

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | COLLEGE OF MUSIC

Application for Student Speaker
Spring and Summer Commencement, 2026
Application Deadline February 25, 2026

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Major: _____

Instrument/Voice: _____

Extra-curricular activities/volunteer work/community service:

Initiatives or Cooperation with fostering Diversity and Inclusion in the MSU Community:

Future goals upon graduation:

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As a graduate, what do you think you will most value about your experience in the college of music?

What qualities do you believe are desirable in a student speaker and how do you exemplify them?

Provide a theme and/or brief outline of your intended speech

Please attach a copy of your resume/vita.

David Ott

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EDUCATION

Michigan State University

Bachelor of Music in Music Education expected May 2026

Michigan Certification in Music Pre K-12 (JQ) expected May 2026

Teaching Experience

- Student Teacher Williamston High School (2026)
- Student Teacher Williamston Middle School (2026)
- Corunna High School Drum Major, Visual Coordinator, and Drumline Field instructor (2024-)
- Ovid-Elsie High School High Brass, Saxophone, and Field instructor (2023-)
- Frankenmuth High School Trumpet, Mellophone, and Field instructor (2022)

Performance Experience

- Michigan State University;
 - Symphony Band (2023-2025)
 - Symphony Orchestra (2023)
 - Concert Band (2021-2022)
 - Spartan Marching Band (2021-2024)

Other Work Experience

- Spartan Marching Band Physical Operations Staff
 - Instrument Inventory and Repair Team (2025)
 - Logistics and Operations Team (2023-2024)

Professional Organizations

- Kappa Kappa Psi national service fraternity for university and college bands
 - Leadership Development committee chair (2022-2025)

REFERENCES

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