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Kettering Senior Ian Lukas to Represent the 2018 U.S. Army All-American Marching Band

September 25, 2017 Waterford, Mich. –Waterford Kettering Senior Ian Lukas, trombone, was selected by the National Association for Music Education, All American Games and Drum Corps International, to represent the best of high school marching musicians in the 2018 U.S. Army All-American Marching Band. Each year the U.S. Army All-American Bowl Selection Tour visits the high school of each All-American football player and band member to officially recognize and announce their selection to the Bowl Game and performances. They will recognize Lukas on **Thursday, September 28 at 9:45 a.m.** in the Performing Arts Center at Waterford Kettering High School, located at 2800 Kettering Drive in Waterford. Lukas will perform on Saturday, January 6, 2018, at 11:00am EST, in San Antonio, Texas at the halftime show for the 2018 U.S. Army All-American Bowl.

Ian Lukas has been playing and performing music since he started studying piano at age five. From there, he took up several other instruments in his middle and high school band career, but nothing stood out more than the Trombone. The U.S. Army All-American Marching band has been one of his goals since his freshmen year of high school, when two other Kettering students were accepted into the prestigious band. He is also involved in the amazing Choir program at Kettering, performing in the Chamber Choir, and is a part of several other ensembles, playing Drum Set and Trombone in Kettering's Jazz bands, Snare Drum in the Marching Band, and specializing on Trombone in the Wind Ensemble. He is honored to have been selected and cannot wait to represent the Waterford community in San Antonio!

Selection as a U.S. Army All-American is an important and prestigious honor for these athletes and musicians. Only the strongest are chosen to wear the Army colors, and these young men and women truly embody the characteristics of the Army Strong Soldier – demonstrating Strength through Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage on a daily basis.

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The Selection Tour has grown each year since its inception a decade ago and has executed more than 1,300 events and reached more than a million people to date. In addition to the press conferences and pep rallies that take place at their respective high schools, All-Americans have also been recognized in front of thousands more as honored guests at NFL games, NASCAR and NHRA races, and regional band competitions.

Selections were based on three videos applicants submitted, including instrumental concert performance, marching and playing technique and a personal introduction of themselves to the committee. Students were chosen based on outstanding musicianship, marching skill, attention to detail, ability to follow direction and maturity. Scott Adkins is Director of Bands at Kettering High School.

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