November 28, 2018

Dear Colleague,

Greetings from Frostburg State University! I would like to formally invite your students to attend the first-ever **Frostburg State University High School Honor Choir** being held this year on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, March 1–3, 2018, which is being held in conjunction with the High School Honor Band.

The FSU Honor Choir Festival will begin with registration and part divisions on Friday, March 1 (later afternoon / early evening), followed by a performance by the FSU Chamber Singers and Wind Ensemble. Rehearsals will begin first thing on Saturday morning, March 2, and the festival will conclude with the Honor Band and Choir concert on Sunday, March 3, at 3:00 p.m. The schedule will include a combination of rehearsals and master classes, and the FSU Jazz Faculty will be performing their first concert of the spring semester on Saturday evening as a part of the festival weekend.

Our festival makes every attempt to involve all the students that you feel will benefit from this special experience. There is a two-step process for participation.

- 1. First, please use the Choral Director's Recommendation Form to list the students that you would like to see participate and that you know will follow through with their participation.
 - a. This form is available online only, at: http://bit.ly/FSUHonorChoir (there is also a link to it on our website).
 - b. For each student, please also rate their ability level on a scale of 1-3, as described on the nomination form.
- 2. Second, students will need to fill out a registration form and return it to you with payment, so that you can send in all your registration forms together. The registration fee for this year's festival is \$40 and is due *in advance* of the festival. This fee is non-refundable. I have supplied hard copy of the registration form, and it is also available on our website: www.frostburg.edu/music.
 - a. Participation in the Honor Choir is capped at 100 students, on a first-come, first-served basis.

The deadline for receipt of all recommendations is Monday, January 21, 2019. Music will be sent to you shortly thereafter. Please make every effort to get your registration forms in around that date as well, and don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

On behalf of Frostburg State University, we would like to thank helping to make the first-ever FSU Honor Choir a success. I am looking forward to seeing you and working with your students in March.

Sincerely,

Scott Rieker

Director of Choral Activities and Choral Music Education