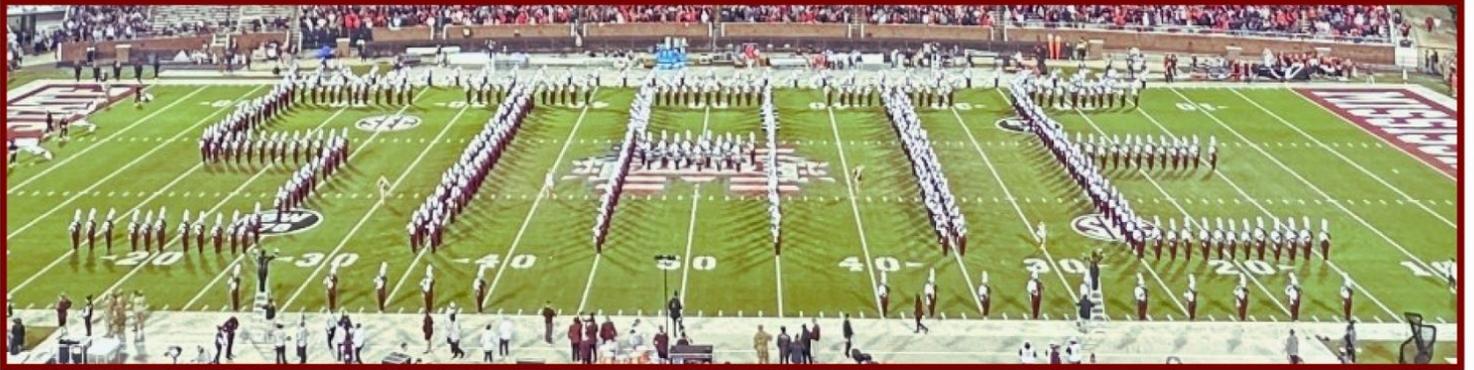


FMB NEWS

Welcome to the 2024 Famous Maroon Band!



A Note from the Directors

Greetings 2024 Members of the Famous Maroon Band:

Welcome to the June Edition of the FMB newsletter! We are pleased that you will be joining us in our program. We hope that your summer plans will include time to rest and recharge so that you will report to campus with energy and enthusiasm, as we work to continue the traditions that have come to define membership in the Famous Maroon Band. It is our goal to help you make great memories of your college band experience as we share in the various musical opportunities of the Maroon Band.

Our June and July newsletters will serve as your guide to all things related to our band during the summer months. **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 musical ensembles. **EVERYONE must be registered in Marching Band by July 1 to participate (returning members, too).** If Wind Ensemble is one of your membership responsibilities (new members, see your award letter if unsure), please add MU 2571 as well. Music for chair placement auditions will be distributed in July as well as music for jazz band auditions. If you have a 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!**

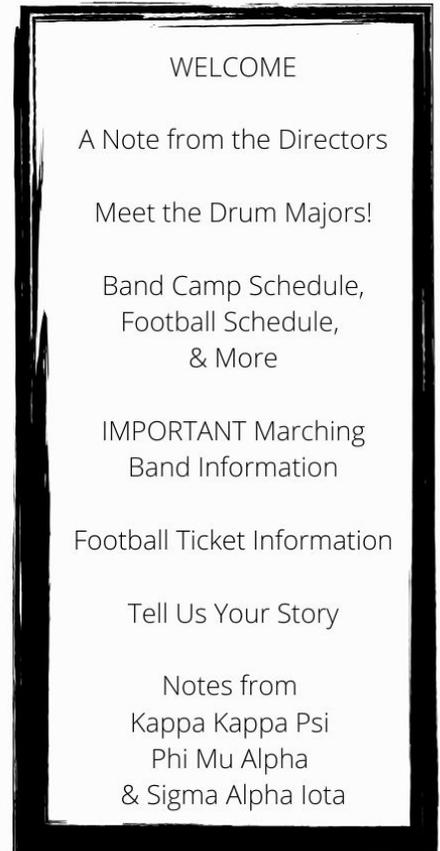
We have a very talented group of new students coming into our program and excellent musicianship and leadership from our returning members. We think this is going to be a great year for the Famous Maroon Band. In the days ahead, make time for rest and relaxation, play your horn a little bit, seek to 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



Meet Your Drum Majors!



ASHER ROE

Senior
Music Education
Pearl, Mississippi
Favorite Restaurant
in Starkville:
Slim Chicken's or
Buffalo Wild Wings
(Try the chicken!)

KELSEI ELMORE

1/2 of a Super Senior
Chemical Engineering
Demopolis, Alabama
Favorite Restaurant
in Starkville:
Umi's
(Try the Chicken Fried
Rice with Vegetables!)

MADELINE KELLY

Senior
Biomedical Engineering
Starkville, Mississippi
Favorite Restaurant
in Starkville:
T-Yummy
(Try the Chicken Pho!)

CHRISTOPHER JOLIVETTE

Junior
Psychology/ English
Birmingham, Alabama
Favorite Restaurant
in Starkville:
Taste
(Try the Sausage Rigatoni!)

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/fmb2024>.

DORM CHECK-IN

Drumline, guard captains, drum majors, and squad leaders living in dorm housing will check into their dorm prior to the scheduled report time for band camp. Drumline members who are dorm students will check-in on MONDAY, AUGUST 5. Other leadership living in the dorm will check-in on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7. More information will be provided as it becomes available.



BAND EVENTS

August 31
Marching Honor Band

September 14
Band Parent Day
& Alumni Band

Band Camp Schedule

Monday, August 5

All drumline students living on-campus will move in. Check-in will occur at Dogwood Hall between 2:00-4:30 pm.

Tuesday, August 6

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

Wednesday, August 7

Squad Leaders, Drum Majors, and Guard Captains living on campus will move in. Check-in will occur at Dogwood Hall between 2:00-4:30 pm. Report to the band hall for rehearsal at 6:00 pm.

Saturday, August 10 (TENTATIVE)

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

Sunday - Friday, August 11-16

BAND CAMP!

Monday - Tuesday, August 19-20

Marching Band rehearsal from 5:00-6:00 pm.

Wednesday, August 21

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

2024 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

Cowbell Yell	TBA
EASTERN KENTUCKY (Marching Honor Band) @ Arizona State (no travel)	8/31 9/7
TOLEDO (Parent Day/ Alumni Band)	9/14
FLORIDA @ Texas (no travel) @ Georgia (pep band*)	9/21 9/28 10/12
TEXAS A&M	10/19
ARKANSAS (Patriotic Show)	10/26
UMASS (Homecoming) @ Tennessee (pep band*)	11/2 11/9
MISSOURI @ Ole Miss (full band***)	11/23 11/30
SEC Championship	12/7
Possible Bowl Game	TBA

*Pep band assignments will be announced during band camp.

*** Thanksgiving weekend - This is a required full band performance currently scheduled for Saturday.

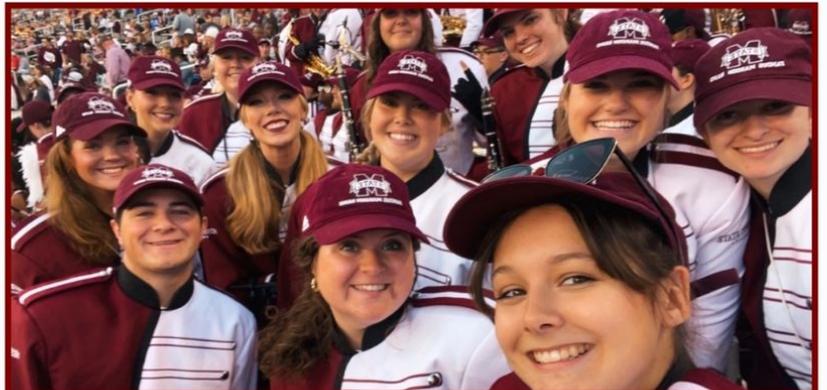
UNIFORM FITTINGS

There will be three uniform fitting dates at the band hall during the summer for wind or drumline band members. New members are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. Please contact Mr. Corhern in the band office at 662-325-2713 or at wc74@msstate.edu, and he will schedule a fitting time for you!

JUNE 7

JUNE 11

JUNE 25



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

The band 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

A few years ago, 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 "uniclip" that will hold your phone securely. If your personally-owned instrument normally uses a lyre, you will 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://southernperformances.com/collections/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 \$15 for maintenance.

Summer Uniform

All NEW members will be issued their summer uniform during band camp. **Returning members will be expected to use their uniform from last year (Maroon polo, white dri-fit shirt, black Adidas shorts, black compression shorts). Find these items now - don't wait until band camp!** All students must provide white (or mostly white) athletic shoes and ankle (short) white socks to wear with our summer performance uniform.

Drumline

All percussionists will report to the band hall on Tuesday, August 6 at 9:00 am. The percussion instructor, Dr. Baker, may be contacted at 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 & Twirlers

All guard members and twirlers should reserve 4:00-6:00 pm Monday through Friday for band rehearsal. Guard members should contact Dr. Salisbury at sparker@colled.msstate.edu if there are any questions.

*****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 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, Saturday, August 10**, at the band hall. MSU Housing will also have a staggered check-in for all new and returning band students living on campus 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.

Football Ticket Information

Mississippi State Athletics is offering season ticket packages for band parents, giving you the opportunity to cheer on the Bulldogs alongside your fellow band members and their families. This is a fantastic opportunity to be a part of the action and support your student and the Famous Maroon Band.

Season ticket packages give you access to all seven home games, including matchups against SEC foes Florida, Texas A&M, Arkansas, and Missouri. You'll also receive exclusive benefits like priority seating, access to purchasing away game tickets, and more.

Here are the details on the available season ticket packages:

- Upper-level season tickets: \$250 per seat
- Lower-level season tickets: \$420 per seat (requires additional Bulldog Club seating donation)

To purchase your season tickets or for more information on other ticket packages, please call the ticket office at 662-325-2600 (ext. 2) and speak with a live representative.

We look forward to seeing you out at Davis Wade Stadium!

Hail State!



Ashley Williams

Senior Account Executive | Ticket Sales

Mississippi State Athletics

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✉ awilliams@athletics.msstate.edu

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Tell Us Your Story!

Being a member of the Famous Maroon Band has been a dream come true. My mom was a member of the FMB when she was in college, so I grew up hearing stories about the incredible relationships that come from this organization. I didn't fully understand what she was talking about until I met some of my best friends and favorite people at MSU through the band. The friendships that have come out of this program are some that I know will endure for the rest of my life. My biggest piece of advice is to soak it all in. The number of rehearsals, game days, and post half-time hot dogs are limited, so enjoy every moment! Hail State always!

Kathryn McArthur, Clarinet
Music Education
Senior, Gautier, MS



The Famous Maroon Band embodies everything Mississippi State represents: family, community, opportunity, friendship, tradition, and so much more. Looking back at my favorite memories throughout my college experience, they all relate back to the FMB and the friends I have made. I am looking forward to this upcoming season and know it will be the best yet.

"Mississippi State we love you,
Fondest mem'ries cling to thee!"

Shelby Werneth, Piccolo
Music Performance
Senior, Ocean Springs, MS

The FMB is the highlight of everything I do in college! It has brought me so many memories and friendships that I will cherish and share for many years to come. There is nothing better than the Game Day atmosphere and hearing the cowbells as you march out onto Scott Field. I look forward to this coming season and can't wait to see what we all accomplish. HAIL STATE!

Ethan Seaney, Horn - Interdisciplinary Studies
Senior, Florence, MS



Being in the FMB has truly made my college experience better. I enjoy making music with this big group of people, and I am excited to be back on the field! For those of you joining, I'd recommend taking advantage of band camp, and really getting to know one another. Hail State!

Ashley Johnson, Baritone - Psychology
Junior, Brandon, MS

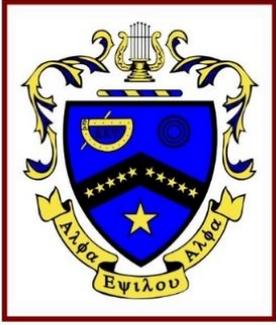
If I had to sum up my FMB journey, I would say, "Time flies by when you're having fun!" I can't believe I will be coming up on my fourth year in the Guard and first year as a squad leader! I still get chills when we practice stand tunes in Davis Wade each year at the end of band camp. I still remember my first time stepping out to perform on the field for Pregame - swinging the flag to the first note of the MSU Fanfare - it puts the biggest smile on my face every time. Seeing how confident the Guard looks and performs in our sequin uniform, alongside the band in their maroon and white, really speaks the "fame" in Famous Maroon Band, if I do say so myself. I will never forget my guard girlies, my piccolo besties, and of course, my biggest supporters! I'm so proud of all we have accomplished in my time being here. My best advice: soak up every moment, smile big, and DON'T LOOK AT THE JUMBOTRON!"

Jalayah Snaer, Color Guard - Graphic Design
Senior, D'Iberville, MS

Joining the Famous Maroon Band has been the best decision I have ever made. The organization has provided me numerous opportunities to support Mississippi State University with amazing individuals who have become a second family. From rain delays and overtime thrillers to long haul trips and early mornings in hotel lobbies, we've made memories to last a lifetime. I will forever cherish my time spent here, and I look forward to what the season brings this year! Hail State!

Chris Thornton, Bass Horn - International Business
Senior, Fairhope, AL





Kappa Kappa Psi is a co-ed service fraternity that serves collegiate bands across the United States, with membership stemming from said ensembles. As such, the Epsilon Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi serves the Famous Maroon Band here at Mississippi State University! We contribute to the band program in a variety of ways, from working registration tables and selling sports drinks in the fall, to setting up concert sets and organizing the band hall in the spring. In doing so, we not only give back to the Maroon Band, but foster a closer relationship with our Brothers and fellow musicians that make up the Maroon Band.

Whether you are a new or returning member, we would love for you to join us when we host our recruitment events in August. If you are a freshman or a transfer member, we would be happy to answer any questions you may have about marching band, classes, campus, or if you just want to make a friend before you even get to MSU! We are here to help with your transition to college, so please reach out to us if there is anything we can do for you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us via the information below.

We look forward to seeing everyone soon. In the meantime, have a great summer and Hail State!

Instagram - @kkpsi_epsilon1923 President: Chris Thornton (clt495@msstate.edu)

Vice President of Membership: Ethan Seaney (ews130@msstate.edu)

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 2024 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



MARCHING BAND

Course Code: MU 2511 01
Course Number: 33486



WIND ENSEMBLE (Fall Semester)

Course Code: MU 2571 01
Course Number: 33489



JAZZ ENSEMBLE (Fall Semester)

Course Code: MU 2911 01
Course Number: 33502

5:00 - 6:00 pm Monday through Thursday,
Fridays before home games,
and game day rehearsals for
Marching Honor Band, Parent Day,
and the Egg Bowl.

3:30 - 4:45 pm Tuesday and Thursday

Audition material for chair placement
will be available on the band website in
July: msuband.msstate.edu

1:00 - 1:50 pm Monday and Wednesday
****This is a change from last fall****

Audition material will be available
on the band website in July:
msuband.msstate.edu

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Campus Concert Dates

****Subject to change****

Thursday, October 3 - Wind Ensemble Concert
7:30 pm, Bettersworth Auditorium

Thursday, November 14 - Wind Ensemble Concert
7:30 pm, Bettersworth Auditorium

Friday, November 22 - Jazz Band Concert
7:30 pm, Music Lecture-Recital Hall

Friday, December 13 - Wind Ensemble Concert
TBA, State Band Clinic, Natchez

Thursday-Saturday, January 30 - February 1 - MSU Honor Band Clinic

Friday, January 31 - Wind Ensemble Concert
7:30 pm, Bettersworth Auditorium

Sunday, February 16 - Campus, Concert, Symphonic Bands Concert
2:00 pm, Bettersworth Auditorium

Thursday, April 10 - Wind Ensemble Concert
7:30 pm, Bettersworth Auditorium

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

Friday, April 25 - Jazz Band Concert
7:30 pm, Music Lecture-Recital Hall