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Dear Colleagues:

The NAFME All National Honors Ensemble applications opened on May 2, 2022 encouraging students nationwide to submit an application to participate in the 2022 All National Honor Ensembles at The Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland (near Washington, DC) on November 3-6, 2022.

All-National ensembles will have representation from each state in the country. The percentage of students from any given state will be commensurate with the percentage of NAFME members from that state. As a state with one of the largest NAFME memberships, approximately 10% of the selected students will come from New York. In order to coordinate our All-State process with the National Honors procedures, **only Juniors selected for participation or awarded alternate status in the 2021 All-State Ensembles will be eligible to apply.** These students must also be a member of their school's major ensemble corresponding with the Honor Ensemble for which the application is made and receive an endorsement from their ensemble director. Additionally, the student's ensemble director making the recommendation must be a current member of NAFME/NYSSMA.

For more specific information and to complete the application process please have your eligible student(s) visit the following web page: <https://nafme.org/programs/all-national-honor-ensembles>. **The application deadline is May 27, 2022 at 11:59 PM EDT. Please make certain that you and your students take a moment to review the NAFME Vaccination Policy that is clearly posted on the application home page.**

It is very important that your students understand the following: **Students selected for a National Honors Ensemble will NOT be eligible to participate in NYSSMA's 2022 All-State in Rochester.** Students are encouraged to complete a Spring 2022 All-State audition, as there are no guarantees of acceptance in the 2022 All-National Honors Ensembles.

Congratulations on the eligibility of your student(s) to be nominated for this prestigious national honor. If you have any questions concerning the application process, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Faunce".

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