DEAR PRIDE,

We hope you’ve been enjoying a well-deserved summer! We’re fully back to normal this season with band camp, pregame, and halftime performance. No masks or bell covers (other than sousaphones) will have to be used this season, and we will be able to utilize indoor spaces during band camp this year! We are excited to be able to travel to an away game this year--our first since 2019. We will be bringing a pep band to Rice, which will give us a fun trip to Houston early in the season. Our schedule is also great this year! We only have one weekday game on the docket, and our last regular season performance will be on November 12 at Showcase. We also plan on traveling with the full band to a bowl game should the Cajuns qualify.

Please read this newsletter thoroughly, taking careful note of move-in and band camp times and schedules. We expect everyone in the group to be aware of our calendar, so make note now of the dates on the season schedule and add them to your plans. Lastly, if you have not yet registered for band camp please do so today! Your scholarship can only be credited to your university account once that is done, and early receipt of your information will likely avoid any delays and difficulties in receiving your award.

Our music this season spans a wide variety of styles and genres. The shows for the year include: Horn Bands (Chicago, Earth, Wind, and Fire, and Tower of Power), Number Ones (The Weeknd, Dua Lipa), Summer of Soul (Sam and Dave, Mongo Santamaria, Abbey Lincoln), and Salute to Animation (everything from Underdog to Spongebob Squarepants) as well as our traditional Veterans’ Appreciation show. You’ll also see some changes to our book of stand tunes, including some new offensive down cheers. If you know someone who may still be interested in joining or returning to the Pride, have them contact us ASAP – we’d love to have them in our group! The sooner they audition, the better, because in a few weeks we will begin posting our music, part assignments, and drill to a shared Google Drive account. You will receive a link to this account in an email, sent to the address you gave us when you registered for camp. Please begin practicing this music and committing it to memory. Our first round of music pass-offs will happen before the first football game, and our band depends on individual preparation.

For our new members: college marching band will be different in many ways than your high school marching band experience. There are no competitions, we perform 5-6 shows a season as opposed to one, and typically our drill is slightly simpler and certainly briefer than what you likely marched in high school. Our members have a wide variety of majors, and we are the biggest student organization on campus by far. We also get to explore and perform all kinds of music. Part of our mission is to reflect our diversity through our music and our attitude toward others. All are welcome in the PoA.

For returning and new members: Our class meets for rehearsal each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12:15-2:15pm. We have very high standards of musical and visual performance, but our mission is primarily to be a source of spirit for our athletic teams and to entertain our fans and students. While it will still take quality preparation, good communication, and a strong group work ethic to succeed, our experience is designed to be a place where you can leave the stresses of your other classes behind and enjoy making music with your friends. Like anything else meaningful, you will get out of this experience what you put into it, and we expect all of our members to contribute. Hopefully you’ll discover music you might never have if not for being in the PoA! This band is a family, and you are all important to us. As a family, we can and should also rely on each other for support.

One guiding principle of the season will be “all the small things (nod to Blink-182)”. We will examine how our daily effort and attention to detail can make a huge impact on the organization as a whole. Helping to establish and maintain the continued evolution of our PoA culture, your student leadership will always be there for you! You will be hearing from your section leader(s) soon, if you have not already. If you have questions, you may contact your section leader via email. We will also be setting up a space on our website soon to keep you updated on any changes that may happen between now and camp. Please like our Facebook page and Instagram as well, as both will become active as we move closer to August.

We are thrilled to welcome you back! Be proactive. Know your stuff. Consider and help others. NEVER make excuses. We’re so glad you’ll be part of the Pride of Acadiana, and we can’t wait to see you! - Dr. Missal and Dr. Landry

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UL Bands Faculty and Staff
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Ms. Natalie Mills, Colorguard Instructor/Arranger
Mrs. Ashley Bastida, Administrative Coordinator

Student Leadership:
Drum Major – Laney Buras & Angelle Homes
Piccolo – Cheyenne Eastin & Alyssa Lorio
Clarinet – Katie Hinton
Saxophone – Bailey Stock & Joshua Touchet
Trumpet – Matthew Louviere & Alex Saunier
Mellophone – William Kropog & Carmen Major
Trombone – Logan Benoit
Baritone – Alex LeLorier & Tyana Reid
Tuba – Alex Credere & Michelle Louviere
Drumline – Benjamin LeBlanc
Colorguard – Tori Freeman
**PRESEASON CAMP**

Rehearsals for the full band begin on Sunday (8/14) and go through Friday (8/19). Drumline and Colorguard begin on Saturday afternoon (8/13). Check out the full schedule and read it carefully, making note of which meals you are responsible for providing yourself.

*Registration and Dorm Check-In Information:*

Percussion and Colorguard will have dorm check-in from 9:00-11:00 AM on Saturday, August 13. They will start rehearsal at 1:00 PM that afternoon. Winds (woodwinds and brass) will have dorm check-in from 2:00-4:00 PM on the same day. Camp Registration for Winds will be at 9:00 AM on Sunday, August 14. Student Leadership will meet from approx. 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Thursday, August 11 through Saturday, August 13 (watch for email with details).

*PoA Forms and Preseason Information*

Your Preseason Camp Registration form responses help us prepare for your dorm check in, order correct sizes for apparel, and confirms that you will be marching. If you have any questions about your completed registration, please contact Mrs. Bastida at ashley.bastida@louisiana.edu.

***IMPORTANT***

Please be sure to read over the complete preseason camp schedule (pg. 4) and fall performance schedule (pg. 5)

**Course Conflicts**

Occasionally some students have a class conflict with a required class that meets at the same time as band. We may approve missing some band rehearsal (per week) if the class meets these requirements:

- Is required of your major
- The class is only offered in one section
- Progress toward your degree will be delayed unless resolved
- Not applicable to multiple section courses (English/Math)

If you are unsure whether your class qualifies, please contact us. We can help you arrange your schedule to accommodate all classes and even help you with closed sections. If you do have an approved conflict, register for the class that conflicts with band first. We will take care of enrolling you in the band at band camp.
Checklist for Uniforms

- You will be issued a PoA polo shirt, a member t-shirt, and a PoA ball cap.
- All members (including colorguard) MUST have khaki shorts and blue jeans to wear with the PoA polo shirt, along with athletic shoes.
- Returning members should have their polo and ball cap from last year. A new polo and/or ball cap can be purchased at the start of the school year, if necessary.
- Winds and Percussion will need to purchase BLACK marching band shoes (Dinkles or Drillmasters), solid BLACK socks (with coverage above the ankle), and BLACK gloves (wind players ONLY)

Band Camp Checklist

- Your own refillable water jug – this is a must, as no sharing will be allowed!
- Sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat
- Appropriate Footwear – no flip-flops or sandals!
- Flip Folder/Phone – all members MUST have their own access to music.
  ***Flip folders will be available for purchase ($5) at camp.
- Instrument and all necessary accessories.
  ***Important – if you are using your personal instrument, please make sure it is in working condition before camp.
  Students using a school-owned instrument can pick it up at camp: we provide the instrument, you provide your own mouthpiece and accessories.
- Meals – Lunch and Dinner for camp are provided by the band, but breakfast is on your own.
- Parking – all parking rules will be enforced weekdays from 7:00am – 4:00pm.
  On campus residents will be assigned parking for their dorm. Off campus students should park in the gravel portion of EK Long (Zone 7, next to Billeaud Hall).

Important Links

- Campus Dining (campusfoodservices.louisiana.edu) ***follow links at the top of the page for info on meal plans and cafeteria hours
- Parking Services (park.louisiana.edu) ***for permits, citations, and parking maps

...and don’t forget – stop by ulbands.com for updates and information regarding the PoA...
Preseason Camp Schedule 2022

***Monday, August 8 through Saturday, August 13 – Wind Ensemble Early Auditions (by appt. ONLY)***

**Thursday, August 11 – Saturday, August 13**  
**Leadership Camp** (times TBA via email)

**Saturday, August 13**
- 9:00-11:00 AM  Percussion and Colorguard Dorm Check-in  ***Lunch on Your Own***
- 1:00-5:00 PM  First Rehearsal for Drumline and Colorguard
- 2:00-4:00 PM  Dorm Check-in for WW/Brass (dinner on your own)
- 5:00-6:00 PM  Pizza Dinner for Leadership, Percussion, Guard

**Sunday, August 14**  
(Wind Ensemble Auditions – daily, sign-up sheets outside Band Room)
- 9:00AM  Camp Registration for all WW/Brass
- 10:00AM-12:30PM  Welcome, Info, and Music Rehearsal (lunch provided)
- 2:00-5:00 PM  Music Rehearsal
- 5:00-6:00PM  Dinner (provided)
- 6:00-9:00 PM  Marching Fundamentals
- 9:00 PM  Social Time

**Monday, August 15 - Thursday, August 18**  
(Wind Ensemble Auditions – daily, sign-up sheets outside Band Room)
- 9:00 AM-12:00 PM  Fundamentals/Drill Rehearsal (lunch provided)
- 2:00-5:00 PM  Music Rehearsal
- 5:00-6:30 PM  Dinner (provided)
- 6:30-9:00 PM  Drill Rehearsal/Stadium Rehearsal (TBD)
- 9:00 PM  Social Time

**Friday, August 19**
- 9:00-12:00 PM  Drill Rehearsal, lunch provided
- 2:00-4:00 PM  Music Rehearsal
- 4:30-6:00 PM  End of Camp Event - TBD

**Saturday, August 20 and Sunday, August 21**
- NO REHEARSAL - meals on your own

**Monday, August 22**  
CLASSES BEGIN!
- 12:15-2:15 PM  First Class Meeting (Rehearsal)
- 6:00-9:00 PM  First Colorguard Sectional
- 7:00-9:00 PM  First Brass and Percussion Sectional
Fall Performance Schedule 2022 (subject to change)

***All events on this page are required of all members unless otherwise indicated***

**August**
- Sun 14-Fri 19: Full Band Preseason Camp (DL and Guard begin Sat 13)
- Mon 23: First Day of Classes
  - 12:15 PM: First Marching Band Class
  - 6:00 PM: First Colorguard Sectional
  - 7:00 PM: First Brass/WW/Percussion Sectional

**September**
- Thurs 1: Ragin’ Roar (7:00 pm, Student Union Porch)
- Sat 3: Home Game #1, UL vs. Southeastern (6:00 pm ESPN+)
- Sat 10: Home Game #2, UL vs. Eastern Michigan
- Sat 17: Away Game #1 (Pep Band) – UL vs. Rice (6:30 pm, ESPN+)
- Thurs 29: Yell Like Hell (7:00 pm, Student Union Porch)

**October**
- Sat 1: Home Game #3, UL vs. South Alabama (Homecoming – TBA)
- Mon 17: SLBDA District III Marching Festival - Cajun Field (exhibition)
- Sat 22: Home Game #4, UL vs. Arkansas State

**November**
- Sat 5: Home Game #5, UL vs. Troy
- Thurs 10: Home Game #6, UL vs. Georgia Southern (6:30 pm ESPNU)
- Sat 12: Louisiana Showcase of Marching Bands - Cajun Field (exhibition)

**December**
- Sat 3: Sun Belt Conference Championship Game - TBD
Ensemble Auditions

Everyone, regardless of major and level, is invited and encouraged to audition for the UL WIND ENSEMBLE (AMUS 155/355, 1 credit) and JAZZ ENSEMBLE (AMUS 170/370, 1 credit). Wind Ensemble Fall performances feature a fall concert on Wed., 10/19, while also sharing the Holiday Concert with the UL Choirs on 11/30. Repertoire highlights include: Morning Alleluias (Ron Nelson), Mysterium (Jennifer Higdon), Three Washington Statues (Philip Sparke), and La Cathédrale Résiliente (new music by Mark Camphouse with projected video from Notre Dame). Also, music by John Williams, Martin Ellerby, Joan Tower, Vaughan-Williams, and much more. Jazz Ensemble performances include an October show, as well as a possible noon performance at the Showcase of Marching Bands.

***PLEASE NOTE - All music majors receiving band awards are required to audition for one of our concert ensembles, but all players, regardless of major, are encouraged to try out. (If your band award is above basic (not including returner bonuses) then you are expected to try out as your award letters indicate.)

Auditions for both Wind Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble will begin just before band camp. Early auditions (8/8-13) are by appointment ONLY - for those, simply email hochkeppel@louisiana.edu. Auditions continue during camp (8/14-20), with sign-up sheets posted outside the band room beginning the first week of August. Final auditions (8/21-23) should be used only for those who aren't available before classes begin.

Both ensembles will still meet at their usual times. Wind Ens = T/TH 12:30-1:45pm with alternating WW/BR sectionals Wed. 7-8:30pm. Jazz Ens = T/TH 3:30-5:00pm. Details about auditions, as well as performance dates, repertoire, initial rehearsals, and more can be found on the Ensemble Auditions page at ulbands.com.

Final Thoughts

UL Tuition Bills: You may already be able to see your fall tuition bill, found on ULink. The process for crediting your scholarship to your account will begin after you fill out the online registration. Remember, for housing or meal plan awards, the Scholarship Office will send you an additional letter to return to them. Housing waivers usually are posted closer to the first day of class. When your scholarship is posted, your university bill will reflect more accurately what you owe or the refund you will receive. We wish to help you as much as possible – please do your part and register now.

What do I need to do now? Register for camp NOW if you have not yet done so. Don’t forget to register for the marching band course as well – AMUS 152 or AMUS 352. Check the website (ulbands.com) and your email often. As music and exercises become available, they will be posted to the Drive. And lastly, don’t forget to practice and be ready for camp. If you have any questions, please contact us – we’ll be happy to help!