Greetings from the band office,

2014-2015 marked another exciting year for the University Bands! The marching band continued a new era of performances with its electronic infused show “Burning Down the House” which received wonderful ovations for its performances at games and in exhibition at Area Marching Contests. The concert and jazz ensembles presented over ten concerts during the year of both new and cornerstone repertoire. As we prepare for 2015-2016 there are many exciting events on the horizon! We await the opportunity to further the wonderful tradition of performance excellence everyone worked so diligently to uphold this year.

The “Pride” Marching Band will continue to be at the center of the Lion spirit as we take the field in 2015! In addition to our normal schedule of home games, this year’s calendar will also include exhibition performances at the Northeast Texas Marching Classic and the Area C Marching Contests. With the resurgence of the winning ways in football, 2015 promises to be another fun and exiting fall for all Lions! The “Pride” will perform its latest production titled “Thunder Struck” (See the detailed show description near the end of the packet).

The highlight of this year will be an unprecedented event. In May of 2016, the Wind Ensemble and Choirs will embark upon a ten-day tour of Germany and Austria. This year’s touring group will be an expanded wind ensemble and the auditions in the fall will set the ensemble for the tour. The tour will be concentrated in the cities of Munich, Salzburg and Venice. Remember that the ensembles are not set until after auditions and everyone has the same opportunity to make the touring group based on your performance at auditions. (So practice diligently). Of course there will be plenty of wonderful music making throughout the year in all three concert ensembles and both jazz ensembles in addition to the tour. Please see the enclosed information regarding concert and jazz ensemble auditions on August 29th and 30th 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 at the addresses below. We hope you enjoy your summer and we look forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

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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 **July 15th:**

**Go to the following link:**  
[http://goo.gl/forms/1IE0mQNC6X](http://goo.gl/forms/1IE0mQNC6X)  
*Note: If you are typing this in it is a zero after the E*

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

www.charmsoffice.com

For instructions on using the Charms system, log onto: 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*
2015 “Pride” Marching Band Information Sheet

**Downloading Music**
All woodwind and brass students will be able to download the 2015 music packet for their instrument after June 15th. 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.

**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. (Drumline: Mon 6-7 p.m., Colorguard: Wed 6:30-7:30 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 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 only. 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 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.

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 posted 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 19th from 9:00-10:00 AM. All other members of the Marching Band will move in on Sunday, August 23rd 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 fill out the information page by following the link on page 2 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 rehearsals from Wednesday, August 19th through Saturday, August 22nd. Auditions to determine final membership in the colorguard will be held on Saturday, the 22nd. 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 19th. The cost of the colorguard fee is $150.00 for the season. Colorguard members will be asked to purchase black jazz pants and black dance sneakers. Information on specific manufacturers and style numbers will be circulated during camp.
Percussion: All students wishing to audition for The “Pride” Marching Band Percussion Section should plan on attending a one-day audition on Saturday, August 1st, from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, in addition to rehearsals from Wednesday, August 19th through Saturday, August 22nd. 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 yet to audition for membership in The “Pride”, Marching Band, please contact Mr. Goodwin to schedule an informal audition during the summer at allan.goodwin@tamuc.edu. 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, 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 performances), and the cost of the end-of-the-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-the-season banquet. The Colorguard fee is $150.00. Shoes and black jazz pants are to be purchased separately by the student. 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 23rd) 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 23rd and are subject to the same $40.00 fee. All percussionists will be expected to pay the $40.00 fee on Sunday, August 23rd. 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 20th (12-4 PM), Friday, July 10th (3-6 PM) or Saturday July 11th (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 Carlos Maldonado (carlosmaldonado90@yahoo.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 26th 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 27th. 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 19th. All other Band Members’ fees are payable the first day of the Pride Week on Sunday, August 23rd. 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) $80.00
  - If Needed:
    2) **Shoes** $35.00
    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** $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 29th.** 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 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 Quarter Note = 92-104
   - Full-range chromatic scale may also be requested
2. **Prepared Excerpts**
   - Audition excerpts will be available for **download on June 15th** from the music department 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 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

### 2015 JAZZ ENSEMBLE AUDITION INFORMATION

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

- **“Mane” Attraction Jazz Ensemble I**: MUS 300-002, 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 30th.** Audition excerpts will be available for **download on Monday, June 15th from the music department website.** 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**

Auditions for the “Pride” Marching Band drumline will take place on August 1st, 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 or JJ Pipitone at jj.pipitone@gmail.com for additional information.

**MINI CAMP SCHEDULE**
(Student Leaders, Percussion and Colorguard)

**Wednesday, August 19th** (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 for all early-reporting members
- 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 for all early-reporting members
- 2:00 – 5:00 PM: Rehearsal

**Thursday, August 20th / Friday, August 21st** (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 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 – 12:00 PM: Rehearsal
- 12:00 – 1:00 PM: Lunch
- 1:00 – 4:00 PM: Rehearsal
- 4:00 – 6:00 PM: Off
- 6:00 – 8:00 PM: Rehearsal

**Saturday, August 22nd** (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 KKΨ/TBΣ Preparation
PRIDE WEEK SCHEDULE
(PRE-SEASON MARCHING BAND CAMP)

Sunday, August 23rd (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)
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Colorguard Schedule
2:00 – 4:00 PM  Rehearsal
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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 24th

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  Marching rehearsal
8:30 – 10:00 PM Evening activity (TBA)

Tuesday, August 25th

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  Marching rehearsal
8:30 – 10:00 PM Evening activity (TBA)
Wednesday, August 26th

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 27th

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 – 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 28th

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 the week)

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***PRIDE WEEK CONCLUDES***
***Saturday August 29th***

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

***Sunday August 30th***

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

***Monday, August 31st***

First Day of Class

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We will follow normal rehearsal schedules from this point forward!!
TAMU-Commerce Bands
PRELIMINARY CALENDAR FALL 2015

August
1st  Marching Band: Percussion Only-Rehearsal and Placement Auditions (9:00 a.m.-5:00p.m.)
19-22nd Marching Band: Leadership, Percussion and Colorguard Rehearsals
23-28th Marching Band: All Members: Pre-season Band Camp (Pride Week)
29th  Concert Ensemble Auditions (Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band)
30th  Jazz Ensemble Auditions
31st  Classes Begin

September
3rd  Marching Band: Home: Football Game (Thursday Evening Game)
7th   Labor Day Holiday (Marching Band will rehearse!!) (Monday)
10th  Music Department Faculty Showcase Recital (7:30 p.m.) (Thursday)
12th  Marching Band: Home: Football Game (Evening) (Saturday)
26th  Marching Band: Home: Football Game (Evening) (Saturday)
26th  5th Annual Brass Day (Brass Music Majors) (Saturday)

October
3rd  Marching Band: Exhibition – NETEX Marching Festival (Evening) (Saturday)
8th   Wind Ensemble Concert – 7:30 p.m. (Thursday)
9th   United States Marine Band Concert (Evening) (Friday)
10th  Marching Band: Home: Football Game (Evening) (Saturday)
17th  Pep Band: Mane Event (a.m. Performance) (Saturday)
21st  Pep Band: Homecoming Spirit Rally (Noon) (Wednesday)
24th  Marching Band: Marching Band: Home Football Game and Parade (Homecoming)
       Area Exhibition – Mesquite, TX – Evening Times TBA (Saturday)
30th  Jazz Ensemble: Jazz Ensembles Concert – 7:30 p.m. (Monday)

November
2nd  Percussion Ensemble II,III and Panimation II Concert – 7:30 p.m. (Monday)
7th  Marching Band: POTENTIAL Playoff Game (Saturday)
9th  Percussion Ensemble I and Panimation I Concert – 7:30 p.m. (Monday)
14th  Marching Band: POTENTIAL Playoff Game (Saturday)
16th  Marching Band Banquet (7:00 p.m. – Monday)
19th  Wind Ensemble/Symphonic Band/Concert Band Concert – 7:30 p.m. (Thursday)
21st  Wind Ensemble: Jr/Sr Honor Band Concert (7:00 p.m.) (Saturday)

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7th   Jazz Ensembles Concert – 7:30 p.m. (Monday)
10th  All Ensembles except Marching Band: Departmental Holiday Gala Concert
       (Dress Rehearsal-PM times TBA) (Thursday)
11th  All Ensembles except Marching Band: Departmental Holiday Gala Concert
       (Night 1) 7:30 p.m. (Friday)
12th  All Ensembles except Marching Band: Departmental Holiday Gala Concert
       (Night 2) 7:30 p.m. (Saturday)
12th  Tuba Christmas (Reh-AM-Performance at Noon)
19th  Commencement
*Note: Basketball Games are not yet scheduled
** This schedule is subject to change
The “Pride” Marching Band’s 2015 exhibition program is entitled “Thunder Struck”.

“Thunderstruck” is the lead single on the 1990 album *The Razors Edge* by the classic hard rock band AC/DC, and is also a term used to describe the state of being utterly shocked or astounded beyond words. The “Pride” Marching Band traditionally has this effect on audiences around the Metroplex, and this year will be no exception as we quite literally take the field by STORM. The design team hopes to bring to life the beauty, majesty, intensity and occasional fun of stormy weather, from lightning, to thunder, to the awesome energy of a hurricane.

After a unique, electronic infused field entrance, we’ll light up the audience with a contemporary re-imagining of the classic jazz standard, “Stormy Weather,” from the 1930 film “Chasing Rainbows.” From that classic popularized by Lena Horne, we transition to “Stormy Weather” for today; this time an intense rock treatment released in 2014 by German punk rock band Tokio Hotel. It wouldn’t be a “Pride” Marching Band production without 80s rock-n-roll, though. We’ll oblige our audience this time with the Scorpions 1984 hit, “Rock You Like a Hurricane.” Next, a tap of the breaks for just a moment with quick quote from our 2014 production, James Taylor’s “Fire and Rain,” serving this time as only a verse culminating in a fantastic chorus from Credence Clearwater Revival's “Have You Ever Seen the Rain.” Rihanna’s platinum-selling “Umbrella,” as played by the heavier hands of Swedish alternative band Lillasyster, will be a centerpiece in the show, with a quick mention of Gene Kelly’s “Singin’ in the Rain.” The groove and driving intensity of John Mackey’s “Wine Dark Sea” will complete our weather update, letting The “Pride” do again what it does best. Grab your umbrella and your raincoat, because a storm is coming!

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”.

Can’t wait to see you all again and get started!

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 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!