

# FMB NEWS

Welcome to the 2021 Famous Maroon Band!



## A Note from the Directors

Greetings Famous Maroon Band Members:

We hope this newsletter finds each of you doing well and looking forward to a change of pace (and perhaps scenery) in the summer months ahead. Hopefully we can each find a time to renew relationships, reflect, realign our priorities, rest, and recharge. Those of us in the band office are very excited about the 2021-22 edition of the Famous Maroon Band! Once again we are anticipating a great year. To our new student members, we say "Welcome to the FMB family."

As we have done throughout the pandemic, we will operate our band program under the guidelines of our administration and will continue to focus on the health, safety, and success of our students. While we all know that things could change, we are planning experiences that will allow our band family to once again have the shared experiences in performances, rehearsals, and travel that are so important to us all.

**To accomplish that goal of continuing those shared experiences, we need your cooperation in getting the COVID vaccine prior to returning to campus. The vaccine is the best tool we have to keep everyone safe in the face to face environment playing instruments, on buses, and in more crowded spaces. Please help us by being vaccinated prior to reporting to band in August. If you are vaccinated and exposed to COVID, you will not be required to quarantine unless you are experiencing symptoms. Please help us keep you safe and our campus moving forward and returning to normal.**

This newsletter contains lots of important information concerning band membership. PLEASE READ IT! We have included information about the pre-school camp, the football season and the projected performance dates for the academic year.

Marching band is a class (MU 2511), as are all music ensembles. EVERYONE must be registered for the class by July 1 in order to participate (returning members, too). If you are scheduled for Orientation in July or have another circumstance that prevents your registration by July 1, you must communicate with our office directly prior to July 1, or you will not have a position in our program. Also, as a reminder, EVERYONE MUST ATTEND BAND CAMP!

In the days ahead make some time for rest and relaxation, play your horn a little bit, seek to be inspired, and take care of the preparation and details for the school year so that you can maximize your experience at MSU in the Famous Maroon Band. Have a great summer!

We hope that each of you stays safe, informed, and healthy throughout the summer. It is an honor to be associated with each of you. Please let us know how we can assist you as we move toward the school year.

WELCOME

A Note from the Directors

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Phi Mu Alpha  
& Sigma Alpha Iota



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## KAZ SHUMPERT

Senior

Music Education

Booneville, Mississippi

Fun Fact: Kaz was once detained by Canadian Border Patrol on suspicion of bringing a stolen vehicle across the border. (They were not very nice, eh.)

## JOLINA DRUETZLER

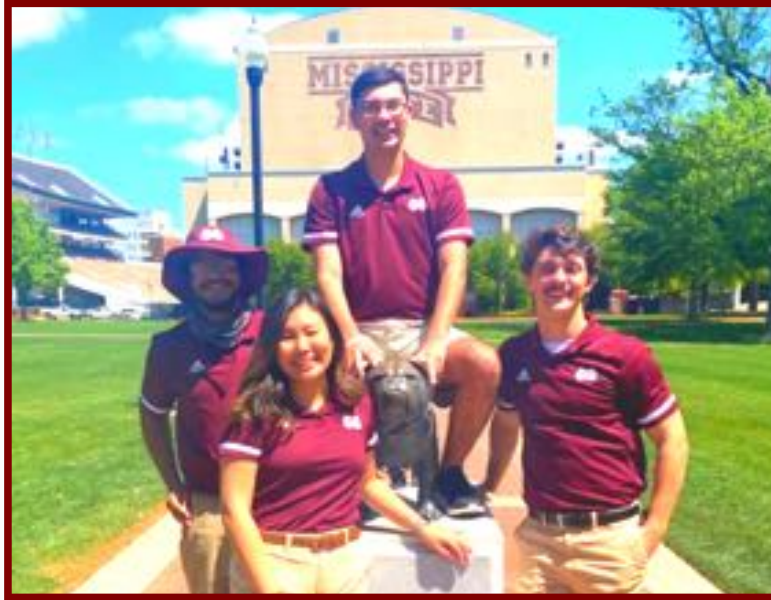
Junior

Mathematics

Humboldt, Tennessee

Fun Fact: Jolina has been to nine countries and lived in three of them, as well as five different states!

# Meet Your Drum Majors!



## HUNTER HARRIS

Senior

Computer Engineering

Graniteville, South

Carolina

Fun Fact: Hunter has traveled to 21 different states, many of them with the FMB.

San Francisco, CA was his favorite city to visit!

## TREVIN MOORE

Senior

Civil Engineering

Booneville, Mississippi

Fun Fact: Trevin enjoys beekeeping, a hobby that started after a bee swarm landed in his cow pasture!

### You must register for Marching Band this summer!

In order for us to plan appropriately for the fall, you must be registered for Marching Band (MU 2511-01) by THURSDAY, JULY 1!

You will be removed from our roster unless you communicate with us directly about your situation.

## SUMMER MERCHANDISE ORDER

University Screenprint is taking orders for Famous Maroon Band apparel for students and parents.

This is an optional purchase. To place an order, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/fmb2021>

## DORM CHECK-IN

Percussionists, guard captains, drum majors, and squad leaders living in dorm housing will have an opportunity to check into their dorm prior to the scheduled time to report to the band. Percussionists who are dorm students will check-in on MONDAY, AUGUST 2. Other leadership living in the dorm will check-in on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4. More information will be provided as it becomes available.



# Band Camp Schedule

## Monday, August 2

All percussion students living on-campus will check-in.  
Time TBA

## Tuesday, August 3

Percussion Camp begins at 9:00 am at the Band Hall.

## Wednesday, August 4

Squad Leaders, Drum Majors, and Guard Captains living on campus will check-in. Time TBA  
Report to the band hall for rehearsal at 6:30 pm.

## Sunday, August 8

All band students living on campus will move into their dorms in the morning. All band members will check-in by sections throughout the day. Expect the full schedule in the July newsletter. There will be an afternoon rehearsal for new members.

## Monday - Friday, August 13

BAND CAMP!

## Monday - Tuesday, August 16-17

Marching Band rehearsal starts at 5:00 pm

## Wednesday, August 18

Classes begin. Regular rehearsal from 5:20-6:20 pm.

**Get your vaccine this summer!  
Don't miss the opportunity  
before you come to Starkville in  
the fall!**



# 2021 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

Cowbell Yell	TBA
Louisiana Tech	9/4
North Carolina State	9/11
@ Memphis (pep band*)	9/18
LSU	9/25
@ Texas A&M (no band)	10/2
Alabama	10/16
@ Vanderbilt (pep band*)	10/23
Kentucky	10/30
@ Arkansas (pep band*)	11/6
@ Auburn (pep band*)	11/13
Tennessee State	11/20
Ole Miss ***	11/25
SEC Championship	12/4
Possible Bowl Game	TBA

\*Pep band assignments will be announced during band camp.

\*\*\* Thanksgiving night - This is a required full band performance.

## UNIFORM FITTINGS

We will have three uniform fitting dates at the band hall during the summer for any wind or percussion band members. While it is not required, this will help speed up your check-in at the start of band camp.

New members are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. Please contact Mr. Corhern at 662-325-2713 or at [wc74@msstate.edu](mailto:wc74@msstate.edu), and he will schedule a fitting time for you!

JUNE 14

JUNE 28

JULY 12

# Important Marching Band Information

## Class/Lab Conflicts

Because we only rehearse 4-5 hours a week, it is important that every member be present for every rehearsal. In recent years, we have seen a surge in the number of class conflicts.

That significantly holds back the daily progress of the band. While we do not expect you to build your schedule completely around the band, we have to trust that everyone is making every effort to avoid all class conflicts.

### **Permitted class conflicts must meet all three of the following criteria:**

- The class must be required in your major (not an elective)
- The class must have only one section offered
- You may not miss more than one hour of rehearsal per week because of your class

If your conflict does not meet these criteria, please resolve the conflict in your schedule before band camp. Jobs or regularly scheduled meetings are not considered class conflicts and will not be excused.

## Instruments

We will provide piccolos, tenor saxophones, mellophones, baritones, and sousaphones. All wind players must provide their own mouthpieces. Students with a personally-owned instrument that requires a lyre must provide their own (except piccolos and trombones).

## Digital Flip Folders

This year, the FMB is moving into the digital age with our music distribution--no more bulky paper flip folders. Instead, you will use your smart phone along with the FlipFolder app to access music digitally, and your phone will be attached to a special clamp that will hold your phone securely. If your personally-owned instrument normally uses a lyre, you'll still need one for the season (except piccolos and trombones), so please purchase one this summer. We also recommend that you purchase a portable battery charger for your device (typically less than \$20) so that you'll have enough battery life for late afternoon rehearsals and gamedays.

## Rehearsal Attire

For all rehearsals, please wear a t-shirt, shorts, socks, and athletic shoes. Please do not wear flip flops, sandals, Chacos, boots, high heels, dress shoes, hiking boots, etc. for marching.

## Marching Uniform Shoes

The FMB uses black, matte finish marching band shoes. No shiny finish or athletic shoes are allowed. If you already have the correct type, you do not have to order new ones. If you need new shoes, orders can be placed online with Southern Performances. All orders placed this way will be delivered to the band hall, which means you won't have to pay shipping. We strongly recommend that you order your shoes prior to band camp. To order, simply visit the following website:

<https://www.southernperformances.com/mississippi-state>

## Fees

A band membership fee of \$95 will be charged to your university account to cover the purchase of a uniform dri-fit supplement, summer uniform, t-shirt, ball cap, dry cleaning of the uniform three times during the season, and some meals at band camp. Students using school-owned instruments will be charged \$10 for maintenance.

## Summer Uniform

**All NEW members will be issued a summer uniform during band camp.** All students must provide white (or mostly white) athletic shoes and ankle (short) white socks to wear with our summer performance uniform. **Returning members are expected to wear the summer uniform that was worn last year.** If you have lost your uniform, you are expected to purchase a new one at band camp from our limited supply. **Please contact Mr. Corhern by July 1 if you cannot find yours!**

## Percussion

All percussionists will report to the band hall Tuesday, August 3 at 9:00 am. The percussion instructor, Dr. Baker, may be contacted at [jbaker@colled.msstate.edu](mailto:jbaker@colled.msstate.edu) with any questions that you may have. Percussionists should reserve 4:50-6:20 pm each day for band. Section rehearsals will be on Wednesday immediately after band for one hour.

## Guard

All guard members should reserve 4:20-6:20 pm Monday through Friday for band rehearsal.

## **\*\*\*Dietary Needs\*\*\***

**If you have any dietary restrictions, please contact Mr. Corhern at [hcorhern@colled.msstate.edu](mailto:hcorhern@colled.msstate.edu) by July 1!**

We will do our best to accommodate your need, especially during band camp, but we cannot help you if we do not know what your situation is!

## **"First Day" Instructions for Members Living on Campus**

At this time, band registration will begin at 8:30 am, Sunday, August 8 at the band hall, by section. MSU Housing will also have a staggered check-in for all new and returning band students for Band Camp that morning.

It may be necessary for your parents, friends, etc. to finish moving your things into your dorm while you report to band for check-in. Rehearsals will begin in the afternoon for new students.

# Tell Us Your Story!



*The Famous Maroon Band is definitely one of the best organizations on campus! I can say this confidently because of the love and support I've been shown by its members and staff. I am so grateful to be a part of the FMB!*

Sarah Bostick, Alto Sax - Biological Sciences (Pre-Med)  
Junior, Birmingham, AL



*The Famous Maroon Band has been one of my favorite experiences at Mississippi State. Being able to twirl at an SEC school has been something I have dreamed of and worked towards ever since I began twirling as a little girl. I have been able to travel to new places and make lifelong friendships while doing something I love. I have been so blessed to have been a part of this great organization for the past three years. Welcome to the FMB and Hail State!*

Hunter Grace Rush, Twirler -  
Chemical Engineering  
Senior, Birmingham, AL



*The Famous Maroon Band has given me a family unlike any other and has given me a college experience that I will always cherish. The many memories and friends I have made through the program are things that will surely stick with me through my lifetime. Being a part of the game day spirit is a feeling unlike any other and I always look forward to Saturdays in the fall. Hail State and Go Dawgs!*

Hunter Blades, Baritone - Mechanical Engineering  
Senior, Pascagoula, MS



*The Famous Maroon Band Color Guard has quite literally defined my MSU experience and in the best ways possible. Some of my best friends were found on that first day of band camp freshman year. I love the FMB and all the ways it has enriched my college experience!*

Raleigh Bumpers, Guard -  
Computer Science  
Senior, Buford, GA



*You know, there's just something about being part of a group like this one. Standing out on that field, playing your heart out with 400 others gives you an indescribable feeling. And that is only a small part of the FMB experience.*

Bryan Alston, Tenors - Computer Science  
Junior, Brandon, MS





**MARCHING BAND**

Course Code: MU 2511 01  
Course Number: 33421



**Wind Ensemble (Fall Semester)**

Course Code: MU 2571 01  
Course Number: 33423



**Jazz Band (Fall Semester)**

Course Code: MU 2911 01  
Course Number: 33437

5:20 - 6:20 pm Monday through Thursday,  
**Fridays before home games,**  
**and some game day rehearsals.**

3:55 - 5:10 pm Tuesday and Thursday

12:40 - 2:40 pm on Friday

Audition material for chair placement  
will be made available on the band website  
in July: [msuband.msstate.edu](http://msuband.msstate.edu)

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*Being a part of the FMB has given me some of the greatest friendships and my fondest memories. I will always remember running onto Scott Field for pregame or halftime, playing games at the band barbecues, going on trips to so many new places, and cheering on the Dawgs in football and basketball. My time in college has flown by, but the memories that I have made in the FMB are going to last me a lifetime. Welcome to our family and Hail State!*

DeShea Chasko, Trumpet - Biomedical Engineering  
Senior, Marietta, GA

## Campus Concert Dates

**\*\*Subject to change\*\***

Thursday, November 4 - Wind Ensemble Concert  
7:30 pm, Bettersworth Auditorium

Tuesday, November 16 - Jazz Band Concert  
7:30 pm, Bettersworth Auditorium

Thursday, January 27 - Jazz Band Concert  
6:30 pm, Bettersworth Auditorium

Friday, January 28 - Wind Ensemble Concert  
7:30 pm, Bettersworth Auditorium

Sunday, February 13 - Campus, Concert, Symphonic Bands Concert  
2:00 pm, Bettersworth Auditorium

Sunday, April 3 - Campus, Concert, Symphonic Bands Concert  
2:00 pm, Bettersworth Auditorium

Thursday, April 7 - Wind Ensemble Concert  
7:30 pm, Bettersworth Auditorium

Monday, April 18 - Jazz Band Concert  
7:30 pm, Bettersworth Auditorium





**Kappa Kappa Psi** is a co-ed band service fraternity on campus. We serve the band program in a variety of ways, from working registration tables to organizing the band hall. Outside of serving the band, we attend our own district and national conventions focused on leadership, service, and brotherhood. Although we haven't been able to travel this past year, our chapter has still worked hard to grow, and we look forward to emerging as an even stronger chapter. Whether you are a returning or new member, we would love for you to join our chapter; it is a great way to not only give back to the FMB, but also a chance to form a family like connection with fellow band members. We are here to help you adjust to the band and to college life! If you are a freshman or a transfer member, we'd love for you to reach out to us if you have any questions about marching band, classes, time management, or if you just want to make a friend before you get to State! We want to get to know you and help you feel welcome! If you have any questions about KKPΨ or our chapter (Epsilon) you can contact Emma Nordeman (een56@msstate.edu) or Ashlyn Hall (ach870@msstate.edu). Feel free to tweet us or message us on social media! We look forward to a wonderful season in the FMB with you! Hail State!

**Instagram** - @kkpsi\_epsilon1923 **Twitter** - @TeamEpsilon. **Facebook** - Kappa Kappa Psi - Epsilon



The Lambda Phi chapter of **Phi Mu Alpha** would like to say welcome to all of the new and returning members of the Famous Maroon Band. For those that do not know, Phi Mu Alpha is a men's social fraternity founded on the basis of advancing music in America. Since the chapter's founding in 1963, Lambda Phi has seen numerous people cross through that come from a wide variety of majors and backgrounds. Our philanthropy is centered around bringing music into our community. For example, we assist with the MSU music programs and host and perform our own concerts on campus and within the Starkville community. Joining Phi Mu Alpha is more than service though. If you decide to join, you will be joining a diverse and welcoming brotherhood with the likes of people such as John Philip Sousa and Fred Rogers. Phi Mu Alpha is not only a good way to meet new people but will also help create lifelong friends and memories. During band camp, reach out to a brother in his letters or attend our information session if you want to learn more. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us via email (msstate.sinfonia@gmail.com), or you can message us on social media! We will be posting recruitment events closer to band camp, so follow us to ensure that you don't miss out! We look forward to seeing all of you this upcoming semester! Hail State!

**Instagram** - @msstate.sinfonia **Facebook** - Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia - Lambda Phi Chapter



The Epsilon Chi chapter of **Sigma Alpha Iota** would like to welcome the 2021 members of the Famous Maroon Band. We are excited to have the opportunity to grow and develop as a sisterhood and to integrate new members into a healthy and positive environment. If you are looking for an organization that will offer you support, encouragement, and a sisterhood based on the common interest of music, then SAI is the organization for you. Sigma Alpha Iota is an International Music Fraternity. We were formed to "uphold the highest standards of music" and "to further the development of music in America and throughout the world." We in Epsilon Chi strive to provide continuous musical and educational resources to our members and the Starkville community. If you are interested and want more information, you can find a sister in her letters during band camp or follow us on social media and keep a look out for posts about our upcoming recruitment week. You can also email us at epsilonchi.sai@gmail.com. We look forward to a wonderful semester! Hail State!

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