Greetings from the band office,

2013-2014 marked another terrific year for the University Bands! The marching band broke new ground with its electronic infused performances of “Fight Club” and received wonderful ovations for its performances at games and in exhibition at Area Marching Contests. The music department presented a Gala Concert in the Meyerson Symphony Center where the wind ensemble and chorale performed the world premiere of The Temptation of St. Anthony by composer James Syler. The piece was commissioned by the TAMUC Music Department and received a wonderful reception. Guest faculty soloists and wonderful literature were represented in the concerts of the Wind Ensemble and Symphonic and Concert Bands throughout the year. There is a great deal to look forward to in 2014-2015! We excitedly await the opportunity to further the wonderful tradition of performance excellence everyone worked so diligently to uphold this year.

On Saturday September 20th, the Lions will face off at Dallas Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, TX, as part of the Lone Star Conference Showcase. The “Pride” Marching Band will continue to be at the center of the Lion spirit as we take the field in 2014! In addition to our normal schedule of home games, this year’s calendar will also include exhibition performances at the Northeast Texas Marching Classic, 5A UIL Area B & C Marching Contests, an additional exhibition performance and a potential away trip to Stephen F. Austin University. With the resurgence of the winning ways in football, 2014 promises to be an exciting fall for the marching band. The “Pride” will perform another exciting show in 2014 titled “Burning Down the House” (See the detailed show description near the end of the packet).

For those involved in concert ensembles, we look forward to new challenges and new triumphs as we make music together. We will be hosting a world-class guest artist with the Wind Ensemble in the Spring (details forthcoming). Please see the enclosed information regarding concert and jazz ensemble auditions on August 23rd and 24th 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. 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. You will find an instruction page for charms use at www.tamuc.edu/music (click on Charms from the list on the left hand side of the page). Be sure to regularly check your e-mail for updates. Should you need additional information or have any questions, please contact us at the addresses below. We hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and we look forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

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IMPORTANT NOTE FOR THOSE MARCHING BAND STUDENTS 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. Please e-mail the following information by July 15th to: 

tamucbands@gmail.com

• Name
• Instrument
• CWID (Campus Wide ID Number)
• Residence Hall Assignment/Room Number for FALL
• Best phone number to reach you

You must do this in order to be able to move in during band camp.

Please note: All Members of the marching band must do this… including returning members!

Please contact Mr. Goodwin with any questions at: tamucbands@gmail.com
2014 “Pride” Marching Band
Information Sheet

Downloading Music
All woodwind and brass students will be able to download the 2014 music packet for their instrument after June 15th. A subsequent e-mail will be sent out with download instruction. 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 the show music. Returning members should also download this packet, as there are several new pieces for this Fall.

Fall Rehearsal Schedule
Marching Band will meet this Fall 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 each Monday from 6:00-7:00 PM.

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 either Wind Ensemble or 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. The course numbers for these ensembles are as follows:

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** Your schedule will show Symphonic Band 2:00-3:50 PM

Note: Additional Marching Band Rehearsals may 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.

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 Performance Calendar. Please note that additional performances may be scheduled and times may 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 Team members will be allowed to move in on Wednesday, August 13th from 9:00-10:00 AM. All other members of the Marching Band will move in on Sunday, August 17th 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 residence hall you are assigned to for the Fall Semester.

In addition, you must e-mail your name, instrument, Fall housing assignment, CWID and best contact number to tamucbands@gmail.com by July 15th 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.

4. **Marching Band Auditions:**

**Colorguard:** All students wishing to audition for the “Pride” Marching Band Colorguard should plan on attending mini-camp from Wednesday, August 13th through Saturday, August 16th. Auditions to determine final membership of the Colorguard will be held on Saturday the 16th. 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 a Guard 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 Sunday, August 17th. While the cost of these items is still being determined, we anticipate the amount to be approximately $150.00 for the season.

**Percussion:** All students wishing to audition for the “Pride” Marching Band Percussion Section should plan on attending a one-day audition on Saturday, July 12th, from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, in addition to
mini-camp from Wednesday, August 13th through Saturday, August 16th. 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.

**Brass/WWs:** If you are **not a music major** and have not yet auditioned for the marching band, please contact Mr. Goodwin to schedule an audition during the summer at tamucbands@gmail.com. Typically, any student with a solid musical background is 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 for details.

**Band Fee:** All members of the “Pride”, with the exception of the colorguard, must pay a band fee that includes uniform cleanings, t-shirt (to be worn under the uniform), gloves (WWs and Brass), wristbands (percussion), polo shirt (to be worn for travel and certain performances), and the cost of the end-of-season banquet. **The Band Fee is $80.00.**

**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 $35.00 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 (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.

**Guard Fees:** All Colorguard members will pay an equipment/uniform fee that covers the following items: use of university equipment, uniform and cleanings, and the cost of the end-of-season banquet. The Colorguard fee is $150.00. This fee replaces the $80.00 fee paid by winds and percussionists.

**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 (Sunday, August 17th) 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. trumpets, trombones, plastic clarinets, etc.) may be available as needed. These additional instruments may be checked out on the 17th and are subject to the same $40.00 fee. **All percussionists will need to pay the $40.00 fee on Sunday, August 17th.**

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: Saturday, June 14th (3-6 PM), Friday, July 11th (3-6 PM) or Saturday July 12th (12-3 PM). Instrument check out will be in the PIE Lounge (east side of the music building). If you cannot attend one of the three times listed above, please contact Mr. Goodwin or Justin Roote (Justin.Roote@gmail.com), 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 20\(^{th}\) 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 encouraged to bring your own water bottle. 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 nice khaki shorts to wear during the University Pride Walk Performance on Thursday, August 21\(^{st}\). **NO OTHER COLOR IS ACCEPTABLE.**

### Summary of Expenses

A great many of the expenses associated with band are covered by funds from the University such as 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 13\(^{th}\). All other Band Members’ fees are payable the first day of the Full Band Camp on Sunday, August 17\(^{th}\). All fees must be paid by check or cash. Checks should be made payable to TAMU-C.**

- **Brass, Woodwind and Percussion Members:**
  - **Required:**
    1) **Band Fee** (See above for details) **$80.00**
    
  - **If Needed:**
    2) **Shoes** **$35.00**
    3) **Instrument Rental and Checkout** **$40.00** (per instrument/per semester)  
       The instrument-use fee must be paid prior to any instrument being issued to you. The instrument 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** (Estimated - see above for details) **$150.00**
    
  - **If Needed:**
    2) **Pride Hat or Beanie** **$15.00**
Our concert ensembles, the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and Concert Band, will meet on the following schedule in the Fall semester:

- **Wind Ensemble**
  - MUS 300W-005
  - M-W-F 12:15-1:50 PM
- **Symphonic Band**
  - MUS 100B-011
  - M-W-F 2:00-2:50 PM
- **Concert Band**
  - MUS 100B-011
  - M-W-F 3:00-3:50 PM

**Auditions for the Fall semester will be held on Saturday, August 23rd.** Specific times will be available closer to the audition date. When registering for classes, we ask that new students enroll in Symphonic Band. The Symphonic Band and Concert Band are combined for enrollment purposes within the Symphonic Band class. After the auditions are completed, your schedule will be automatically changed to reflect your Fall ensemble placement, if necessary.

### 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 q = 92-104
   - Full-range chromatic scale may also be requested
2. **Prepared Excerpts**
   - Audition excerpts will be available for **download on June 15th**
   - 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 June 15th**
   - 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

### 2014 JAZZ ENSEMBLE AUDITION INFORMATION

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

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

**Auditions will be held on Sunday, August 24th.** Audition excerpts will be available for download on Monday, June 15th. Please contact Dr. Chris Beaty at chris.beaty@tamuc.edu or Dr. Daniel Kelly at daniel.kelly@tamuc.edu with any additional questions regarding jazz auditions.
DRUMLINE AUDITIONS  
(Student Leaders, Percussion and Colorguard)

Auditions for the “Pride” Marching Band drumline will take place on Saturday, July 12th, in the Music Building. You can start working on the warm-ups and exercises to prepare for this rehearsal day using the materials in our percussion Dropbox folder:

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/3fukqtw263nuxyk/AABQ_sJepy2j5wdnr6POVmqa](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/3fukqtw263nuxyk/AABQ_sJepy2j5wdnr6POVmqa)

Exercises are located in the “Exercises.2014” folder. Please contact Dr. Brian Zator at brian.zator@tamuc.edu or JJ Pipitone at jj.pipitone@gmail.com for additional information.

MINI CAMP SCHEDULE  
(Student Leaders, Percussion and Colorguard)

**Wednesday, August 13**th (Student Leaders, Percussion and Colorguard ONLY)

**Student Leader Schedule (including undergraduate interns and 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 for all early-reporting members
- **2:00 – 6:00 PM**  
  Training session

**Percussion and 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 for all early-reporting members
- **2:00 – 6:00 PM**  
  Rehearsal

**Thursday, August 14**th / **Friday, August 15**th (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 – 5:00 PM**  
  Training session

**Percussion and Colorguard 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

**Saturday, August 16**th (Percussion, Colorguard, Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma ONLY)

- **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
  KKY/TBS Meetings
- **12:00 – 1:00 PM**  
  Lunch
- **1:00 – 5:00 PM**  
  Colorguard, Percussion Rehearsal and KΚΨ/TΒΣ Preparation
PRIDE WEEK SCHEDULE
(PRE-SEASON MARCHING BAND CAMP)

Sunday, August 17th (FULL BAND!)

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 KKΨ 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
2:00 – 4:00 PM  Rehearsal
4:00 – 5:15 PM  Full band meeting (Concert Hall – Music Building)
5:15 – 6:30 PM  Dinner (cookout provided by KKΨ and TBΣ)
6:30 – 9:30 PM  Music rehearsal
9:30 – 10:00 PM  Meeting for all returning members of the “Pride”

Colorguard Schedule
2:00 – 4:00 PM  Rehearsal
4:00 – 5:15 PM  Full band meeting (Concert Hall – Music Building)
5:15 – 6:30 PM  Dinner (cookout provided by KKΨ and TBΣ)
6:30 – 9:30 PM  Guard rehearsal
9:30 – 10:00 PM  Meeting for all returning members of the “Pride”

Monday, August 18th

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

Tuesday, August 19th

All Pride Members
8:30 – 11:30 AM  Marching rehearsal
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM  Lunch
1:00 – 4:30 PM  Music rehearsal
4:30 – 6:00 PM  Dinner
6:00 – 8:00 PM  Marching rehearsal
8:30 – 10:00 PM  Evening activity (TBA)
Wednesday, August 20th

All Pride Members

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

Thursday, August 21st

All Pride Members

8:30 – 10:30 AM  Music Rehearsal in Band Hall
                    Arrive in KHAKI SHORTS and “Pride” Polo Shirts
10:30 – 10:45 AM  Move to Social Sciences Building
10:45 – 11:30 AM  Performance for the “Pride Walk” (University Orientation)
11:30 AM – 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 22nd

All Pride Members

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM  Final Rehearsal!!!!
1:00 – 4:00 PM  Uniform Checkout-Band Hall (New members ONLY)
                    (Returning members will check out uniforms during the week)
5:00 PM  BBQ & Pool Party at the Morris Recreation Center

***PRIDE WEEK CONCLUDES***
***Saturday August 23rd***

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

***Sunday August 24th***

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

***Monday, August 25th***

First Day of Class

11:00 – 11:50 AM  First rehearsal for Jazz Ensemble I (Ellison Hall)
12:00 – 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    Drumline and Colorguard rehearsal (Stadium)
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 2014

August
13-16th Marching Band: Leadership, Percussion and Colorguard Rehearsals
17-22nd Marching Band: All Members: Pre-season Band Camp
23rd Concert Ensemble Auditions (Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band)
24th Jazz Ensemble Auditions
25th Classes Begin

September
1st Labor Day Holiday (Marching Band will rehearse!!)
2nd Marching Band: 125th Anniversary of University Event (TBA)
4th Marching Band: Home Football Game (Thursday Evening Game)
11th Music Department Faculty Showcase Recital (7:30 p.m.)
13th Marching Band: Football Game – (POTENTIAL Away Game at Stephen F. Austin)
20th Marching Band: Football Game – (Away Game at AT&T Stadium)
27th 4th ANNUAL BRASS DAY (All Brass Music Majors)
29th Marching Band: Exhibition Commerce High School Marching Festival (Evening)

October
4th Marching Band: Home Football Game
10th Wind Ensemble Concert (7:30 p.m.) Friday Concert
11th Marching Band: Exhibition – Location and Times TBA
18th Marching Band: Home Football Game and Mane Event Pep Band Performance (AM)
25th Marching Band: Area Exhibitions – Hurst, TX and Mesquite, TX – Times TBA
29th Pep Band: Homecoming Spirit Rally (Noon)
30th Jazz Ensemble: Jazz Ensembles Concert (7:30 p.m.)

November
1st Marching Band: Home Football Game and Parade (Homecoming)
3rd Percussion Ensemble I Concert (7:30 p.m.)
8th Marching Band: POTENTIAL Playoff Game
10th Percussion Ensemble II/”Panimation” Concert (7:30 p.m.)
13th Wind Ensemble/Symphonic Band/Concert Band Concert (7:30 p.m.)
15th Marching Band: POTENTIAL Playoff Game
17th Marching Band Banquet (7:00 p.m.)
22nd Wind Ensemble: Jr/Sr Honor Band Concert (6:30 p.m.)
24th Jazz Ensembles Concert (7:30 p.m.)

December
4th All Ensembles except Marching Band: Departmental Holiday Prism Concert
   (Dress Rehearsal-PM times TBA)
5th All Ensembles except Marching Band: Departmental Holiday Prism Concert- (Night 1) 7:30 p.m.
6th All Ensembles except Marching Band: Departmental Holiday Prism Concert- (Night 2) 7:30 p.m.
6th Tuba Christmas (AM – Performance at Noon)
13th Commencement

***This calendar is tentative. Performance dates and times are subject to change***
The “Pride” Marching Band’s 2014 exhibition program is entitled “Burning Down the House”.

“Burning the house down” is a dance-club DJ reference to the practice of cranking the volume to such a high level that the crowd becomes frantic and excited. The “Pride” aims to do just that with this production, recreating the same energy and intensity with musical selections from artists as varied as The Used, Fall Out Boy, Adele, James Taylor and Igor Stravinsky.

The program begins with a field entrance featuring The Used’s take on the 1980’s classic from the Talking Heads, “Burning Down the House”. The Used re-imagined the piece for the soundtrack from Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen. The chorus will serve as our opening impact layered over the original grunge-rock track. After a quick breather for the audience, we’ll transition to our rock-n-roll roots with “My Songs Know What You Did in the Dark” by pop-punk band, Fall Out Boy. A quick gear-shift will bring an update on the “Danse Infernale” from Igor Stravinsky’s “Firebird Suite”, the climax of which will feature the chorus from the James Taylor classic “Fire and Rain”. James Taylor will give way to a remix of Adele’s “Set Fire to the Rain”, which will serve as the backdrop for an extended battery break. The piano ostinato from Adele’s hit will transition back into “My Songs Know What You Did in the Dark”, which we’ll layer with the “Finale” from “Firebird Suite”.

With quotes from Van Halen’s “Hot for Teacher and a few other surprises, The “Pride” will again do what it does best!

Look for an email notification that show and stand music have been posted on the Instrumental Studies area on the departmental web site, under the tab “Marching Band”.

Look forward to seeing you all soon!

Go Lions!

Mr. Goodwin
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 for our members.

Our organizations are comprised of students who typically held leadership positions in their high school bands or were the type of student 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 the 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 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 student regardless of major!!