



## 14th Annual UCA High School Honors Wind Ensemble

Dr. Dominic Talanca, Conductor

December 4–5, 2025

**Application deadline Wednesday, October 29, 2025**

We are excited to invite your students to apply to become a member of the UCA High School Honors Wind Ensemble. This clinic welcomes the most talented musicians from across the state of Arkansas to perform in a highly selective wind ensemble. This year, the new Director of Bands at the University of Central Arkansas is excited to be conducting the ensemble in rehearsal and performance.

This two-day event includes rehearsals, masterclasses with the UCA wind and percussion faculty, admission to a performance by the UCA Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble, a clinic t-shirt, photo, and a final concert. The purpose of this event is to provide an enriching opportunity for the selected students to be immersed in an environment that challenges their musical thinking, artistic independence, and collaboration through the performance of advanced repertoire.

*There is NO AUDITION required for admission or chair placement in the Honors Wind Ensemble.* Selection and part assignments are determined through a weighted point system based on the student's placement in previous national, state, region, and band camp honors ensembles (concert or jazz), as well as Solo & Ensemble performance ratings. For younger students (9th or 10th graders) and students who have not quite made an honor band, directors are invited to email an endorsement to support the submitted application. Previous honor bands have been 90-95% all-state players with some all-region members as well. Additionally, we are always looking for pianists and double bass players.

Students selected to the Honors Wind Ensemble Clinic will receive the music prior to the clinic, so in-depth rehearsals can begin immediately. **Student should submit the application and then it will be automatically routed to the band director and then the parent for approval.**

The application form can be found on the [UCA Bands](#) page or at [www.tinyurl.com/UCAHWE2025](http://www.tinyurl.com/UCAHWE2025).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dominic Talanca'.

Dominic Talanca

Associate Professor of Music | Director of Bands | University of Central Arkansas