

## Kyrese Washington, Flute

Contestant 321

Kyrese Washington is a senior student and Presser Scholar majoring in Flute Performance at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. As an active student, Kyrese has participated in the UNC Greensboro Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, Opera, and Sinfonietta Casella. Kyrese is the current Fraternity Education Officer of the Iota Epsilon chapter of Phi Mu Alpha, and also serves as a member of the search committee for the next Director of the School of Music at UNCG. Kyrese has been a winner of the Raleigh Area Flute Association Review and Contest competition consecutively for the past 3 years and is also the winner of 2021-22 UNC Greensboro Student Artist Concerto Competition with Carl

Nielsen's "Concerto for Flute and Orchestra." Recently, Kyrese has been accepted into the National Flute Association Young Artist Mentorship Program. Currently Kyrese is the principal flute of the Appalachia Wind Symphony and teaches private lessons at local Music & Arts stores located in Greensboro and Burlington. Kyrese's primary instructors are Dr. Erika Boysen and Dr. Tim Hagen. Kyrese has also studied under many other influential mentors such as Sonora Slocum, Dr. Catherine Ramirez, and Dr. Kelly Nivison.



Alexandria Johnson, Clarinet *Contestant 432* 

My name is Alexandria (Alex) Johnson. I am a junior instrumental music education major at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. My primary instrument is clarinet, and I've been playing for about 10 years. My two wonderful clarinet professors are Dr. Andrew Hudson and Dr. Anthony Taylor. I am in UNCG's Symphonic Band where I was principal clarinet and section leader last semester. I am also a member of Appalachia: A Southeastern Wind Symphony and have performed in several concerts with them. Currently I am an active member of Sigma Alpha Iota, an international

music fraternity for women. I am beyond excited to be considered for this scholarship and to have the opportunity to showcase my skills to the audience and adjudicators.



Tyree Nesbitt, Saxophone

Contestant 543

Tyree Nesbitt is a currently pursuing his bachelor's degree and the University of North Carolina School of the arts. Tyree has performed in various clinics and competitions including: SCMTA Master Recital, Furman's Phi Beta Mu scholarship competition, Summerville high school honor recital and MTNA's senior competition. Tyree is also a part of the newly formed Ascend Saxophone Quartet. Ascend has performed at Lynchburg university, Wilmington Virginia, and has proceeded to the finals in NASA's 2022 competition.



## Dayvion McAlister, Percussion

Contestant 654

Dayvion attends Sandhills Community College in Pinehurst. He was recently accepted into University of North Carolina Greensboro as a transfer student where he intends to major in Music Education. Dayvion has studied music for four years and has performed for world-renown musicians, such as Rossano Galante, Dr. Ron Carter and Dr. Lamon Lawhorn, to name a few. Additionally, Dayvion has studied privately under Professor Timothy Haley of the North Carolina Symphony as well as Dr. Don Parker, Chair and Professor of Music at Georgia College and State University.