



MOUNTAINEERTM
MARCHING BAND

"The Pride of West Virginia"

KEYNOTES

CONCERT



Dr. Cheldon R. Williams

Director of the Mountaineer Marching Band
Associate Director of Bands

Dr. Scott C. Tobias

Director of Bands

Monday, December 5, 2022 • 7:30 PM
WVU Coliseum

2022 BAND PERSONNEL

Drum Majors

Evan Ballard ~
Cat Gatian ~
Emma LaBombard
Isaac Nazelrodt

Piccolos

Erin Cohan ~
Emily Dodds * ~
Kaitlyn Dotson
Victoria Eyer
Shaylee Groves
Alexis Heflin
Sarah Hofecker
Lauren Keefe
Laura Keene
Isabella Klee
Katie Loayza
Emily Loh
Jack Nichols
Hannah Nieman
Kira Noyes
Jacey Prowse
Maria Rankin
Elizabeth Smith *
George Struthers
Emily Sweitzer ^ ~
Audrey Willard
Hope Wright

Clarinets

Natalie Alfera
Ainsley Barrick
Tori Chandler
Kaylee Coleman
Abby Conrad ~
Hope Cooper * ~
Christina Denison
Laurn Gunter
Kristen Kupecz
Elizabeth Letrent
Celeste Mancuso
Isaac Nay
Claire Roth ^ ~
Tiara Simon
Lauren Sperry *
Kara Stover
Morgan Stratton
Lynne Thomas~
Olivia Vrabel

Paige Watson
Cobi Weber
Katie Wessman
Kassidy Wilfong
Kate Witherell ~

Alto Saxophones

Seth Bryant
Gabe Cardella
Jordan Ceglar ~
McKenzie Cross ~
Jakob Fedele
Ian Gillespie
Anna Goldizen
Cheyenne Henline
Gavin Lewis
Alexis Mason
Charlie McBride
Chase Mikles
Zach Nichols ~
Lily Oles ~
Robin Poet
Caleb Roark
Zevn Robinson *
Tabitha Sponaugle ~
Zane Tanner
Megan Tenney
Greg Thorfinnson
Austin Wagner
Natalie Watson ^ ~
Sabrina Watson
Elizabeth Willenborg

Tenor Saxophones

Nick Barry
Diamond Beardsley
Brielle Bolyard
Dillon Clark
Jeremie Clarke
Chloe den Uijl ~
Austin DeVaughn ~
Andrew Dougherty
Vincent Fluharty
Kalyn Harmon
Aidan Kern
Maddy Klein
Matthew Mangoni ~
Kiley Ott
Sam Porter ~
Maggie Price

Seth Rounds
Sophia Russell
Isaac Schumacher
Jamie Shaffer ~
Sydney Smith ~
Drew Swauger
Jack Van Dusen
Ryan Walker

Mellophones

Liliana Barbosa
Emily Conn ^ ~
Cooper Coursey
Kaitlyn Graham
Adam Hatcher
Rae Knopp ~
Emily Lark
Devin McQuain
Madison Moonen * ~
Kat Mullen
Annabelle Smith
Thomas Yanchak
Zoe Zenker
Jacob Zimmerman

Trumpets

Katie Airey
Maddie Alix
Trenton Ashley ~
Ben Bartlett
Matthew Bloomer ~
Lara Bonatesta ~
Collin Briggs
Simon Cheuvront ^ ~
David Clark
Benjamin Cochran
Brian Collins
Cadey Cousins
Brian Cox
Michael Davis ~
Leah DeGarmo
Tyler Evans *
Tyler Fetty
Tyler Haddon
Gracie Hall
Owen Hamilton
Seth Harris
Josef Hershman *
Max Ionno * ~
Ben Laderer

Logan Lyons
Cooper Martin
Joshua May
Dylan Mecke ~
Gordon Merriman
Heather Miller
Arden Minor ~
Dominic Neureiter
Tyler Nick
Emily Parent ~
Bethany Piercy
Molly Pino
Aaron Potter ~
Allen Potter ~
Shauna Riggs
Taylor Robinson
Max Sperry
Andrew Thomas
Alexis Turner
Zach Turner
Bradley Walker
Ainsley Walker
Matt Waszkiewicz * ~
Dawn West
Brandon Williams
Brodi Wilson
Sarah Wright

Trombones

Tristan Bly
James Campbell
Hannah Crump
Tyler Gabriel
Ethan Grose
Drew Herter *
Matt Howe
Sarah Hughes
Andrew Jackson
Andrew Kiehl
Steven Kootsouradis
Amber Light
Matthew Lombardoni
Gabe Maerten
Ian McIntyre
Evan Miller
Shelby Roesler
LiLi Russell
Taylor Schwartz ~
Jake Seybold ~

2022 BAND PERSONNEL - CONTINUED

Ross Shaner
James Sullenberger ~
Jacob Thomas
Nathan Tolliver
Nathan Wilson ^ ~
Badyn Woodford
Cole Wright

Baritones

Thomas Baehm
Adam Elder
Rachel Guzzo
Brynn Karstens * ~
Iven Lonergan ~
Alex Maryanski
Max Mollish
Isaac Neff ^
William Squires
Haleigh Straight ~
Jacob Tucker
Zachary Tunick

Sousaphones

Derek Alemany ^ ~
Zach Bradford
Will Burton
Kent Butler ~
Jordan Chappel
Andrew Childs
Abby Davis
Ben Eft
Tim Friedhaber ~
Abby Hayes
Clara Johnson ~
Christopher Kenney
Corryn Lahr
Ryan McWilliams
J.D. Nickey
Andy Phifer
Nathan Ranno
Ethan Thomas
Evan Turner
Madison Yost *
Dalton Zupper

Drumline

Madi Blake
Sasha Bondarchuk
Shane Bowman
Sophia Brown

Damian Carlier
Ethan Clark
Nicholas Clarke
Alexa Davis
Craig Dombrowski
Grant Fisher
Ethan Ford
Elijah Hall
Josiah Higgins
Ethan Host ^
Shawn Jones
Grady King
Christopher Little
Sarah Lojewski
Hannah Lynch
Hunter McBride
Brody Minnick
Keegan Mowery
Samantha Pizzino ~
Robert Shamblen ~
Ty Slaughenhoup
Cole Spear
Anthony Stevens
Austin Tolley ~
Samantha Wallace ~
Jaylan Weese
Katelyn Westfall
Chase Wilcox

Colorguard

Krysteena Backer
Abbey Barker ~
Rachel Bielski ~
Gwen Bienek-Cate *
Jacqueline Bonar ^
Tori Caswell
Kiley Christopher
Addie Clark
Olivia Cummins
Brynn Davis
Madison DeVault
Taylie Dulin
Madison Ely
Ema Fay
Caileigh Halbrook *
Sadie Harvey ~
Sarah Heckman
Lindsey Herter ^ ~
Sara Jones
Abby Judy

Rosemarie Mirabella ~
Corissa Nazarewycz
Nancy Nguyen * ~
Liv Obel
Recie Perry ~
Ally Piercy
Cassie Pugh
Reena Richter
Alyson Robinett
Rachel Seese
Jade Thompson
Kaylee Yanity

Feature Twirlers

Emily Cooper ~
Kristen Cox
Alexis Kiesling
Kaitlyn McGregor

* Section Leader

^ Head Section Leader

~ Senior

OUR HISTORY

The WVU Marching Band formed 121 years ago in 1901 as an all-male ROTC band of eight members, with Walter Mestrezat serving as the band's first director. Since every male attending the University then was required to take Military Science (ROTC), the Military Band provided the appropriate music for the military revues and parades. They also marched at football halftimes, major community celebrations, parades, and for important campus events, always in strict military style.

In 1925, a group of eleven non-ROTC males were allowed to join the band but were not permitted the same monetary benefits as those enrolled military band members. Feeling that this was an unfair practice, the eleven decided to form a separate marching band. This "rebel" band of musicians wanted to also perform at halftime and received permission from Director Mestrezat and the athletic director. However, when WVU President Frank Trotter heard about the possibility of two bands, he moved quickly to rectify this situation. The "rebel" group had first to become a legitimate student organization to be officially recognized. This group promptly pledged a Greek fraternity and formed what is now WVU's Omicron chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi. It wasn't until years later that the two bands merged into one functioning university marching band.

During its 119-year history, fourteen different individuals have served as director of the WVU Marching Band:

Director	Years as Marching Band Director	Total Years Served	Years at WVU
Walter Mestrezat	1901-1937	37	1901-1938
Bernard McGregor	1938-1941 / 1943-1950	12	1936-1976
Clifford Brown	1942	1	1942-1974
Lawrence Intravaia	1951-1959 / 1961	10	1951-1962
Richard Strange	1960	1	1960-1961
Frank Borkowski	1962	1	1962-1968
Budd Udell	1963-1969	7	1963-1970
Gerald Zimmerman	1970	1	1970-1971
Don Wilcox	1971-1997	27	1971-2005
John Hendricks	1998-2004	7	1993-present
Jay Drury	2005-2016	12	2002-2017
Scott Tobias	2017	1	2016-present
Stephen Lytle	2018-2019	2	2018-2020
Cheldon Williams	2020-Present	2	2020-Present

OUR HISTORY - CONTINUED

The Mountaineer Marching Band became known as “The Pride of West Virginia” following the 1975 Peach Bowl, during which the game announcer used the moniker to describe the band. It was one of many bowl game appearances for the band during its storied history, including others such as the Hall of Fame Bowl, the Bluebonnet Bowl, the Sun Bowl, the Fiesta Bowl, the Sugar Bowl, the Carquest Bowl, the Gator Bowl, the Music City Bowl, the Continental Tire Bowl, the Champs Sports Bowl, the Liberty Bowl, the Cactus Bowl, the Pinstripe Bowl, the Russell Athletic Bowl, and the Orange Bowl.

Arguably the most important event in the first century of the WVU Marching Band’s history occurred in 1997 when the John Philip Sousa Foundation selected the band as the recipient of the Sudler Trophy. This prestigious award honored the WVU Marching Band as the nation’s outstanding collegiate marching band for that year. The Sudler Trophy recognized the long-standing tradition of dedication, commitment, and pride by the band’s present and past members, staff, and directors. The members were awarded by the John Philip Sousa Foundation officers at the 1997 Homecoming game, with over 500 members of the Alumni Band joining the 330-member WVU Marching Band for the special presentation. Today, the WVU Bands proudly displays the Sudler Trophy in the Creative Arts Center.

Highlighting the start of the WVU Marching Band’s second century of existence was the band’s appearance in the 2016 Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade. Chosen to lead the parade, “The Pride of West Virginia” marched through the streets of New York City, performing the WVU fight song, “Hail West Virginia!” along with one of the band’s signature tunes, “Country Roads.”

Throughout its 121-year history, the Mountaineer Marching Band has grown into an active, high-spirited organization with ties to its great traditions. To the citizens of the state of West Virginia (and beyond), the “Pride” exemplifies WVU. The esprit de corps of the group, its tradition of excellence in performance, and the enthusiastic audience response to the sights and sounds of the band have brought significant recognition to the university throughout the country. As the band enters its 121st season, its members take great pride in maintaining this rich legacy and building on it as they strive to reach new heights.

BAND FACULTY AND STAFF



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Graduate Assistant

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Graduate Assistant

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SPECIAL THANKS

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UPCOMING WVU BANDS EVENTS

Wind Symphony Concert..... December 6, 7:30 pm

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