

DOANE  COLLEGE

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Dear Doane College Band Member,

I hope all is well with you and you are enjoying the summer. It has been a wonderful summer for me. My son, Allen, married a lovely Doane student, Bethany Wolfe, and I had the largest participation by Doane students in the Blue River Community Band that I have ever had (32). The campus looks fantastic and the college has been busily remodeling the Campus Center Cafeteria it will be terrific!

As we begin the 2008-2009 school year, we have a number of exciting events planned, including the Christmas Festival. To our new students, I am excited about getting to know you and creating wonderful music with you.

Please check the orientation schedule on the Doane Web site at www.doane.edu/bandhandbook. Because of the change in the start of school, I have changed some first-week event times. **You, as a member of the band, are responsible for the information in the handbook.**

I am pleased to announce that this year Kathy Dalby, a very successful high school band director, has agreed to take both the Pep Band and the Concert Band while I am on a half-time sabbatical leave. I know you will have a wonderful experience with her throughout the year.

If you would like to audition for SWE, please follow the directions on the SWE (Symphonic Wind Ensemble) audition page. Should you have questions, do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail: jay.gilbert@doane.edu. I look forward to our working together this fall.

Sincerely,

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