

Purpose and Mission:

The Liberty University MTNA (Music Teachers National Association) Collegiate Chapter exists to equip student musicians and private music educators to grow in musicianship and professionalism in their fields; connect students with opportunities to obtain professional experience in teaching and performance; foster a community of Christ-centered, dedicated musicians; and reach the local and musical communities with the light of Christ through music.

Meetings, Events, and Commitments:

Meetings are held twice per semester and consist of student-led masterclasses or guest and faculty speakers who offer input on a variety of topics, including: entrepreneurship in music, building a private studio, music and teaching techniques, and more. Meetings are open to both members and non-members.

In addition to meetings, the LU MTNA chapter holds a recital each semester for the chapter members' students. LU MTNA also hosts a Community Music Clinic once a semester, a free event for students in grades K-12 who are at any music level. This one-day event allows kids in the community to receive free music lessons, attend general music classes and a specialized masterclass (led by a professor or music educator in the area), and experience an instrument petting zoo. This is our biggest event of the semester, and chapter members are encouraged to volunteer to teach lessons and help host the event.

A student's time commitment to MTNA is volunteer-based. The chapter exists for the students to receive resources, network, and volunteer their time as they see fit.

MTNA Membership Benefits:

Becoming a collegiate chapter member gives LU students:

- Access to a variety of resources like the *American Music Teachers Journal* and the *MTNA eJournal*
- Access to various webinars and private studio resources on the MTNA website
- Discounts on national conference fees (National MTNA Conference, Collegiate Chapter Piano Pedagogy Symposium, GP3-Group Piano/Piano Pedagogy Forum)
- Free admission to VMTA (Virginia Music Teachers Association) Conference
- Discounts on MTNA Competition Applications
- Connections with colleagues in the chapter and around the community
- Teaching and professional development opportunities

In addition, LU students who wish to grow their private studios can sign up for the LU Private Teachers' List. This list allows LU MTNA to help connect people who are looking for music lessons with a teacher that will fit their needs.

For more information please visit the [MTNA website](#), or for specific information about upcoming events here at Liberty University, please email som@liberty.edu.