Greetings from EKU!

I hope you are all having a fantastic summer! For returning members, I am excited to see you again and I look forward to another spectacular season. To our new members, WELCOME! The next four years could easily be the most memorable of your life, and I look forward to meeting you very soon.

I am pleased to introduce to you our new Associate Director of Bands, Dr. Andrew Putnam. Dr. Putnam has extensive experience, both with marching bands and concert ensembles, and I am certain you will enjoy working with him this fall. If you have opportunity, please take a moment to introduce yourself. I know Dr. Putnam would enjoy hearing from all of you.

At your earliest convenience, please complete the online Membership Information Form found at www.ekubands.com (this is extremely important to secure housing for you during summer band). Also, mark your calendars – the Marching Colonels Pre-season camp will begin on August 19th, and the complete Marching Colonels preseason schedule is provided in the following pages. If you have a scheduling conflict of any nature, please communicate with me ASAP at david.clemmer@eku.edu.

You will find additional information in this newsletter, including a listing of our student leadership for the season. If you have additional questions, please reach out to these individuals and they will be happy to help.

Again, welcome or welcome back! I look forward to seeing all of you very soon.

Sincerely,
David Clemmer, D.M.A.
Director of Bands

Greetings Marching Colonels,

I hope this note finds each of you well and enjoying your summer! I also write to you to introduce myself as the new associate director of bands, and professor of music education at EKU. For those returning this fall, you are likely aware that the creation of this position signifies your university’s growing commitment to your band. If you will be new to the Marching Colonels, I hope you are excited for all that the fall will have to offer. I certainly am. For everyone, it is a special time to be a Colonel!

Please know that I am humbled and honored to learn your traditions, and with Dr. Clemmer, have already been hard at work in planning to make your experience as rewarding as we can. While it will take me a bit of time to learn each of your names, I am privileged to serve you in this capacity. If I can be of any help between now and the start of band week, please feel free to drop me a note at Andrew.Putnam@eku.edu. I look forward meeting and working with each of you this fall!

Cordially,
Andrew J. Putnam, D.M.A.
Associate Director of Bands
Professor of Music Education
HOW DOES EARLY MOVE-IN WORK?

If you indicated “Yes, I will live in the dorms and will require Early Dorm Move-In on August 19th” on the website registration form (online at ekubands.com; July 25th deadline), your name was added to a list allowing you to move into campus housing from 9:00am-12:00noon on Wednesday, August 19th. On the 19th, report to the housing department in the Whitlock Building and the housing staff will help accommodate you. For check-in, you will need to bring a photo ID.

NOTE: Drumline and colorguard members will move in two days prior to the full band on August 17th.

WHERE DO I NEED TO BE AND WHEN DO I NEED TO BE THERE?

New Members should check in with housing on Wednesday, August 19th from 9:00am-12:00noon, then report to Foster Music Building room 300 at 1:00pm for band registration. Veteran members report to Foster Music Building room 300 at 9:00am to checkout your uniform, and then proceed to housing for check-in. The full schedule and a map follow in this newsletter.

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR FOR OUTDOOR REHEARSALS?

Plan to wear comfortable athletic clothing for outdoor summer weather (t-shirts and shorts that allow you to move easily), including comfortable athletic shoes. Do not wear flip-flops, sandals, or any type of open-toed, non-supported shoe.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO OUTDOOR REHEARSALS?

A water jug, sunscreen, your instrument, flip folder and neck lanyard. School-owned instruments (mellophone, baritone, sousaphone, tenor sax, percussion) will be issued at registration, as well as your flip folder and neck lanyard. We will provide flags for color guard members.

WHAT ABOUT DRUMLINE?

Instrument placement for the drumline will be determined by a short audition held during the drumline pre-camp. Drumline audition music is posted on the band website at www.ekubands.com. Please contact our percussion professor Dr. Jason Koontz (jason.koontz@eku.edu) for more information.

WHAT ABOUT COLORGUARD?

Colorguard auditions were held in May for the fall semester. If you missed them, no worries. Please contact our colorguard instructor Kathlyn Cummings (kathlyn_cummings9@mymail.eku.edu) and she can arrange to meet with you during the summer.

WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT DURING THE FALL SEMESTER?

Regular rehearsals are held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 3:45pm-5:45pm, with Color Guard and Percussion sectionals each Tuesday evening from 6:00pm – 8:30pm. Other than a short rehearsal before games, there are no additional rehearsals. You may be asked to perform for other pep events throughout the semester, but with sufficient notice. If you have a scheduling conflict of any nature, please communicate with Dr. Clemmer as soon as possible at david.clemmer@eku.edu.
HOW WILL TIME SPENT IN MARCHING BAND AFFECT MY ACADEMIC WORK?

Marching Band rehearsals are planned at a time of day that will not usually conflict with heavy class schedules and prime study time. Moreover, the high grade that is normally assigned to band participants is a significant positive since it is computed in your grade point average. Academic scheduling conflicts may occasionally occur, but most can be worked out. Please email Dr. Clemmer if you have a potential class conflict.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

For new members, the total cost is $100. This amount includes your uniform and cleaning, shoes, gloves, and housing for summer band.

ARE THERE ANY CLOTHING ITEMS I MUST PROVIDE AS A MEMBER OF THE MARCHING COLONELS?

Woodwinds, Brass, and Percussion, must only provide crew-length black dress socks. An official Marching Colonels t-shirt and baseball cap will be provided to all band members free of charge.

ARE INSTRUMENTS AND COLOR GUARD EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR BAND AND GUARD MEMBERS?

University-owned instruments will be provided to Mellophones, Euphoniums, Sousaphones, and Percussion. All flag equipment for Color Guard members is provided.

CAN I PARTICIPATE IN MARCHING BAND AS WELL AS A CONCERT BAND?

Yes, absolutely! Many students do participate in both marching band and the Symphonic Wind Ensemble. Audition information is available on the bands website at www.ekubands.com. Rehearsal schedules do not conflict.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE IN THE VOLLEYBALL AND BASKETBALL PEP BANDS?

Auditions for the pep bands will be held during the first week of classes. Information will be available during pre-season rehearsals.

MORE QUESTIONS?

If you have questions not answered here, please contact your section leader for more information. They are here to help you be successful in every aspect of your college career. Their email addresses are listed on the last page of this newsletter.
PRE SEASON SCHEDULE
(subject to change)

WEDNESDAY 8/19

FULL BAND REGISTRATION AND EARLY RESIDENCE HALLS CHECK-IN

9:00 am – 11:00 am
RETURNING MEMBERS
Registration – Foster 300
Uniform/Instrument check-out

9:00 am – 12:00 pm
ALL MEMBERS
Residence Hall check-in – Whitlock Building

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
NEW MEMBERS
Registration – Foster 300
Instrument check-out
Uniform check-out/shoe sizing

5:30 pm – 6:00 pm
New Member Meeting – Foster 300

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Full Band Meeting – Foster 300
(All members)

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
First Rehearsal! GO COLONELS!!
Hornline - Foster 300
Drumline – Foster 100
Guard - Ravine

9:15 pm
Evening Activity

THURSDAY 8/20 – SATURDAY 8/22

8:30 am – 11:30 am
Full Band Rehearsal – Marching Colonels Practice field

11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Lunch (on your own)

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Sectionals – Foster Music Building
Room Locations – TBA

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm
Hornline Music Rehearsal – Foster 300
Drumline – Foster 100
Guard – TBA

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Full Ensemble – Foster 300
Guard – Ravine

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Dinner (provided Thursday and Friday)

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Full Band Rehearsal – Marching Colonels Practice Field

9:30 pm – 12:00 am
Evening Activity – TBA

SUNDAY 8/23

9:00 am – 11:30 am
Full Band Rehearsal – EKU Stadium

11:30 am – 8:30 pm
Symphonic Wind Ensemble Auditions
Visit www.ekubands.com for more information

MONDAY 8/24

3:45 pm – 5:45 pm
Regular MWF rehearsals begin

SATURDAY 8/29

9:00 am – Noon
Full Band Rehearsal – Marching Colonels Practice Field
Marching Colonels Leadership

DRUM MAJORS

Patrick Belding  
opatrick_belding@mymail.eku.edu
Isamu (Mu) Haynes-Sunayama  
isamu_haynessunay@mymail.eku.edu
Anna Adkins  
ananna_adkins48@mymail.eku.edu

SECTION LEADERS

Flute
Katherine Anneken  
katherine_anneken@mymail.eku.edu
Aubrey Johnson  
aubrey_johnson259@mymail.eku.edu

Clarinet
Casey Hinton  
casey_hinton5@mymail.eku.edu

Saxophone
Drew Pullins  
andrew_pullins1@mymail.eku.edu

Trumpet
Jeffrey Doll  
jeffrey_doll@mymail.eku.edu
Kyle Fox  
kyle_fox19@mymail.eku.edu

Horn
Mary Haddix  
mary_haddix4@mymail.eku.edu

Trombone/Baritone
Luke Graves  
luke_graves11@mymail.eku.edu

Tuba
Thomas McMurray  
thomas_mcmurray1@mymail.eku.edu

Percussion
Brock Leonhart  
michael_leonhart6@mymail.eku.edu
Aaron Smith  
aaron_smith389@mymail.eku.edu

Color Guard
Sarah Dobbs  
sarah_dobbs5@mymail.eku.edu
Attention: Parking lot designations may have changed since the printing of this map. You are responsible for checking the signs at lot entrances when parking.