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The Duquesne University Trumpet Ensemble was invited to perform at the 2018 International Trumpet Guild (ITG) Conference, held in San Antonio, Texas.

The ensemble, comprised of eight Duquesne trumpet players, performed under the direction of Chad Winkler, Adjunct Professor of Trumpet and member of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. Students who performed included:

- Amy Bertsch
- Joe Beaver
- Bobby Jaruslic
- Mason Shay
- Alyssa Lloyd
- Zack DeLuise
- Mikayla Justen
- Kevin Skinkis

This marked the first time that Duquense’s trumpet students had been invited to perform at this prestigious event. In order to prepare and help offset travel costs, the students launched a crowdfunding campaign through GoFundMe, raising over $1,800 in total.

The ensemble will once again be representing Duquesne at the 2019 ITG Conference, to be held in Miami in July. They have just concluded a second crowdfunding campaign, raising nearly $1,500 to help with this year’s event.

This year, participating students include Joe Beaver, Bobby Jarsulic, Kevin Skinkis, Matt Piatto, Matt Eisenreich, Ryan Fulton, Abby Iksic, Mikki Cersosimo, Zach DeLuise, Mike Zech, and Thomas Houghton, Ill.