Prairie Wind Festival, *percussion* (2015-2017)

Following his graduation from Lawrence High School and an outstanding 4 years of both academics and musical achievements, Bryce is in the process of finishing up his degree in Biblical Languages at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois.

**Some reflections about Bryce from Steve Riley...**

***Bryce was simply a wonderful and very mature student, even from his early middle school years. During his time in lessons he was very open minded about becoming a complete percussionist, and he worked on practically every percussion area: mallets, snare drum, timpani, marching technique (both snare and tenors), drum set, and auxillary percussion.***

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*The only time I can recall having to get on him a little bit was during his freshman year, only because I could see such enormous untapped potential. Once Bryce discovered how much he enjoyed marching rudimental snare drum technique, he dedicated himself to mastering the instrument and style. It wasn't long before he was performing extremely difficult rudimental snare drum solos, working hard on the hybrid and drum corps style rudiments, and eventually becoming a great leader at LHS, achieving both drum line captain and 1<sup>st</sup> chair Wind Ensemble percussionist his senior year.*



*A wonderful graduation announcement showing many sides of Bryce*



*Bryce crooning along with some friends at a "Showtime" performance at LHS. One of the rare delights for me as a teacher was seeing Bryce act and sing during a couple of musicals ("Seussical" and "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying") that I got to perform along side with him among the other hired professionals for those productions.*



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