

JOHNNY APPLESEED DISTRICT & CARDINAL DISTRICT



Whitehouse

FALL CONVENTION
2025

ANTHONY WAYNE HIGHSCHOOL - OCT 17-18

JOHNNY APPLESEED
& CARDINAL DISTRICT



WELCOME

BARBERSHOPPERS

Anthony Wayne High School
5967 Finzel Rd, Whitehouse, OH 43571

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, October 17, 2025

Registration Open	3:30 PM
Doors Open	4:00 PM
Quartet Semi-Finals Start.....	4:30 PM
Immediately following Contest - Presidents Hospitality Room (Holiday Inn) All Are Welcome	

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Registration Open	8:30 AM
Everyone in Harmony Mic Tester Chorus	9:00 AM
Doors Open	9:30 AM
Chorus Contest Starts	10:00 AM
Doors Open	3:30 PM
Quartet Finals Start	4:00 PM
Show of Champions.....	8:00 PM
Hospitality Rooms (<i>Convention Hotel</i>)	After Contest
Voices of Harmony (Ballroom Lobby)	
Men of Independence (Ballroom A)	
Southern Gateway (Ballroom B)	

EVERYONE IN HARMONY MIC TESTING CHORUS

Whether your group is competing this weekend or not you can still sing with the Everyone in Harmony Mic Tester Chorus led by CC Snyder! Be on the stage at 9:00 AM on Saturday. The chorus will be singing "Honey Little Lize Medley" and "Sweet and Lovely."

JAD MARKETPLACE

Visit the JAD Marketplace for all your barbershop needs. Open during all contest sessions. Located in the main lobby outside the theater doors.

FOOD TRUCKS ON SITE

Manny's Munchies | Friday 4 - 8, Saturday 10 - ?

Pretzels; Calzones and Bites | See their digital menu at www.mannysmunchies.com

Outlaw Attitude BBQ | Friday 4 - 8

BBQ, Pulled Pork, Brisket

Wrappin' & Rollin' | Saturday 11 - 3

Wraps, Burgers, Fries, Gyro

For a list of restaurants
near the convention location,
scan the QR code!



BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY JUDGING PANEL

Ben Porter

ADM | FWD

Doc Spilker

PER | SUN

Michael Black*

ADM | ONT

Matt Suellentrop

ADM | CSD

Sandi Wright

PER | CSD

Marcus Nielsen*

ADM | FWD

Rob Campbell

MUS | FWD

Norbert Hammes

SNG | BinG!

Matt Webber*

MUS | CSD

David Wright

MUS | CSD

James Kastler

SNG | SUN

Keegan Eich*

MUS | CSD

Rafi Hasib

MUS

Andrew Lujan

SNG | NED

**Indicates practice judges*

JUDGING CRITERIA

Musicality

Musicality is defined as the song and arrangement, as performed. The Musicality Category judges the suitability of the material to the barbershop style and the performer's musicianship in bringing the song and arrangement to life.

Performance

These judges evaluate how effectively a performer brings the song to life. They judge the entertainment value of the performance; the art of the performance.

Singing

In the Singing category they judge artistic singing in the barbershop style – listening holistically for ringing in-tune voices that use a free, beautiful and rich vocal quality, which is wonderfully unified and vocally expressive.

ABOUT ANTHONY WAYNE LOCAL SCHOOLS

Ranked among the top 5% of schools in the state, Anthony Wayne Local Schools is a highly accomplished public school district in the greater Toledo area in Northwest Ohio. The district educates approximately 4,200 students across six schools: Anthony Wayne High School, Anthony Wayne Junior High, Fallen Timbers Middle School, and Monclova, Waterville, and Whitehouse Primary Schools. With a strong commitment to innovation and community collaboration, AWLS empowers students to become future-ready through exceptional educational opportunities and personalized support. The district fosters academic excellence, personal growth, and civic responsibility by providing a comprehensive and inclusive education for students in grades K-12.

For more information, visit www.AnthonyWayneSchools.org.

FALL CONVENTION DISTRICT

Johnny Appleseed District

JAD Quartet Championship

Quartet with the highest overall score will be crowned the Johnny Appleseed District Champion.

JAD Novice Quartet

Quartet comprised of at least 2 members who have never competed (includes BHS, SAI, & HI contests).

BHS Senior Quartet Qualifier (JAD)

Quartet comprised of members age 55+, ages totaling 240+, winner advances to Midwinter.

BHS International Chorus Qualifier (JAD)

Choruses scoring 81+ advance to Internationals.

Most Improved Chorus (JAD)

Chorus with the greatest score improvement from last year's International Chorus Qualifier will be the JAD Most Improved Chorus.

Cardinal District

CAR Quartet Championship

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SAVE THE DATE

Harmony College: Leadership Academy
January 9 - 10, 2026 | Columbus, OH

Spring 26 Joint JAD/CAR Convention
April 17 - 18, 2026 | Milford, OH

Harmony College: Apple Corps
June 19-20, 2026 | Cambridge, OH

Fall 26 Joint JAD/CAR Convention
October 16 - 17, 2026

Spring 27 Joint JAD/CAR Convention
April 16 - 17, 2027

Fall 27 Joint JAD/CAR Convention
October 15 - 16, 2027

WELCOME TO THE FALL 2025 CONVENTION

Johnny Appleseed District President's Welcome

Welcome to Northwest Ohio! I'll be honest. When I realized I had to write another welcome letter for a convention program, I initially considered simply plugging something into ChatGPT and mailing it in. However, I couldn't bring myself to do it, because this convention is special for me for a couple of reasons.

The primary reason this convention is special for me is that it marks the first time the Johnny Appleseed District convention has been held in the Toledo area since the fall of 1998. 27 years ago to the day. I remember that convention. I remember Turning Point won the quartet championship that year. It was the first convention I ever attended with my then-fiance, Chrissy (little did she know just how involved we would get in barbershop). I remember the headquarters hotel and standing outside singing tags with all of my friends from BGSU. That hotel isn't even a hotel anymore. It's a senior living facility. I remember going to the country bar, Nashvilles, across the street between the quartet finals and the afterglow. Nashvilles has been gone for a long time. It's a Dollar Tree now. I helped start a chapter in northwest Ohio 8 years later in Bowling Green, just 20 miles down the road. We've never had a JAD convention close enough to us to be the host chapter until this year. It has been a long time since JAD has been in the Toledo area. And even though I moved out of northwest Ohio a few years ago, I still think of it as home. So, I say to all of you, welcome to my neck of the woods.

A lot of people have worked hard to make this convention come to life. I want to say a special thank you to the JAD Events Team, my family at the Voices of Harmony, and especially to TJ Miller, who was instrumental in getting us connected with Anthony Wayne High School. We had to get a little creative with some parts of the weekend. If you didn't realize, we are competing against a BGSU football game and a UT football game this weekend. Hotels and event spaces are in short supply in the Toledo area right now. It took some serious finagling to make things happen.

This convention is also special for me because it will be my sixth, and my last as president of JAD. It has been an honor to serve these last three years, and I would love it if you could visit my hospitality room at the Holiday Inn on Friday evening after the quartet semi-finals. There will be refreshments available, and I'd love to sing a tag with you.

I truly hope that you make some memories this weekend so that your time in northwest Ohio is as memorable as mine was 28 years ago. We're packed with quartets, we've got eight choruses, a performance from Anthony Wayne High School groups, and a fantastic Show of Champions lined up for you. We've got our friends from Cardinal District joining us once again. This should be a fantastic weekend!

Have the best day ever!

CC Snyder

JAD President

Johnny Appleseed District Director of Events Welcome

Welcome Back to Northwest Ohio! Here we are again, another fall convention with friends, family, and a whole lot of barbershop. It is a joy to welcome you to Whitehouse, Ohio, as the Johnny Appleseed and Cardinal Districts come together to host more than 30 quartets and 8 choruses. In today's world, that is no small feat, and I hope every one of you has an unforgettable experience this weekend.

A huge thank you to our Events Team, made up of a talented group of folks from both districts. These volunteers are the heartbeat of every convention. They are part of my personal reason for being here, right alongside the friendships, music, and joy we share in this hobby.

I want to give a special thank you to CC Snyder for his leadership and support in keeping everything moving while some of our team was out. His dedication helped make this weekend possible. I also want to thank Mr. TJ Miller, our contact at Anthony Wayne High School, for his support and assistance as we prepared for this weekend.

This convention is full, and that is exactly what we have come to expect from a fall convention. The local team has organized several food trucks and a performance from Anthony Wayne High School students on Saturday afternoon.

Be sure to stop by the hospitality rooms at the Holiday Inn on Friday and Saturday night. Come hang out, sing a tag, and enjoy the company of your barbershop family.

If you have any questions or need anything this weekend, please do not hesitate to come find me. Have the best weekend!

Nathan Miller

JAD Director of Events

Cardinal District President's Welcome

Welcome all,

It is with great excitement that I welcome each of you to Whitehouse, OH for the 2025 Johnny Appleseed and Cardinal District Fall Convention! After the incredible success of our joint Spring convention in Euclid, we are thrilled to once again come together for a weekend of harmony, friendship, and unforgettable performances. These two districts have shown time and again that when we unite our voices, we create not only great barbershop music, but truly special memories.

Whether you're a seasoned convention-goer or experiencing your first district event, we're so glad you're here. This weekend is your opportunity to reconnect with old friends, meet new ones, and celebrate the unique art form that brings us all together. Barbershop harmony is more than chords and tags; it's a celebration of community, passion, and the joy of shared song. So dive in, cheer loudly, sing often, and make the most of every note!

I would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to our volunteers, convention team, and host chapters whose hard work and dedication make gatherings like this possible. Their efforts behind the scenes ensure that every detail comes together for an exceptional weekend of music and fellowship.

Thank you for being part of this remarkable event. Let's make new memories, lift our voices in harmony, and continue to keep the whole world singing!

In harmony,

Derek Bailer

Cardinal District President

Cardinal VP of Events Welcome

Hey Barbershoppers!

Welcome to the joint Cardinal / Johnny Appleseed Fall Convention. We're excited for this time together at Anthony Wayne High School in Northwest Ohio. We've had a series of great times with these joint conventions, and we're expecting another great time here. The team from both districts has worked hard to make this event happen.

The quartets and choruses performing have also been working hard, so you know there will be great music on stage the entire weekend. So enjoy the weekend of great music!

But it doesn't stop there. There will be hospitality rooms Friday and Saturday night, so enjoy the opportunity for camaraderie with your fellow barbershoppers. Meet some new people. Sing some tags. Enjoy being with others that love this hobby.

So if your drive here was short, or a bit longer, we're glad you made the trip, and we're sure you'll be glad, too.

Gordon Morrow

CAR Events VP / Immed. Past Pres.

DISTRICT SEMI-FINALS

Friday, October 17, 2025 – 4:30 PM | Presenter: Mike Nesler

MT: The Core (JAD)

Michael Nesler, Josh Van Gorder, Mike Hull, Steve Denino
Buckeye Columbus, OH; Greater Central Ohio

1. Half a Byte (CAR) {1}

Steve McCullough, Brent Lollar, Eric Turpen, Dave Pygman
Greater Indianapolis Chapter IN

2. Average Volume (JAD) {1}

Tyler Dohar, Jake Houtz, Kyle Hopkins, Kerry Conrad
Fostoria, OH; Northwest Ohio

3. Seasoned Blend (JAD) {1, 2}

Paul Russell, Jim Andres, Jamie Warner, Mike Sitter
Akron, OH; Buckeye Columbus, OH; Independence, OH; Newark, OH; Zanesville, OH

4. Minor Inconvenience (JAD) {1}

B Rauch, Will Searight, Alex Burval, Addison Shroyer
Pittsburgh Metro, PA

5. Kindred Spirits (CAR) {1}

Jennifer Kitzmiller, Christine Hall, Brandon Hall, Kyle Kitzmiller
Northern Kentucky, KY; Frank Thorne, South Bend Mishawaka and Greater Indianapolis

6. Hypertonic (JAD) {1, 3}

Adam Lewis, Scott Perkins, Ed Corso, Corbin Thompson
Independence, OH

7. EarBuds (JAD) {1}

Joe G Giordullo, Jim Knueven, Tim Buddell, Rich Broderick
Cincinnati, OH

8. IPA (CAR) {1}

Jace Crossland, Kurt Ives, Scott Trout, Pat Garmire
Defiance, OH; Fort Wayne, IN; Muncie, IN; Frank Thorne

9. Neighborhood Complaint (JAD) {4}

Mackenzie Farone, Kate Franks, Joy Holte, Alison Marchioni
Pittsburgh Metro, PA

10. Performance Check (JAD) {1, 3}

Annie Liu, Sarah Taylor, Stephanie Cowan, Dan Breitfeller
Columbus, OH; Greater Central Ohio Chapter

BREAK

11. Retrospect (CAR) {2}

Tony Cassel, Steve Kaduk, Steve Radike, Gene Bonfiglio
Fort Wayne, IN

12. Raise the Roof (JAD) {1}

Steve Shiveley, Marco Crager, Tom Rouse, Nat Comisar
Western Hills (Cincinnati), OH; Xenia, OH

13. Fourtify (JAD) {1}

Christopher Boron, Chad St. John, Giovanni Castiglione, Kobe DeChurch
Greater Central Ohio; Greater Indianapolis, IN; Independence, OH; Town North Plano, TX

14. Used Chord Salesmen (JAD) {1, 2}

Roger Gill, Harry Haflett, David Evans, Jon Bell
Canton, OH; Independence, OH; Northwest Ohio, OH; Frank Thorne

15. FreshF (CAR) {1}

Jackson Staton, Jayden Bowman, Chase Miller, Zach McCord
Lexington, KY

16. The Keystone Quartet (JAD) {1, 3}

Addison Shroyer, David Falk, B Rauch, Jake Black
Pittsburgh Metro, PA

17. Crosstown (JAD) {2}

Paul Russell, Tim Cogley, Marty Hibbard, Michael Gilmore
Newark, OH; Buckeye Columbus, OH; Greater Central Ohio; Alexandria VA.

18. Intermission (JAD) {1}

Leslie Dowler, Alexa Ankrom, Zac Robison, Jake Bavarsky
Greater Central Ohio; Northwest Ohio; Town North Plano, TX

19. Over the Line (JAD) {1, 2}

Noel Dickson, Marty Mulhall, David Short, Jim Fry
Cincinnati, OH; Middletown, OH; Western Hills (Cincinnati), OH; Frank Thorne

20. Note to Self (CAR) {1}

Gabrielle Schmucker, Betsy Fowler, Cindy Givens, Richele Reynolds
Fostoria, OH

21. A Choir'd Taste (JAD) {3}

Tom Webb, Trevor Garrabrant, Ethan Bedocs, Jim Frye
Mansfield, OH, Singing Buckeyes

BREAK

22. Learning Opportunity (JAD) {1, 3}

Ian Keller, Jake Grafitti, Giovanni Castiglione, Matthew Steele
Independence, OH; Bowling Green State University, OH; Town North Plano, TX

DISTRICT SEMI-FINALS

23. Emeritus (JAD) {1, 2}

Gary Ellerhorst, Scott Brannon, Kent VanderKolk, Mike Bell
Western Hills (Cincinnati), OH

24. Long Shot (JAD) {1}

Stephen Kersey, Kevin Clark, Kyle Snook, David Parrett
Nashville, TN; Buckeye Columbus, OH; Frank Thorne

25. Harmonic Convergence (JAD) {1}

Brett Bellman, Zac Coleman, Andrew Wittenberg, Jason Murray
Western Hills (Cincinnati), OH

26. Slapdash (CAR) {1}

Vic Lovejoy, Frankie Sellinger II, Craig McDaniel, Eric Walker
Louisville, KY; Northern Kentucky, KY; Frank Thorne

27. Burning River Boys (JAD) {1}

Chris Foisy, Alex Phan, Kevin McClelland, Mike Van Kerkhove
Independence, OH

28. Yinz and Tonic (JAD) {1, 3}

Trisha Klan, Ashwini Dhokte, Bridget McCoy, B Rauch
Pittsburgh Metro, PA

29. River Cities Alliance (JAD) {1}

Kim Javins, Kirk King, Stacy Brooks, Mike Grose
Greater Kanawha Valley, WV; Huntington Tri-State, WV

30. Twelve! (CAR) {1}

Jake White, David Zimmerman, Carl Marsh, Andrew Coward
Greater Indianapolis, IN; Frank Thorne

Key

- 1 - District Quartet Championship
- 2 - District Seniors Championship
- 3 - District Novice Trophy
- 4 - Singing for Scores/Evals Only

CHORUS CONTEST

Saturday, October 18, 2025 – 10:00 AM | Presenter: Steve Denino

MT "Everyone in Harmony" | Directed by CC Snyder

All are welcome. Meet on stage at 9:00 AM. Songs are "Honey Little Lize Medley" and "Sweet and Lovely."

Chorus

1. Delta Kings Chorus* *Int Chorus Prelims, Most Improved*

2. Circle City Sound** *Int Chorus Prelims, Most Improved*

3. Vocal Confluence* *Int Chorus Prelims, Most Improved*

4. The Alliance* *Int Chorus Prelims*

5. The Men of Independence* *Int Chorus Prelims*

6. Southern Gateway Chorus* *Int Chorus Prelims, Most Improved*

7. Singing Buckeyes* *Int Chorus Prelims, Most Improved*

8. Voices of Harmony* *Int Chorus Prelims, Most Improved*

* Johnny Appleseed District **Cardinal District

Chapter

Cincinnati, OH

Greater Indianapolis, IN

Pittsburgh Metro, PA

Greater Central Ohio

Independence, OH

Western Hills (Cincinnati), OH

Buckeye Columbus, OH

Northwest Ohio

Directors

Joe Hunter

David Zimmerman

B Rauch and
Josh Gongaware

Brian O'Dell

Gary Lewis

Jeff Legters

David Calland

CC Snyder

DISTRICT FINALS CONTEST

Saturday, October 18, 2025 - 4:00 PM | Presenter: CC Snyder

MT:

Exhibit A (JAD) {Singing for Scores/Evals Only}

Brandon Zlotnik, Alex Hackworth, Evan Keller, Grant Campbell
Independence, OH; Pittsburgh Metro, PA; Town North Plano, TX

ReRouted (JAD) {Singing to Qualify for Senior's Quartet Internationals}

Keith Shuck, Don Pullins, Doug Smeltz, Tim Kalb
Buckeye Columbus, OH; Huntington Tri-State, WV; Mansfield, OH

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With great joy and gratitude, we commemorate a remarkable milestone – the 20th anniversary of our leadership giving program, President's Council, launched by Harmony Foundation in 2004.

We are thrilled to announce an initiative that underscores our commitment to the growth and sustainability of our mission and invaluable program partners. Inspired by the recent Lumbard Family Challenge, an anonymous donor has now volunteered to launch the Johnson Legacy Challenge with a **\$200,000** gift!

All new, unrestricted annual dollars to HFI count toward the Johnson Legacy Challenge! This included all new, reinstated, and increased Key Voices, Ambassador of Song and President's Council gifts. This extraordinary endeavor has the potential to raise over \$400,000 to support life-changing programs!

By supporting Harmony Foundation, **you are enabling singing programs** – like BHS's Harmony University and Next Generation

Barbershop Choruses and Quartets, as well as the AIC Outreach program, and Power of Harmony to flourish. It is important to highlight that **your support also creates regular grants for your designated Districts, Chapters, and Brigades** through our Donor's Choice program.



DONNY ROSE IS ATTENDING THE JAD/CAR CONVENTION AND WOULD BE HONORED TO SPEAK WITH YOU!

MORE INFO: [HARMONYFOUNDATION.ORG](https://harmonyfoundation.org)

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**Anthony Wayne High School Choirs Symphonic Choral and Close Harmony
2024 Champions Swan Songs: Presto!, Mom's Favorite**

JAD International Seniors Quartet Representative:

JAD Quartet Champion:

CAR International Seniors Quartet Representative:

CAR Quartet Champion:

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP AND EVENTS TEAMS

Johnny Appleseed District Leadership Team

President: CC Snyder

Immediate Past President: David Rubin

Executive Vice President: Karl Chapple

Secretary: David Short

Treasurer: Chad Lulfs

Member at Large SW: Buck Wicker

Member at Large SE: Karen Boyer

Member at Large NE: Mike Sabo

Member at Large NW: Jon Bell

Operations Team

Contest and Judging: David Rubin

Events: Nathan Miller

Music Leadership: Doug Smeltz

Administrative Leadership: Ric Keaster

Outreach: Vacant

Marketing: LeAnn Snyder

Technology Czar: CC Snyder

JAD Events Team

Director Events & Conventions: Nathan Miller

Convention Manager/Housing: Stevens Sommer

Director Contest & Judging: Dave Rubin

District Stage Manager: Eric Koeller

Registration Manager: Kim Forrest

Contestant Manager: Nancy Chapple

Director of Marketing: Hannah Miller

Awards Chairman: Nathan Miller

Events Team Advisor: Skipp Kropp

Cardinal District Leadership Team

President: Derek Bailer

Immediate Past President: Gordon Morrow

Executive Vice President: Jonathan Snyder

Secretary: John Frantsvog

Treasurer: Jerry Troxel

Vice President of Events: Gordon Morrow

VP of Leadership Development: Willard Adkins

Member at Large: Drew Wheaton

Member at Large: Bari Courts

Operations Team

Music and Performance

Director of Music Education: Jim DeBusman

District Rep for Contest & Judging: Bari Courts

Membership Services

Director of Member Services: D. Joey Larr

Director of Communications: Jerry Troxel

Other District Contact

District Awards Chairman: Steve McCullough

CAR Events Team

Vice President of Events: Gordon Morrow

Director Contest & Judging: Bari Courts

Backstage & Judge Area/Coordinator: Jimmy Hinkle

Awards Chairman: Steve McCullough



The Work of Christmas

Sat. Dec. 13 at 7:00pm
Sun. Dec. 14 at 2:00pm

Landmark Church, 1600 Glendale Milford Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45215



LAND OF LEGEND BARBERSHOP CHORUS

Presents

Come Take A Trip



**Sat. May 2, 2026
2 P.M. and 7 P.M.**



**WEATHERVANE
PLAYHOUSE**

100 Price Rd.
Newark, Ohio



Special Guests: **First Take**
BHS 2024 Silver Medalists



Intermission
JAD 2024 Open Quartet Champions



Tickets available at:
weathervaneplayhouse.org

Visit us on [Facebook.com/LOLnewark](https://www.facebook.com/LOLnewark)
email: landoflegendchorus@gmail.com



Johnny Appleseed District Association of Quartet Champions
Cardinal District Quartet Champions Association

Presents

SHOW OF CHAMPIONS

Saturday 8:00 PM

Featuring Performances By

Rumors

1995 JAD Champions

Hot Air Buffoons

2005 JAD Champions

Trademark

2019 JAD Champions

Bourbanaires

2023 CAR Champions

Presto!

2024 CAR Champions

Mom's Favorite

2024 JAD Champions

Instant Classic

2015 BHS International Champions

Forefront

2016 BHS International Champions

JADAQC/CARQCA Chorus