



## TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE BANDS

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Greetings from the band office,

2016-2017 marked another exciting year for the University Bands! The marching band performed for the Texas UIL 6A State Marching Contest to over 30,000 enthusiastic band fans! The band's high intensity show "Stone Cold" received wonderful ovations for its performances at games and in exhibition. The concert and jazz ensembles presented over ten concerts during the year of both new and cornerstone repertoire. The Wind Ensemble presented the world premiere of GRAMMY award winning composer Michael Daugherty's new work *Of War and Peace!*

As we prepare for 2017-1018, there are many exciting events on the horizon! The "Pride" Marching Band will take the field in 2017 in new uniforms! In addition to our normal schedule of home games, this year's calendar will also include exhibition performances at the Northeast Texas Marching Classic, the Golden Triangle Classic at C.H. Collins Stadium in Denton, UIL Area B Prelims, and UIL Area C Finals. With back-to-back-to-back Lone Star Conference Championships, 2017 promises to be another fun and exciting fall for Lion Football! The "Pride" will perform its latest production titled "*Full Metal Cowboy*" (See the detailed show description near the end of the packet).

The Wind Ensemble has been selected as one of the featured university bands to perform at the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) conference in February. This will be a wonderful opportunity to showcase the musicianship within our program. Please see the enclosed information regarding concert and jazz ensemble auditions on August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, and rehearsal times for all the ensembles.

It is critical that you take the time to carefully read all of the enclosed materials, as the information is extremely important. If you are a returning student, be sure to check the Charms Office System, which will allow you to update your contact information, view issued instrument and uniform information, MP3s and other important documents. Everyone needs to be sure to regularly check your e-mail for updates. Should you need additional information or have any questions, please contact us using information below. We eagerly await the opportunity to further the wonderful tradition of performance excellence everyone worked so diligently to uphold this year.

We hope you enjoy your summer and we look forward to a great year!

Go Lions,

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# **IMPORTANT NOTE FOR ALL MARCHING BAND MEMBERS WHO WILL BE IN THE RESIDENCE HALLS THIS FALL!**

In order for you to move into the residence halls during your assigned marching band camp move-in time, we must provide the housing office with a list. This includes new and returning members. Please follow the steps below by **Monday, July 17th**:

Go to the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/Kfev5daZY8XXVLba2>

## **Have the following information ready:**

- CWID (Campus Wide ID Number)
- Residence Hall Assignment
- Room Number for FALL
- Best Contact Phone and Email
- Marching Band Instrument
- Major

\*You must do this in order to be able to move in during band camp!\*  
Please see detailed move-in information on page 4.

Please note: **RETURNING MEMBERS, please also update all of your personal information in Charms by logging onto:**

**[www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com)**

For instructions on using the Charms system, log onto:  
[www.tamuc.edu/music](http://www.tamuc.edu/music)

- 1) Click “Current Student Resources”
- 2) Click “Charms”
- 3) Click “Charms Instructions”

*Please contact Mr. Goodwin with any questions at: [allan.goodwin@tamuc.edu](mailto:allan.goodwin@tamuc.edu)*

# 2017 “Pride” Marching Band Information Sheet

## Downloading Music

All woodwind and brass students will be able to download the 2017 stand and spirit music packet for their instrument **after Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**. A subsequent e-mail will be sent out with download instructions. It is important, especially for **new members**, to begin learning all of the traditional field and stand music so that pre-season camp can be devoted primarily to the learning of show music. Returning members should also download this packet, as there are several new pieces for this fall. Show music will be sent out in a subsequent email.

## Fall Rehearsal Schedule

Marching Band meets on Monday nights from 7:00–9:00 PM, Tuesdays from 12:30–2:45 PM, and Thursdays from 12:30-2:45 PM. Drumline and Colorguard will have an additional weekly rehearsal. (Mon 6-7 p.m.)

## Marching Band Student Leadership

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- 1. Registration and Rehearsal Times:** Please note that all students must be enrolled in the correct ensemble in order to participate. Also be aware that the online university course schedule may show different rehearsal times (The times below are correct).

If you are participating in the Marching Band and Wind Ensemble/Symphonic Band/Concert Band, please make sure that you register for **BOTH** classes. If you are in the drumline or colorguard enroll for the designated course only - do not enroll for the marching band course. The marching band course is designated for brass and woodwind players only. The course numbers for these ensembles are as follows:

<b>Marching Band</b>	MUS 100M-004	M 7-9 PM,	T-TH 12:30-2:45 PM
<b>Drumline/Front Ens</b>	MUS 100D-013	M 6-9 PM,	T-TH 12:30-2:45 PM
<b>Color Guard</b>	MUS 100G-003	M 6-9 PM,	T-TH 12:30-2:45 PM
<b>Wind Ensemble</b>	MUS 300W-005	M-W-F	12:15-1:50 PM
<b>Symphonic Band</b>	MUS 100B-011	M-W and F	2:00-2:50 PM 2:00-3:50 PM
<b>Concert Band</b> (Symphonic Band II)	MUS 100B-012	M-W-F	3:00-3:50 PM

**Note:** Additional Marching Band walkthrough rehearsals will be scheduled on game and/or exhibition days in preparation for the event. Do not plan activities on performance days until you are given the final schedule for the day.

When registering for classes, we ask that new students enroll in Symphonic Band (MUS 100B-011). After the auditions are completed, your schedule will be automatically changed to reflect your ensemble placement, if necessary.

- 2. Performances/Rehearsals:** All students accepted into The “Pride” Marching Band are expected to participate in all pre-season rehearsals as well as all regular rehearsals and performances. Please see the enclosed Fall Preliminary Performance Calendar. Please note that additional performances may be scheduled and posted times are subject to change.
- 3. Housing for Pre-Season Camp:** If you will be living in a University residence hall during the Fall semester, arrangements will be made for you to move into your room early. All Percussion, Colorguard and Student Leadership members will be allowed to move in on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00-10:00 AM. All other members of the Marching Band will move in on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00-2:00 PM. Please arrive by 12:00 PM. Because residence hall registration must be planned months in advance, all students ***MUST*** move in during the days and times specified above. Make sure to have your student ID with you and report to the front desk of the residence hall you are assigned to for the fall Semester. Your student ID will serve as a key to the building for the check-in process. **In addition, you must fill out the early move-in information page by following the link on page 2 by Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> to be put on the early move in list. If you do not know your housing assignment, please contact Residence Life @ 903-886-5797 or [ResidenceLife@tamuc.edu](mailto:ResidenceLife@tamuc.edu).**

#### 4. Marching Band Auditions:

**Colorguard:** All students wishing to audition for The “Pride” Marching Band colorguard should plan on attending rehearsals from Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Auditions to determine final membership in the colorguard will be held on Saturday, the 19<sup>th</sup>. Typically, any student with a solid background in either colorguard or dance is able to become a member of the colorguard. Any student who does not make the colorguard will have the option to be an alternate (which may be added or rotated into the show), or perform in the marching band as a wind or percussion player if applicable.

Members of the colorguard will also be responsible for paying uniform and equipment related fees on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the colorguard fee is \$150.00 for the season.

Colorguard members may be asked to purchase black jazz pants and black dance sneakers. Information on preferred manufacturers and style numbers will be circulated through student leaders during the summer and during camp. The University will provide a game-day and a show costume to be worn during the season.

**Percussion:** All students wishing to audition for The “Pride” Marching Band Percussion Section should plan on attending a one-day audition camp on July 1<sup>st</sup> (9AM-5PM), in addition to rehearsals from Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Students may select the instrument(s) on which they wish to audition but may be asked to move to a different instrument based on the audition results. Every member of the section is a valuable contributor regardless of instrument assignment. Information on the July 1<sup>st</sup> Camp will be sent via email soon.

**Brass/WWs:** If you are **not a music major** and have yet to audition for the Department of Music or for membership in The “Pride” Marching Band, please contact Mr. Goodwin to schedule an informal audition during the summer at [allan.goodwin@tamuc.edu](mailto:allan.goodwin@tamuc.edu). Typically, students with a solid musical background are able to become part of the marching band. Staff members will hear selected major scales and stand music excerpts for trumpets, mellophones, trombones and baritones during the first rehearsal day in order to assign specific parts. Strong players will be assigned to all parts in order to balance the ensemble.

5. **Fees/Costs:** Please see the summary of costs on the next page and below for details.

**Band Fee:** All members of The “Pride”, with the exception of the colorguard, must pay a band fee that includes uniform cleanings, dry-fit t-shirt (to be worn under the uniform), gloves (WWs and Brass), wristbands (Percussion), dry-fit polo shirt (to be worn for travel and certain informal performances), and the cost of the end-of-season banquet. **The Band Fee is \$85.00.**

**Guard Fees:** All Colorguard members will pay the equipment/uniform fee that covers the following items: use of university equipment, uniforms and cleanings, and the cost of the end-of-season banquet. The Colorguard fee is \$150.00. Black dance sneakers and black jazz pants may need be purchased separately by the student. This fee replaces the \$85.00 fee paid by winds and percussionists.

**Shoes:** **Please note that The “Pride” Marching Band (winds and percussion) wears BLACK marching shoes.** If you have black marching shoes (i.e. Dinkles, Drillmasters, MTX, etc.) that are in good condition you may not need to purchase new ones. If you wish to use your own marching shoes, bring them with you to camp registration for approval (**your shoes must be approved by a staff member**). All other students must purchase new marching shoes. The staff recommends the “Viper” split-soled marching shoe. The projected cost of shoes is \$37.00 per pair. **The cost of shoes is not included in the band fee.** Black tennis shoes or dress shoes are NOT acceptable.

**Hats/Beanies:** Wind and percussion students are encouraged to purchase an official hat and/or beanie (for cold weather) to wear during the games, to combat sun and temperature extremes. The official “Pride” hat/beanie are the only hats allowed in the stands or at any marching band function or performance. The projected cost is \$15.00 per hat or beanie.

**Instruments:** If you require a wind instrument for marching season (sousaphone, baritone, mellophone, alto saxophone,) you may check out an instrument on the first day of Pride Week (Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>) during registration or during one of the summer times below (excluding sousaphones). The cost of the instrument rental is \$40.00 per semester, per instrument. A limited number of additional instruments (i.e. trombones, plastic clarinets, etc.) may be available as needed. These additional instruments may be checked out on the 19<sup>th</sup> and are subject to the same \$40.00 fee. All marching band percussionists will be expected to pay the \$40.00 fee on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. If you require a concert ensemble instrument (oboe, bassoon, French horn, euphonium, tuba, etc.) or if you have not yet checked out a marching instrument (mellophones, baritones, and alto

saxophones), you may check one out at the following times: **Friday, June 9th (12:00 PM-5:00 PM), Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> (12:00-5:00 PM)**. Instrument check out will be in the PIE Lounge (east side of the music building). If you cannot attend one of the times listed above, please contact Tiffany Smith ([tsmith119@leomail.tamuc.edu](mailto:tsmith119@leomail.tamuc.edu)), Graduate Teaching Assistant, directly to schedule a date/time to check out an instrument during the summer. (Note: Sousaphones will be checked out during the pre-season camp only)

6. **Meals:** For those on a University meal plan, the cafeteria (located in the Student Center) will be honoring meal plans beginning on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> with lunch service. Students will be responsible for the cost of meals until the meal plan is activated. There are several restaurants within easy walking distance of the university for those without transportation.
7. **Rehearsal Gear:** Flat, rubber-soled, low-top, laced athletic shoes that cover the entire foot are required for all marching band rehearsals (no skateboard shoes, high-tops, 3/4-tops or sandals please). Water will be provided at all outside rehearsals, however you are strongly encouraged to bring your own water jug. A hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, and insect repellent are also strongly suggested. Bring your instruments to all rehearsals, except where noted.

**Please make sure you have a pair of modest khaki shorts to wear during the University Pride Walk Performance on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. NO OTHER COLOR IS ACCEPTABLE.**

## Summary of Expenses

A great many of the expenses associated with band are covered by funds from the University including costs of transportation, housing (hotels), meals, and equipment. There are certain items for which each student is responsible. The following information is provided as a summary of those expenses.

**Student leaders, percussion and colorguard will pay fees on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. All other Band Members' fees are payable the first day of Pride Week on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Fees may be paid by cash, check or credit/debit card. Checks should be made payable to TAMU-C.**

- **Brass, Woodwind and Percussion Members:**

**Required:**

1) **Band Fee** (See above for details) **\$85.00**

**If Needed:**

2) **Shoes** **\$37.00**

3) **Instrument Rental and Checkout** **\$40.00** (per instrument/per semester)

The instrument-usage fee must be paid (and receipt provided) prior to any instrument being issued. The fee is \$40.00 per instrument, per semester.

**Note:** All percussionists must pay the instrument use fee as well.

4) **Official "Pride" Hat or Beanie** **\$15.00**

- **Colorguard Members:**

**Required:**

1) **Colorguard Fee** (See above for details) **\$150.00**

**If Needed:**

2) **Pride Hat or Beanie** **\$15.00**

## 2017 CONCERT ENSEMBLE AUDITION INFORMATION

(WIND ENSEMBLE, SYMPHONIC BAND, CONCERT BAND)

Our concert ensembles, the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and Concert Band, will meet on the following schedule in the fall semester:

<b>Wind Ensemble</b>	MUS 300W-005	M-W-F 12:15-1:50 PM
<b>Symphonic Band</b>	MUS 100B-011	M-W 2:00-2:50 PM & F 2:00-3:50 PM
<b>Concert Band</b> (Symphonic Band II)	MUS 100B-012	M-W-F 3:00-3:50 PM

**Auditions for the Fall semester will be held on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.** Specific times will be available closer to the audition date. When registering for classes, we ask that new students enroll in Symphonic Band (MUS 100B-011). After the auditions are completed, your schedule will be automatically changed to reflect your ensemble placement, if necessary. Please note: Since the Wind Ensemble will be performing at TMEA this year, the Wind Ensemble personnel will be set for the entire year at the fall audition.

### **Audition Material**

#### **Woodwind and Brass**

1. Scales
  - The panel will choose up to three full-range scales
  - Scales should be performed in sixteenth notes at **Quarter Note = 92-104**
  - Full-range chromatic scale may also be requested
2. Prepared Excerpts
  - Audition excerpts will be available for **download on July 3<sup>rd</sup>** from the music dept. website
  - You will be sent an e-mail with the information for your instrument and download instructions
3. Sight-reading
  - There will be a short sight-reading excerpt.

#### **Percussion**

1. Performance excerpt(s) on Snare Drum
  - Audition excerpts will be available for **download on July 3<sup>rd</sup>** from the music dept. website
  - You will be sent an e-mail with the information for your instrument and download instructions
2. Sight-reading
  - There will be a short sight-reading excerpt on marimba and timpani

## 2017 JAZZ ENSEMBLE AUDITION INFORMATION

Our Jazz ensembles, will meet on the following schedule in the Fall semester:

<b>“Mane” Attraction</b>	<b>Jazz Ensemble I</b>	MUS 300-002	M-W-F	11:00 – 11:50 AM
<b>“Blue Cat” Big Band</b>	<b>Jazz Ensemble II</b>	MUS 100J-003	T-TH	11:00 – 11:50 AM

**Auditions will be held on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.** Audition excerpts will be available for **download on July 3<sup>rd</sup>** from the music department website. You will be sent an e-mail with the information for your instrument and download instructions. Please contact Dr. Chris Beaty at [chris.beaty@tamuc.edu](mailto:chris.beaty@tamuc.edu), or Dr. Daniel Kelly at [daniel.kelly@tamuc.edu](mailto:daniel.kelly@tamuc.edu), with any additional questions regarding jazz auditions.

## DRUMLINE AUDITIONS

Auditions for the “Pride” Marching Band Drumline will take place on **Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM** in the Music Building. Information will be emailed to percussionists regarding downloading warm-up exercises, stand tunes, and show music. Please contact Dr. Brian Zator at [brian.zator@tamuc.edu](mailto:brian.zator@tamuc.edu) for additional information.

## MINI CAMP SCHEDULE

(Student Leaders, Percussion and Colorguard)

**Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>** (Student Leaders, Percussion and Colorguard ONLY)

### ***Student Leader and Percussion Schedule (including graduate staff)***

9:00 – 10:00 AM	Check into residence halls (only those living on campus during the Fall semester)
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Registration/Fee payment (Band Hall)
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Information meeting (Concert Hall)
2:00 – 6:00 PM	Training session/Rehearsal

### ***Colorguard Schedule***

9:00 – 10:00 AM	Move into residence halls (only those living on campus during the Fall semester)
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Registration/Fee payment (Band Hall)
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Information meeting (Concert Hall)
2:00 – 6:00 PM	Uniform fittings and equipment preparation

**Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>** (Student Leaders, Percussion and Colorguard ONLY)

### ***Student Leader Schedule***

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Training session
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 – 4:00 PM	Training session

### ***Percussion Schedule***

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Rehearsal
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 – 5:00 PM	Rehearsal
5:00 – 6:30 PM	Dinner
6:30 – 8:30 PM	Rehearsal

### ***Colorguard Schedule***

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Off
1:00 – 4:00 PM	Leaders Only
4:00 – 6:00 PM	Rehearsal
6:00 – 9:00 PM	Dinner
9:00 – 11:00 PM	Rehearsal



# PRIDE WEEK SCHEDULE

(PRE-SEASON MARCHING BAND CAMP)

## Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> (FULL BAND!)

9:00 – 12:00 PM Student Leaders, KKY/TBS Meeting and Preparation

### *Woodwind & Brass Schedule*

12:00 – 2:00 PM Move into residence halls (only those living on campus during the Fall semester)  
2:30 – 4:00 PM Registration/Fee payment and Instrument Checkout (Band Hall – Music Building)  
4:00 – 5:15 PM Full band meeting (Concert Hall – Music Building)  
5:15 – 6:30 PM Dinner (cookout provided by KKY and TBΣ)  
6:30 – 9:30 PM Music rehearsal (**Bring instruments to rehearsal**)  
9:30 – 10:00 PM Meeting for all returning members of the “Pride”

### *Percussion Schedule*

1:00 – 5:00 PM Rehearsal  
5:00 – 5:15 PM Join full band meeting (Concert Hall – Music Building)  
5:15 – 6:30 PM Dinner (cookout provided by KKY and TBΣ)  
6:30 – 9:30 PM Music rehearsal  
9:30 – 10:00 PM Meeting for all returning members of the “Pride”

### *Colorguard Schedule*

1:00 – 5:00 PM Rehearsal  
5:00 – 5:15 PM Join full band meeting (Concert Hall – Music Building)  
5:15 – 6:30 PM Dinner (cookout provided by KKY and TBΣ)  
6:30 – 9:30 PM Rehearsal  
9:30 – 10:00 PM Meeting for all returning members of the “Pride”

## Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

### *All Pride Members*

1:00 – 5:00 PM Sectionals/Music Rehearsal  
5:00 – 6:30 PM Dinner  
6:30 – 9:30 PM Marching Rehearsal

## Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> - Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> - Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

### *All Pride Members*

8:30 – 11:30 AM Marching rehearsal  
11:30 – 1:00 PM Lunch  
1:00 – 4:30 PM Music rehearsal  
4:30 – 6:00 PM Dinner  
6:00 – 8:00 PM Full ensemble rehearsal  
8:30 – 10:00 PM Evening activity (TBA)

## Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

### *All Pride Members*

8:30 – 10:30 AM	Music Rehearsal in Band Hall (Arrive in KHAKI SHORTS and “Pride” Polo Shirt)
10:30 – 10:45 AM	Move to Social Sciences Building
10:45 – 11:30 AM	<b>Performance</b> for “Pride Walk” (University Orientation)
11:30 – 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 – 4:30 PM	Rehearsal (Breakdown TBA)
4:30 – 6:00 PM	Dinner
6:00 – 8:00 PM	Evening Rehearsal
8:30 – 10:00 PM	Evening Activity (Induction Ceremony-Attendance Required)

## Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

### *All Pride Members*

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Final Rehearsal!!!!
1:00-4:00 PM	BBQ & Pool Party at the Morris Recreation Center
4:00-7:00 PM	Uniform Checkout-Band Hall (New members ONLY) (Returning members will check out uniforms during Pride Week)

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**\*\*\*PRIDE WEEK CONCLUDES\*\*\***

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## Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

**Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band Auditions**  
(Exact times will be available closer to the audition dates)

## Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

**Jazz Ensemble Auditions**  
(Exact times and will be available closer to the audition dates)

## Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

### **First Day of Class**

11:00 – 11:50 AM	First rehearsal for Jazz Ensemble I (Ellison Hall)
12:15 – 1:50 PM	First rehearsal for Wind Ensemble (Rehearsal Hall)
2:00 – 2:50 PM	First rehearsal for Symphonic Band (Rehearsal Hall)
3:00 – 3:50 PM	First rehearsal for Concert Band (Rehearsal Hall)
6:00 – 7:00 PM	<i>Drumline and Colorguard rehearsal (Stadium)</i>
7:00 – 9:00 PM	First stadium rehearsal for Marching Band

**We will follow normal rehearsal schedules from this point forward!!**

# **TAMU-Commerce Bands**

## **PRELIMINARY CALENDAR FALL 2017**

**\*\* This schedule is subject to change \*\***

### **August**

- 16-18 Marching Band: Leadership, Percussion and Colorguard Rehearsals
- 19-25 Marching Band: All Members: Pre-season Band Camp (Pride Week)
- 26<sup>th</sup> Concert Ensemble Auditions (Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band)
- 27<sup>th</sup> Jazz Ensemble Auditions
- 28<sup>th</sup> Classes Begin

### **September**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Labor Day Holiday (Marching Band will rehearse!!) (Monday)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Music Department Faculty Showcase Recital (7:30 p.m.) (Thursday)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Marching Band: Home: Football Game (Evening) (Saturday)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Marching Band: Home: Football Game (Evening) (Saturday)
- 25<sup>th</sup> Marching Band: Dinner with University President Keck 5:30 p.m. (prior to rehearsal)
- 30<sup>th</sup> Marching Band: Exhibition (Saturday)- NETEX Marching Festival (Afternoon)

### **October**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Wind Ensemble Concert – 7:30 p.m. (Thursday)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Marching Band: Exhibition (Saturday)- (Afternoon)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Pep Band: Homecoming Spirit Rally (Noon) (Wednesday)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Jazz Ensemble I (“Mane” Attraction) Concert – 7:30 p.m. (Thursday)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Pep Band: Bonfire (Evening Performance) (Friday)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Marching Band: Marching Band: Home Football Game and Parade (Homecoming)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Pep Band: Mane Event (a.m. Performance) (Saturday)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Marching Band: Home: Football Game (Evening) (Saturday)
- 26<sup>th</sup> Jazz Ensemble II (“Blue Cat Big Band”) & Combos Concert – 7:30 p.m. (Thursday)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Marching Band: Area B & C Exhibitions – Hurst and Mesquite, TX – (Afternoon and Evening Performance)(Saturday)

### **November**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Marching Band: Home: Football Game (Afternoon) (Saturday)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Percussion Ensemble I Concert – 7:30 p.m. (Monday)
- 8-10<sup>th</sup> No Music Classes or rehearsals (Wed-Fri)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Symphonic Band/Concert Band Concert – 7:30 p.m. (Thursday)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Junior/Senior Honor Band (Friday)  
Wind Ensemble: Jr/Sr Honor Band Concert (6:00 p.m.) (Friday)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Junior/Senior Honor Band (Saturday)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Marching Band: Potential Playoff Game
- 20<sup>th</sup> Percussion Ensemble II&III: Concert – 7:30 p.m. (Monday)
- 23-26 Thanksgiving Holiday
- 27<sup>th</sup> Marching Band Banquet (7:00 p.m. – Monday)

### **December**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jazz Ensembles Concert – 7:30 p.m. (Friday)
- 7<sup>th</sup> All Ensembles except Marching Band: Departmental Holiday Gala Concert (Dress Rehearsal-PM times TBA) (Thursday)
- 8<sup>th</sup> All Ensembles except Marching Band: Departmental Holiday Gala Concert (Night 1) 7:30 p.m. (Friday)
- 9<sup>th</sup> All Ensembles except Marching Band: Departmental Holiday Gala Concert (Night 2) 7:30 p.m. (Saturday)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Tuba Christmas (Reh-AM-Performance at Noon)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Graduate Commencement Ceremony
- 16<sup>th</sup> Undergraduate Commencement Ceremonies

# TAMU-Commerce Bands

## PRELIMINARY CALENDAR SPRING 2018

\*\* This schedule is subject to change \*\*

### **January**

11-12<sup>th</sup> Wind Ensemble Pre-Semester TMEA Rehearsals (Thursday Evening and Friday)  
12<sup>th</sup> Concert Ensemble Auditions (Concert Band/Symph Band) (Friday)(times TBA)  
14<sup>th</sup> Jazz Ensemble Auditions (Sunday)(afternoon)  
14<sup>th</sup> Wind Ensemble Pre-Semester TMEA Rehearsals (Sunday Evening)  
15<sup>th</sup> MLK Holiday-no daily rehearsals or classes (Monday)  
16<sup>th</sup> Classes Begin (Tuesday)  
28<sup>th</sup> Instrumental Concerto Competition Finals (Afternoon/Evening)

### **February**

1<sup>st</sup> Honors Recital: Concerto winners & Endowed scholarship recipients (Thursday) 7:30 p.m.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wind Ensemble (TMEA Rehearsals) (Saturday)  
5<sup>th</sup> Faculty Chamber Recital (7:30 p.m.) (Monday)  
8<sup>th</sup> Wind Ensemble Pre-TMEA Concert (Thursday) 7:30 p.m.  
10<sup>th</sup> Wind Ensemble (TMEA Rehearsals) (Saturday)  
12<sup>th</sup> Wind Ensemble (Potential Evening Run-Out Concert)  
13-16<sup>th</sup> Wind Ensemble TMEA Performance Tour (TMEA Performance on 2/15)  
14-17<sup>th</sup> TMEA  
23<sup>rd</sup> Jazz Ensemble: Swing Concert (Student Center) (Friday) 6:00 p.m.  
24<sup>th</sup> Music Department Scholarship Auditions

### **March**

1<sup>st</sup> Percussion Ensemble I, Panimation I Concert (7:30 p.m.) (Thursday)  
1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Basketball Band: Conference Tournament-Allen TX (Thur-Sun: Select Games)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mane Event: Basketball Band: 8:30 a.m. Mane Event Performanc  
5<sup>th</sup> Percussion Ensemble II&III, Panimation II Concert (7:30 p.m.) (Monday)  
8<sup>th</sup> Symphonic and Concert Band Concert (7:30 p.m.) (Thursday)  
10<sup>th</sup> Music Department Scholarship Auditions  
12-16<sup>th</sup> Spring Break  
24<sup>th</sup> Music Department Scholarship Auditions (Instrumental Only)

### **April**

13<sup>th</sup> "Drum Fun" (PM) (Friday)  
16<sup>th</sup> Percussion Ensembles Concert (7:30 p.m.) (Monday)  
19<sup>th</sup> Wind Ensemble Concert (7:30 p.m.) (Thursday)  
23<sup>rd</sup> Percussion Studio Concert (7:30 p.m.) (Monday)  
30<sup>th</sup> Jazz Ensembles Concert (7:30 p.m.) (Monday)

### **May**

3<sup>rd</sup> Symphonic and Concert Band Concert (7:30 p.m.) (Thursday)  
11<sup>th</sup> Graduate Commencement  
12<sup>th</sup> Undergraduate Commencement

# Full Metal Cowboy

In 2017, the Texas A&M University - Commerce "Pride" Marching Band will push the boundaries again with a gritty, hard-edged production entitled, "Full Metal Cowboy". As in the past, in what has become a signature of The "Pride", acoustic and electric sounds will merge, creating a fresh sound palette, this time centered around a hard southern country/rock concept.

The show will open with Baltimore rock band, Charm City Devils' take on the southern folk classic, "Man of Constant Sorrow." From there, an extended battery feature will cycle through a melding of Kid Rock's "I Wanna Be a Cowboy", Texas-based wind band composer Donald Grantham's "Jug Blues and Fat Pickin'", and the Justin Timberlake/Chris Stapleton blues-country party anthem, "I Can't Drink You Away". The Eagle's "Desperado" will allow The "Pride" to show off the expressive musicianship of the ensemble, continuing into Bon Jovi's chart-topping "Dead or Alive", culminating in a fresh re-harmonization of the old Reconstruction era Appalachian Song "Starry Crown - Down in the River to Pray". Kentucky-based, Grunge-country band, Black Stone Cherry's "White Trash Millionaire" and a few other surprises will bring the show to much-less-than-subtle close that will leave the audience breathless.

There is a great deal to look forward to in the Fall of 2017, a fabulous show, the debut of The "Pride's" new-look uniforms (designed by DCI Hall of Fame member Michael Cesario) and four exhibition performances including a show in Denton's fabulous C.H. Collins Stadium, UIL Area B Prelims and UIL Area C Finals.



SADDLE UP . . . AND GO LIONS !!!



# Kappa Kappa Psi and

# Tau Beta Sigma



The Zeta Kappa chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi and the Epsilon Beta chapter of Tau Beta Sigma would like to welcome you to the Texas A&M University Commerce band program! We are excited to see you join our incredible group of musicians this fall!

## Who are we and what do we do?

We are a National Honorary Fraternity and Sorority that serves to better the band through service. Both organizations promote leadership, service, and musicianship. There are numerous opportunities for our members to attend leadership workshops and conferences throughout the state and nation. We strive to support our music department, band program, and community and we establish a high standard of academic success and musical excellence in our members.

Our organizations are comprised of students who typically help leadership positions in their high school bands or were to type of students who loved to help the band. We work together to make every band activity run smoothly. From setting up for concerts and marching practices, to providing snacks for band trips, to planning marching band banquet, Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma handle many of the important jobs that give our band the best possibility for success. We provide our members with a life long opportunity to be part of a fun, fulfilling, and enriching bond of brotherhood and sisterhood. Throughout our time at the university, we are given an outlet to better our band program and help in a way that goes above and beyond an average student. If you are interested in learning more about either organization, feel free to contact any member to ask questions, and join us for fun events like game nights in the upcoming fall semester. Both organizations are coed and open to any band member regardless of their major!