



## **Laura Johnson Awarded Scholarship from Women Band Directors International**

Congratulations to Laura Johnson on receiving the *Charlotte Plummer Owen Scholarship* from *Women Band Directors International (WBDI)*. Laura is a second-year graduate student at Old Dominion University finishing her Master's degree in Music Education, with a concentration in conducting.

While at Old Dominion, Laura has conducted the *Windiana Concert Band* during their tour of Italy in 2019, served as the graduate conductor of the Old Dominion University *Wind Ensemble*, and performed clarinet with the *Virginia Wind Symphony*. The topic of her Master's thesis is "Gender-Specific Mentorship for Collegiate Female Band Directors," which discusses the impact of membership and role models for female band directors.

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*"I believe that females in our field need to be supported and have meaningful mentorship experiences. As both an educator and a student, I am driven, passionate, and dedicated."*