



DEAR PRIDE,

We hope you've been enjoying a well-deserved summer and we are excited to welcome you to campus in a few weeks to kick off the 2024 edition of the Pride of Acadiana!

An exciting football season is in store! We have no weekday performances on the docket, and our last regular season performance will be on November 23 at a home game against Troy University. We are exploring the possibility of in-season travel to an away game and, of course, we plan to travel 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 this 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 will span a wide variety of styles and genres. Some of the shows for the year include music celebrating the renovations of our new football stadium, a Homecoming Show, as well as our traditional Veterans' Appreciation show. Additional exciting show themes will be announced soon! Furthermore, you'll also see a few changes to our book of stand tunes.

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). Upon receipt of the music, please begin practicing 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 condensed 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 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.

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. Popp and Dr. Landry

UL Bands Faculty and Staff

Dr. Wm. J. Hochkeppel
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Ms. Natalie Mills
Colorguard Instructor/Arranger

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Coordinator of Bands & Recruiting

THE
PRIDE
OF ACADIANA

Student Leadership:

Drum Major – Stella Rose Broussard
& Katie Hinton

Piccolo – Kat Stanford

Clarinet – Lily Ester & Alexis Flores

Saxophone – Mallory LeBoeuf &
Shannon Weiss

Trumpet – Andrew Hays, Hunter
Landry, & Kyle Moffett

Mellophone – Harrison Young

Trombone – Jameson Brooks

Baritone – Mason Himel & Tyana
Reid

Sousaphone – Kade Gary & Charles
Martin

Drumline – Noah Sanchez &
Greyson Schulz

Colorguard Captain – Madison
Champagne

Colorguard Co-Captains – Samantha
Wallace & Megan Meche



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 black 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 – beginning with dinner on Saturday, August 17th, all lunches and dinners for camp (through August 23) are provided by the band. Breakfast is on your own.
NOTE: As we use our Student Union Cafeteria for lunch, students with meal plans will use their meal swipes for all camp lunches.
- *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). As a backup plan, off-campus students may park in the Girard Park Circle Garage.



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...

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!

ACCOUNT NOT CREDITED YET?

DON'T WORRY - AS LONG AS YOU HAVE REGISTERED, YOU'RE OK! ACCOUNTS WILL BE CREDITED SOON.

DON'T FORGET TO SCHEDULE!!!

AMUS 152 (AMUS 352 IF YOU'VE BEEN IN BAND FOR MORE THAN 2 YEARS)

