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Dear Pocono Youth Orchestra Alumni and Alumni Parents,

Throughout my musical endeavors, the Pocono Youth Orchestra has made a significant impact on me thanks to the tireless efforts of the Directors, Mr. Anthony Simons and Mrs. Audrey Simons. In collaboration, the Simons's made every orchestra rehearsal exciting and enjoyable. Their leadership and dedication transformed us year after year into a group of musicians that were productive, inspired, and challenged. The musical repertoire selected from season to season was enjoyable and varied—capturing all of our interests as young musicians.

Today—as a college sophomore—I continue to play in an orchestra among many other gifted musicians. Without the Pocono Youth Orchestra and the leadership of the Directors, I would not have gained the necessary foundational skills to take the next step and continue my orchestral experience.

The [www.pocono-youth-orchestra.org](http://www.pocono-youth-orchestra.org) site has an alumni section which I encourage all alums to discover. Please update the PYO on the exciting things that are happening to you in college! Send in any photos that you would like to share. Some of the benefits you receive as Alumni include:

- Alumni News & PYO Newsletter
- PYO Concerts and Events
- Concert Volunteer Opportunities
- Networking Opportunities with other Alumni

The PYO benefits from the generosity of a dedicated community of sponsors, family members, and alumni. Please consider supporting the PYO in any way that you can. Let's make the mission of the Alumni of the Pocono Youth Orchestra one that demonstrates our generosity and gratitude for the PYO and the Directors so that they may continue to share their gifts with other young musicians.

Warm regards,

Joseph Snyder

2015 Alumnus of the Pocono Youth Orchestra