

Wesley Clark is a 1998 graduate of UHS and a 2005 graduate of The Ohio State University with a degree in Criminology. He is currently in his 20th year of law enforcement. However, Wes has another very important title: the Announcer for The Ohio State University Marching Band! Getting there is a story of immense dedication to this organization and his exemplary performance when he was a member of it.

Wes joined the marching band in 1999 as a member of H-Row playing the baritone horn. His previous membership in the UHS Marching Band helped prepare him for the rigorous tryouts at OSU. He took a break to become a police officer, but returned in 2003 and became the Head Squad Leader of H-Row for 2004 and2005. In 2003 he was nominated for the Most Inspirational Band Member Award and won. In 2005 he won it again, and is only the second person ever to win the award twice! It is voted on entirely by bandmembers and is the only annual band award given. The first two-time winner is now the director of the University of Washington Marching Band. The current OSUMB Director, Dr. Christopher Hoch, and Wes were in the band at the same time in 1999, the first year for Wes and the last for Dr. Hoch. Also, a video of what prospective members go through during tryouts to make the band was produced with Wes as the narrator.

After 25 years of serving as the band announcer, Dave Kaylor, former member of the band and Channel10 TV News Anchor, retired and Wes was trained for the job, taking over full time in 2016. He announces at the Skull Sessions held before the home games, at both home and away games, concerts, and at professional football games when the band is invited to perform. Even though Wes does the announcing on a volunteer basis, his travel expenses are fully covered.

Way to go, Wes! There have been a few other UHS alumni who have made the OSUMB, but none have reached the heights you have attained! You have made UHS proud in both of your jobs, and we salute you!