

# FMB NEWS

Welcome to the 2022 Famous Maroon Band!



## A Note from the Directors

Greetings Members of the Famous Maroon Band:

Things are already busy, and plans are underway for the 2022-23 edition of the FMB. We are pleased that you all will be joining us in our program. We are excited to be able to continue many of the shared experiences and traditions of our program in performances, rehearsals, and travel that are so important to us all. But before that time, we hope that your summer plans will include time for rest and recharging for the opportunities ahead in the upcoming academic year.

This newsletter contains lots of important information concerning your membership in our band program. 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 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!**

We have a very talented group of new students coming into our program and excellent musicianship and leadership from our returning members. We think this is going to be a great year for the Famous Maroon Band. In the days ahead, make 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 and in the Famous Maroon Band. Please let us know how we can assist you as we move toward the school year.

Have a great summer!

Elva Kaye Lance  
Director of Bands

Dr. Clifton Taylor  
Associate Director of Bands

Dr. Craig Aarhus  
Associate Director of Bands

### WELCOME

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# Meet Your Drum Majors!

## MADELINE KELLY

Sophomore  
Biomedical Engineering  
Starkville, Mississippi  
Fun Fact: Madeline can say the alphabet backwards and in reverse!

## KELSEI ELMORE

Junior  
Chemical Engineering  
Demopolis, Alabama  
Fun Fact: Kelsei used to have a pet cow on campus (now she's somewhere in the freezer at Bulldog Burger). Now she has a pet rabbit named Thumper!



## JOLINA DRUETZLER

Junior  
Mathematics  
Humboldt, Tennessee  
Fun Fact: Jolina danced in a flash mob in front of St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna!

## KAZ SHUMPERT

Senior  
Music Education  
Booneville, Mississippi  
Fun Fact: Kaz's dad used to work with President Keenum's wife at the Booneville McDonald's!



### 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 FRIDAY, 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/fmb2022>

## 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 1. Other leadership living in the dorm will check-in on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3. More information will be provided as it becomes available.



# Band Camp Schedule

## Monday, August 1

All percussion students living on-campus will move in. Check-in will occur at Dogwood Hall between 2-4:30 pm.

## Tuesday, August 2

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

## Wednesday, August 3

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 7

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 8-12

BAND CAMP!

## Monday - Tuesday, August 15-16

Marching Band rehearsal starts at 5:00 pm

## Wednesday, August 17

Classes begin. Regular rehearsal from 5:00-6:00 pm.



*MSU President Dr. Keenum presents Ms. Lance with a silver cowbell for thirty years of service to MSU and the Famous Maroon Band!*

# 2022 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

Cowbell Yell	9/1
<b>MEMPHIS</b>	9/3
@ Arizona (no travel)	9/10
@ LSU (pep band*)	9/17
<b>BOWLING GREEN</b>	9/24
<b>TEXAS A&amp;M</b>	10/1
<b>ARKANSAS</b>	10/8
@ Kentucky (pep band*)	10/15
@ Alabama (pep band*)	10/22
<b>AUBURN</b>	11/5
<b>GEORGIA</b>	11/12
<b>EAST TENNESSEE STATE</b>	11/19
@ Ole Miss (full band) ***	11/24
SEC Championship	12/3
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 7  
JUNE 14  
JUNE 21

# 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

Last year, the FMB moved 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 and use the code MSSTATE2022:

<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 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.

## Percussion

All percussionists will report to the band hall Tuesday, August 2 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 4:30-6:00 pm each day for band. Section rehearsals will be on Wednesday immediately after band for one hour.

## Guard

All guard members should reserve 4:00-6:00 pm Monday through Friday for band rehearsal.

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

The FMB will share many meals throughout the fall semester. The band staff will do our best to accommodate dietary restrictions, especially during band camp, but we cannot help you if we do not know what your situation is beforehand. **If you have any dietary restrictions, please contact Mr. Corhern at [wc74@msstate.edu](mailto:wc74@msstate.edu) by July 1 so that he can plan accordingly.**



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

At this time, band registration by section will begin at 8:30 am, Sunday, August 7, at the band hall. 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!



*It has been a privilege to play in the FMB with other polished musicians. I have met so many incredible players and people and caring directors. Personally, there is nothing better than performing Battle Hymn Chorale in the street prior to pre-game. The game day atmosphere is legit and the opportunity to travel to away games and bowl games is another amazing aspect of being in the FMB.*

Zavier Magee, Trombone - Biochemistry  
Junior, Ridgeland, MS



*My college marching band experience with the Famous Maroon Band has been one of the best parts about Mississippi State University. I have had the opportunity to form lifelong friendships and memories while doing something I truly love. I am thankful for the experiences that this incredible organization has given me. Hail State!*

Brianna Salazar, Trumpet -  
Professional Meteorology  
Senior, Northport, AL



*Besides coming to Mississippi State, joining the FMB has been the best decision I have made in my college career. The experiences are amazing, the people are fun, and the hard work pays off. Plus, we get to continue making incredible music together, under the direction of three amazing leaders who genuinely care about each one of us.*

Joshua Whitman, Tenor Sax -  
Computer Science  
Senior, Helena, AL



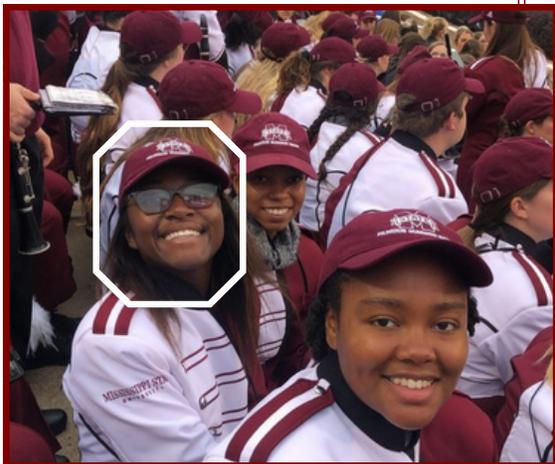
*Being a part of the Famous Maroon Band has given me some of the most unforgettable experiences of my time here at Mississippi State. I grew up watching the band perform, and it has been incredible experiencing firsthand, the tradition and excitement that I looked forward to in every MSU football game growing up. The FMB has given me friends, family, and memories that I will always be grateful for.*

Kathryn Walters, Horn - Psychology  
Senior, Starkville, MS



*The Famous Maroon Band has been one of the greatest experiences of my college career. I have met some of my closest friends and made some of my greatest memories in this band!*

Mariah Harris, Clarinet -  
Elementary Education  
Senior, Southaven, MS





**MARCHING BAND**

Course Code: MU 2511 01  
Course Number: 33491



**Wind Ensemble (Fall Semester)**

Course Code: MU 2571 01  
Course Number: 33493



**Jazz Ensemble (Fall Semester)**

Course Code: MU 2911 01  
Course Number: 33507

5:00 - 6:00 pm Monday through Thursday,  
**Fridays before home games,  
and some game day rehearsals.**

3:30 - 4:45 pm Tuesday and Thursday

12:00 - 1:50 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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*Becoming a member of the FMB has been a special, lifelong dream of mine that finally has come true. My mom was a member while in college here, and as a kid who was around MSU football for about 15 years, I could only dream of stepping on Scott Field one day, continuing my mom's legacy. But here I am, and it is still hard to believe that little kid's dream is now my reality! I get to take on Saturday game days with some of my best friends, which I know I can call my family. And there is nothing quite like hearing the roar of 60,000 cowbells and 400 band members playing 'Hail State' in Davis Wade Stadium. Nowadays, I get to enjoy it from a different point of view!*

Garrison Walker, Tenors - Music Education  
Junior, Starkville, MS

## Campus Concert Dates

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

Thursday, October 6 - Wind Ensemble Concert  
7:30 pm, Bettersworth Auditorium

Tuesday, November 8 - Wind Ensemble Concert  
7:30 pm, Bettersworth Auditorium

Monday, November 14 - Jazz Band Concert  
7:30 pm, TBA

Thursday, January 26 - Jazz Band Concert  
6:30 pm, TBA

Friday, January 27 - Wind Ensemble Concert  
7:30 pm, Bettersworth Auditorium

Sunday, February 12 - Campus, Concert, Symphonic Bands Concert  
2:00 pm, Bettersworth Auditorium

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

Monday, April 3 - Wind Ensemble Concert  
7:30 pm, Bettersworth Auditorium

Monday, April 17 - Jazz Band Concert  
7:30 pm, TBA





**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. Our chapter has experienced a lot of growth this past year and is looking forward to celebrating our centennial this coming spring. 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 KΚΨ or our chapter (Epsilon) you can contact Kendal West (kmw1006@msstate.edu) or Emma Nordeman (een56@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 to advance 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 2022 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 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!

**Instagram** - @sai\_epsilonchi **Twitter** - @sai\_epsilonchi **Facebook** - Sigma Alpha Iota - Epsilon Chi

### Famous Maroon Band Staff

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**Dr. Clifton Taylor, Associate Director of Bands**  
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**Dr. Craig Aarhus, Associate Director of Bands**  
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**Hunter Corhern, Band Coordinator**  
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**Dr. Jason Baker, Drumline Instructor**  
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**Sarah Parker, Auxiliary Advisor**  
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