The Cali School of Music’s comprehensive band program, under the direction of award-winning conductor and teacher Dr. Thomas McCauley, provides opportunities for wind players and percussionists at all levels of development. Students perform a rich variety of repertoire, including newly commissioned works, and learn from well-known guest conductors and soloists. Former members of the band program teach in public and private schools throughout the northeast, perform as professional musicians throughout the country, and attend some of the most prestigious graduate institutions in the world.

Our students attribute much of their success to studying at the Cali School and working with Dr. McCauley, an award winning conductor and music educator with over twenty-five years of teaching experience at all levels.

Comprised of the best wind players and percussionists in the John J. Cali School of Music at Montclair State University in New Jersey, the Montclair State University Wind Symphony, since 2006, has appeared at the New Jersey Music Educators Association Conference, 2012 CBDNA Eastern Division Conference, the National Association for Music Education Eastern Division Conference, and the 2015 and 2012 Northeast Regional Tuba-Euphonium Conference. Their appearance at the 2019 CBDNA National Conference in Tempe, Arizona marked the first time that a large ensemble from Montclair State University appeared at a national conference. The MSU Wind Symphony has appeared in concert with, among others, The Imani Winds, the Monarch Brass, The Manhattan Brass Quintet, Warren Vache’, and Demondrae Thurman. Since 2006, recruiting and concert tours have taken the ensemble to Philadelphia, Boston, Indianapolis, Chicago, Atlantic City, and New York where, in 2014, they appeared at Carnegie Hall.

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