

CKCB Board List

Lawrence Spell assumes the role of Conductor of CKCB. Before joining the Central Kentucky Concert Band and the faculty of Transylvania University, served as Director of the Titan Civic Band in High Point, NC, Director of Orchestras at Salt Lake Community College, and assistant conductor for the Utah Youth Orchestras and Ensembles in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Ben Hawkins assumes the role of Associate Conductor of CKCB, having previously served as Music Director for two separate appointments totalling nineteen years. In 2024, Dr. Hawkins retired as Professor Emeritus from Transylvania University, where he conducted both band and orchestra and taught a variety of courses for 39 years. His tenure at Transylvania followed five years of public school band teaching in Texas and Virginia. He has guest conducted, adjudicated, and presented in most regions of the United States, as well as in Australia and Mexico. Dr. Hawkins currently serves as Orchestra Editor for RWS Music Company. He and his wife Cyndee, a retired public school band director, are the parents of two adult sons and the grandparents of two perfect grandchildren.

Lee Patrick is a long-time CKCB member and board president for over 35 years. He is a member and board member of The Young At Heart Big Band, and former president of the Central Kentucky Youth Orchestras. He is active in local chamber music groups, has numerous publications, holds a DMA degree, and is alleged to be the world's oldest active saxophone recitalist.

Les Anderson was Director of Bands at Lafayette from June of 1967 until June of 1973. A Lafayette graduate, he was drum major along with Bob Grissom in the class of 1963 when Lafayette was on double sessions and the band half-time show featured the band entering from both end zones at the same time. Mr. Anderson graduated from the [University of Louisville](#) in January of 1967 and returned to Lafayette as Mr. Hall's assistant. During Mr. Anderson's tenure at Lafayette the fife corps as part of the Grenadier Band and the Jazz band dances were begun and the band continued annual spring trips with competitions in concert, jazz, and marching bands from Virginia Beach, Va. to Orlando Florida to Rock Falls, Illinois. Mr. Anderson started the sound off "Where are you from?" "Lafayette Band, Pride of the Bluegrass, Sir". Mr. Anderson's also met and married his wife Cathy in 1970 while at Lafayette. His fondest memories are of the people who were a part of the Lafayette Band; the singing the band did; and the accomplishments of band members since their graduation from Lafayette.

Mr. Anderson left teaching for one year and ventured into the business world. He couldn't stand being out of teaching and returned as Band Director at [Tates Creek High School](#) from 1974 until 1986. During that time he developed them into "Kentucky's Musical Ambassadors" with the flag corp dressed in authentic thoroughbred horse racing jockey silks. As State Band Chairman in

the [KMEA](#), he developed and began the concept of two all-state concert bands. He then taught for four years in elementary school while he worked his way into school administration. From 1991 to 1998 he was the Principal at [Russell Elementary School](#) where he and his staff developed an inner city school into a magnet school, entitled [M.I.A.M.I.](#) (Magnet for Integrated Arts through the Multiple Intelligences), built heavily around the use of all the arts. This school has been recognized by [Harvard University](#) and through an Association of Curriculum Development book as one of three elementary exemplary schools in the country for their use of the Multiple Intelligences. Since "retirement" after 31.5 years in the Fayette County Public Schools, Mr. Anderson has been working half time as a Professional Staffing Assistant/Best Practices Coach currently at [Julius Marks Elementary](#); is a part-time Clinical Practice Supervisor for student teachers from [Asbury College](#); sings with the [Lexington Singers](#) and is the President of that organization; and is the assistant conductor of the Central Kentucky Concert Band.

Dr. Christopher Noble, DNP, RN, is a nursing educator, healthcare entrepreneur, clarinetist, and community advocate whose career reflects a lifelong commitment to education, leadership, service, and the performing arts. As a Nursing Professor at Morehead State University and Owner and President of Noble Nurses, LLC, he prepares future healthcare professionals while expanding access to healthcare education. A clarinetist since 1987, he has performed in concert band, marching band, all-county, all-district, all-state, the Morehead State University Concert Band, and, for the past decade, with the Central Kentucky Concert Band. He serves on the band's Board of Directors and as Acting Treasurer since 2024. Through Noble Nurses, LLC, he has educated thousands through First Aid, CPR, AED, and Narcan training while also leading Back-to-School fundraising efforts for local families. He believes education, service, and the arts strengthen communities and enrich lives.

Lacey Kinsey is a music educator currently teaching 5th–8th grade music, leading the choir club and modern band elective, and serving as assistant musical director at Sayre Middle School in Lexington, Kentucky. Kinsey holds a Master of Music Education degree from The University of Akron (2024) and a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from The University of Akron (2019). Before graduate school, Kinsey taught K–12 music in the Strasburg-Franklin Local School District in Strasburg, Ohio, including elementary music, middle school band, and high school concert, marching, and pep bands. Outside of the classroom, Kinsey teaches private music lessons and remains active as a performer. She plays clarinet with the Central Kentucky Community Band, where she also serves on the board as fundraising chair since the Fall of 2025.

Fernie William serves as the Technology Manager for the Central Kentucky Concert Band (CKCB) and has a diverse background in music, leadership, and community service. His musical experience includes participation in elementary, junior high, and high school bands, as well as college band, orchestra, and wind ensemble, where he studied horn and earned a minor

in Horn Performance. He has performed with the Central Kentucky Concert Band in Lexington since 2001, the Madison Community Band in Richmond since 2024, and the Capital City Community Band in Frankfort since 2024. He was also a member of the March Madness Marching Band in Lexington from 2009–2024 and is a self-taught ukulele player.

Fernie has been actively involved in numerous community organizations. He served with the Bluegrass Greenspace Board from 2016–2024 and held multiple leadership roles with the March Madness Marching Band, including At-Large Director, Vice President, and President. With CKCB, he previously served as the Fred S. Bachmeyer Memorial Property Manager from 2017–2021 and currently serves as Technology Manager. He has also been an active member of the Bluegrass Amateur Radio Society since 1994, serving in leadership positions including At-Large Director and President, as well as contributing as an FCC Volunteer Examiner and member of special event and emergency communications teams. Professionally, Fernie has worked with East Kentucky Power Cooperative since 1991, where he currently serves as Manager of Power Supply Analytics.

His accomplishments include receiving the Ernie Farmer Award for Outstanding Amateur Radio Operator of the Year in 2006 and being named East Kentucky Power Cooperative Employee of the Month in December 2014.

Jonathan Atkins serves on the CKCB board as the Property Manager. He has an extensive musical background, beginning with four years of high school band as principal trombone in concert, marching, pep, and jazz ensembles. During that time, he was named All-Regional principal trombone three times (twice on tenor trombone and once on bass trombone). He continued his studies through four years of college band, performing in marching and concert ensembles as a member of the trombone studio and serving as principal first or second trombone. He currently performs as co-principal trombonist with the Madison Community Band in Richmond, Kentucky (2014–present), associate principal trombonist with the Central Kentucky Concert Band in Lexington, Kentucky (2022–present), and reserve/backup trombonist with the Central Kentucky Brass Quintet. He is also a self-taught bass guitarist.

Beyond music, he is actively involved in his community as a patron and volunteer with Operation Secret Santa and as a dedicated supporter of Local Trivia Action. His accomplishments include receiving the John Philip Sousa Band Award and Louis Armstrong Jazz Award, earning certification as a College Reading and Learning Association Advanced Level II Mathematics and Statistics Tutor, and achieving recognition as a top-ranked quad-state trivia player. He has been the standing Lexington Star Wars Trivia champion since 2018, holds Star Wars trivia championships in four states, and has achieved notable victories, including defeating a team of 16 competitors individually in a Disney match and winning another Disney match against 85 teams.

Kenny Meeker has four years of high school band experience and five years of college band experience, including marching band and Symphony Band as a member of the flute studio. In 1994, he became the first flutist to win the MSU Gallaher Memorial Competition. He has served as principal flute with the Central Kentucky Concert Band in Lexington, Kentucky, from 2000 to the present and has been a member of the ensemble since 1996. From 2004–2012, he performed as 3rd flute/piccolo with the Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra. He has maintained an active career as a freelance flutist and private music teacher since 1996 and has been a member of the Firebird Chamber Flute Choir since 2020. He currently serves as the CKCB band librarian, beginning in the summer of 2026.

Paige Quillen is an active musician and community member with a long history of involvement in the Central Kentucky Concert Band (CKCB). She joined the CKCB flute section in 1980 as a freshman at Transylvania University, later serving as Board Chair from 1984–1988 and helping lead fundraising efforts that supported the organization's inclusion in the Lexington Fund for the Arts. After a 20-year hiatus, she rejoined the ensemble in 2022 and currently serves as Board Member and Attendance Chair, managing rehearsal attendance, member communication, and leave-of-absence coordination. She is also a member of the Firebirds Flute Choir in Lexington, performing on C flute, alto flute, and bass flute.

Beyond music, she has contributed extensively to the local community through her professional career and service. She retired in 2025 after managing an orthodontic practice in Versailles, Kentucky, and previously owned and operated a local vacuum cleaner store. From 1984–2010, she worked in and eventually owned Le Cheval, Ltd., a custom tailored retail business serving the show horse industry in Lexington. Earlier in life, she performed in concert and marching bands at Russell Independent High School, was selected for the Kentucky All-State Band twice, and participated in regional concert band organizations in Morehead, Kentucky. She currently resides in Versailles with her husband and son and enjoys classical dressage, gardening, Scottish Country Dancing, pottery, knitting, spinning yarn, and cooking.

Dr. Jonica Davis is a librarian for the band and has been a member from 2016–2020 and again from 2024 to the present. A trumpet player for more than 20 years, she began her musical journey in the Clark County Middle School Band before participating in the concert, marching, and jazz bands at George Rogers Clark High School. She continued her musical involvement at Transylvania University, performing in the concert band, orchestra, choir, and jazz band. Dr. Davis earned four-year music scholarships at both George Rogers Clark High School and Transylvania University, participated in the Morehead State Honors Band, and attended the Foster Music Camp for two years. She previously served on the band's board from 2018–2020 before relocating to pursue her doctorate during the COVID-19 pandemic. After returning to the band, she resumed her role as co-librarian and continues to manage the band's Instagram page. Outside of the band, Dr. Davis is a postdoctoral clinical psychologist and Clinical Director

at Twilight Psychology, where she specializes in diagnosing and providing therapy and support for individuals with autism and ADHD.

Hayley Hoffman serves on the Central Kentucky Concert Band (CKCB) Board as the organization's Media Chair and is also a member of the flute section. In this role, she helps promote the ensemble by creating and sharing information about upcoming concerts, events, and community performances. Through her work managing CKCB's media presence, Hayley helps keep members and audiences informed while supporting the continued growth and visibility of the band within the community.

Leah Bachmeyer Leah serves on the Central Kentucky Concert Band (CKCB) Board as the organization's Secretary, and she is currently in her third year of board service. In this role, she helps support the operations of the band by maintaining records, assisting with board communications, and contributing to the organization's planning and coordination efforts.