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Greetings from Gustavus!

I am excited to invite you to nominate your high school singers to participate in the **Gustavus Honor Choir Festival**. Held March 8 and March 9, our festival brings together outstanding singers and fine choral repertoire in an exciting two-day experience. Students will refine their musical skills through engaging choir rehearsals, individual voice lessons with supportive college faculty, faculty-led masterclasses, and a special opportunity to interact with a guest artist. The culminating concert features performances by the Gustavus Choir, the Eagan High School Concert Choir under the direction of Jim Cox, selected vocal soloists, and the 125-voice Festival Choir. The concert takes place in the magnificent Christ Chapel, which is regarded as one of the finest venues for choral performances in the region.

This year we have the great pleasure of welcoming nationally renowned composer **Dr. Joshua Shank** as our artist-in-residence. In 2002, he became the youngest recipient ever of the Raymond W. Brock Composition Award by the American Choral Directors Association. A native of Minnesota, Dr. Shank currently teaches music theory, composition, and music history, and conducts the Men's Chorus at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington.

To nominate your students, please visit gustavus.edu/bjorlingmusicfestival and complete the online form. Additional details, including a tentative schedule and other supplemental forms, are also available on the festival website. The participation fee is \$35 per student. **The deadline to complete the online nomination form is Friday, January 17.** Accepted students will be notified the week of January 27.

I hope you will consider nominating your deserving students for this truly special event. Please do not hesitate to contact me at bdean@gustavus.edu if you have any questions. I look forward to hosting your students at Gustavus this spring!

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