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A 1971 UD music education graduate's students, who in December collected twice as many coats for charity as their school has students, made the national news for their community spirit in the week before Christmas.

Peter Horton's 125-member Trumbull High School marching band of Trumbull, Conn., received accolades and a national audience on ABC's *Good Morning America* Dec. 19 for collecting more than 3,200 "gently used" coats for distribution by two Trumbull-area nonprofit social service

organizations.

They also performed two songs from the city's Town Hall Green.

The next gig for the celebrated band: The inaugural parade in Washington, D.C., Jan. 20.

"This man has done a fantastic job with the students, serving as a role model that UD may proudly say is one of ours," said teacher education professor Roberta Weaver, associate dean for community outreach in the School of Education and Allied Professions.

Horton has been at Trumbull High School for the past 20 years. In April, he returns to Dayton with the band's percussion ensemble and winter guard for the Winter Guard International color guard and percussion world championships.