



Mountain Ridge High School Bands

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**MOUNTAIN RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BAND &**  
**GUARD WELCOME NEW BAND DIRECTOR**

Glendale, AZ – The Mountain Ridge High School “Pride of the West” marching band and guard welcome new Director of Bands Aaron Vogel:  
<http://www.mrhsband.net/directors.html>. Mr. Vogel recently served as Band Director at Westwood High School in Mesa. He was hired at Mountain Ridge High School as the previous director retired in May 2017.

Pride of the West Band Aides (Band Boosters) Co-President Lynn Stauffer said: “We welcome Mr. Vogel with open arms to this very special program! Our previous Director, George Hattendorf, left the program on an enormous high note. I have no doubt that Mr. Vogel will continue the standard of excellence and bring his own style to Pride of the West. The students who will return this fall will have the special experience of having both directors to make their years at Ridge exceptional. The parents/guardians are super excited and cannot wait for Band Camp to kick off the season!”



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The Mountain Ridge Bands have received consistent “Superior” and “Superior with Distinction” honors in concert and marching activities. Pride of the West Winter Guard is the proud WGAZ Guard Scholastic Open State Champion 2017. The Mountain Ridge “Pride of the West” Marching Band has appeared as a 2007 Rose Bowl Parade participant, a 2008 Arizona representative to the Fiesta Bowl National Band Championship and Parade, and in 2009, the band was the Arizona representative to the 56<sup>th</sup> Presidential Inaugural Parade honoring President Barack Obama. In 2011 and again in 2016, the band represented Arizona and the USS Arizona in the Waikiki Holiday Parade and events commemorating the 70<sup>th</sup> & 75<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the attack on Pearl Harbor. MRHS sent the Mountain Ridge Woodwind Choir and Saxophone Orchestra as featured performers at the 2014 Midwest International Band and Orchestra Convention in Chicago, Illinois. Additionally, Mountain Ridge High School has sent more representatives to the U.S. Army All-American Marching Band (USAAAMB) than any other school in the state of Arizona. The USAAAMB features 125 high school seniors who were nominated by high school band directors throughout the United States and selected by the National Association for Music Education in cooperation with All American Games and Drum Corps International.

For more information or with questions, please contact Ralph Stauffer or Lynn Stauffer, Co-Presidents - MHRB Band Aides (boosters) at [president@mrhsbandaides.com](mailto:president@mrhsbandaides.com).

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