Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On Thursday, July 30th we celebrated the opening of the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center. This is a beautiful addition to our Estherville Campus.

Staff, faculty, and students are all very excited to use this new center. A Grand Opening week is being planned at a later date. The week will consist of concerts every night by students, ensembles, and local artists to properly open the new building.

Follow us on social media to stay up-to-date on current events in the Music Department.

About Janice Kay Lund

Janice has served on the Board of Trustees since 1973 as both a trustee and Board President.

She grew up in Cedar Rapids, IA. Janice has been an active Estherville community member since 1974.

She is a recipient of the John P. Kibbie Trustee Leadership Award and serves as a role model for our students.

One of her main goals was for Iowa Lakes to have an on-campus facility dedicated to the performing arts. At the time of the dedication, Janice is beginning her 27th year as a Trustee and 10th year as Board President.
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Pictures
On Wednesday, November 11 at 11:00 am, Iowa Lakes Community College honored veterans with a virtual Veterans Day Celebration. Featured speakers (left) included Dan Lutat, Chief Master Sergeant (Retired, 28 years of service) of the United States Air Force, and current Director of Iowa Lakes Government Affairs and Special Projects, as the Master of Ceremonies, while his wife Melissa Lutat, Master Sergeant (Retired, 22 years of service) also of the United States Air Force, and Iowa Lakes Career Pathway Navigator, shared her reflections on Veteran’s Day during the program.

The program showcased musical performances, one from the Iowa Lakes Choir singing the National Anthem directed by Professor Brett Fuelberth, as well as the Iowa Lakes Handbell Ensemble led by Professor Carol Ayres Stueven performing America the Beautiful.

“We've all learned that sacrifice and service are great innovative engines, building the kind of resilience that enables America to withstand storm after storm,” shared Melissa Lutat.

To view the virtual Veterans Day Program, visit iowalakes.edu.
In Memory of Arnold Schilling

The family of Arnold Schilling recently donated 2 upright Yamaha Clavinova CLP-645 pianos in honor of 'Arnie' who taught piano lessons at Iowa Lakes for so many years. The 2 pianos will be used constantly in the piano-teacher's studio and practice rooms by future generations of Iowa Lakes piano students.

Previous students remember Arnie for his love for teaching piano and his caring attitude towards students. Arnie made a big impact on students at Iowa Lakes, and played piano for many performances and churches in the area. The Iowa Lakes Music Department want to express our deepest thanks to Arnie's family for this

“Arnie has always been an inspiration to me. While taking lessons from him at Iowa Lakes, we had planned to perform a duet together. Before we could perform, Arnie passed away. Now, to play a piano in his memory makes me feel like we will forever be playing duets.”

- Jada Duis, Music Student
Congratulations 2020 Graduates!

Music Department Graduates who attended the July 24th outdoor ceremony (pictured below):

Joseph Sexe, Jada Duis, Maggie Jackson, Hannah Seil, Kyley Anderson, Cheyenne Palmer, and Josie Byers

Joseph Sexe
Performed National Anthem on Trumpet

Jada Duis
Graduation Speaker