



MARCHING BAND

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A Message from Dr. Phillips and Mr. Poelking

Hello CSU Marching Band!

First, thank you to those of you who have expressed such kind words in welcoming Mr. Poelking back to the band family! We are both looking forward to working with the Colorado State Marching Band this year.

As you know, things are changing every day, but we want to give you as much information as possible about what we know right now! Many of you may have heard the news that the Mountain West Conference and CSU have decided to not play football this year. However, the marching band will continue to perform! Instead of playing at football games, we will be having recording sessions of our music throughout the season.

This newsletter will give you a quick glance at what we have ready for this year. There will be more detail in our official handbook, which you will receive in our first meeting together. This will be a year like no other, and we are so glad that we will be working with this group to bring some much needed spirit to CSU and the state of Colorado!

When you are a graduate of Colorado State University, you will look back at the CSU Band and say "Look at what we accomplished!"

We are incredibly excited to be working with all of you. We can't wait until we are all together and kick off the CSU Fight Song!

Dr. Phillips

Director of Bands

Mr. Poelking

Assistant Director of Bands

At a Glance

Will the band still play?

Yes!

What about band camp?

Band camp will not take place this year. Our first meeting will be on the first day of classes August 24th. *There will be no early move-in for marching band members.*

Do I still get a scholarship?

Yes! We are grateful to The Office of the President for providing every member with a \$500 scholarship.





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2020 Directors, Graduate & Undergraduate Staff

Directors

Dr. Rebecca Phillips • Director of Bands

Mr. Kevin Poelking • Assistant Director of Bands

Instructional Staff

Shilo Stroman • Drumline

Brittany Wade-Pruett • Golden Poms

Katrina Hocking & Mariah Holcomb • Colorguard

Graduate Teaching Assistants

Aaron Herman

Matthew Kasper

Christian Kuhlman

Ryan Middleton

Myron Peterson

Rachel Phillips

Drum Majors

Preston Dunton

Kathryn Kennedy

Everett Shyrock

Section Leaders & Captains

Jenna Moore & Emily Morton • Flute/Piccolo

Amber Sheeran & Katherine St. Gemme-Pate • Clarinet

Zachary Alves & Adam Hernandez • Alto Saxophone

Nathaniel Ooms • Tenor Saxophone

Andrew Holmes & Bryan McKinstry • Trumpet

Jake Elam & Patrick Gillette • Mellophone

Brandon Graese & Sydney White • Trombone

Trevor Shuffler • Baritone

Paige Sakakida • Sousaphone

Ethan Choate • Snare Drum

Jayde Contreras • Tenor Drums

Cara Leone • Bass Drum

Margaret Gracia • Cymbals

Alexa Morgen & Ashley Cialone • Colorguard

Andrea Wirtz & Lauren Mackell • Golden Poms

Managers

James Krill

Jessica Marsh

Ashley Procanyn



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The 2020 Season

Band Camp

Band camp **will not** take place this season. The CSU Marching Band's first meeting will be on Monday, August 24th at 4pm. See Important Dates and Information on page 7 for details.

Registration

While we would all do this for free anyway, The President's Office has stepped up for us this year and all members who maintain a good standing in the CSU Marching Band throughout the entirety of the semester will receive a \$500 scholarship!

You *must* register for **MU 204-L01 (CRN 62181)** to participate in marching band and receive your scholarship. If you are a member of the Golden Poms, you will register for a different section **MU 204-L-02** under Coach Brittany Wade-Pruett. Please make certain that you are signed up for the correct section.

Class conflicts must be approved by the directors. If you have a class conflict please reach out to Mr. Poelking right away!

Rehearsal Times for Fall 2020

The CSU Marching Band rehearses every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 4pm — 6pm. Rehearsals will take place at the University Center for the Arts. There is limited free parking along Peterson Street and E Lake Street so plan accordingly.

Instrument Rental

Flute, clarinet, and saxophone players are required to provide their own instruments. There are a limited amount of piccolos provided by CSU.

All brass and percussion players are required to play on CSU-owned instruments. Brass and percussion players will be assigned instruments on the first day of classes.

Performances and Music

No Football? The Band plays on!

With the announcement that Colorado State University will not be playing football this year, our performances have shifted away from the stadium. While we will not be performing at games this year, we have a wonderful team of videographers who will help us create recordings to share with the CSU community, the state of Colorado, and fans of marching band and music everywhere! In addition to playing CSU classics like the *Fight Song* and *Spell Yell*, this group will be the first in history to begin new traditions that will highlight our ram pride like the addition of the *Green and Gold March* to pregame! Our music will also feature songs that will reach our entire audience, including classic rock, R&B, pop, and new hits!

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Basketball Pep Band

The Basketball Pep Band is a collection of about 60 members from the CSU Marching Band. This group is a huge part of the energy in Moby Arena at all our men's and women's basketball games. Our percussion section is replaced by a few drumset players who will be the driving force of the group! 30 or so of our members travel to Las Vegas for the Mountain West Tournament every year, and if we make it to the NCAA "March Madness" Tournament or the NIT in New York, we travel to these games to support the team. While the basketball season is in question, if we do get to play this year, we will have auditions for the group during the fall semester while classes are in session. More information later!

Covid-19 Safety Measures and Precautions

Traditional band uniforms will not be used for the 2020 season to reduce the following:

- i. High volume of traffic in the band locker room
- ii. High touch areas in close proximity for students, staff, and faculty
- iii. Close people-to-people exposure during issuance/cleaning/collection

In place of the band uniform, CSUMB wears a "pep band" uniform during performances

- i. Cap, face covering, T-shirt, black pants
- ii. Black socks
- iii. Black shoes

Students will keep the "pep band" uniform as personal items through the academic year. Cap and t-shirt will be purchased and distributed by the CSU bands.

Facemasks must be worn during rehearsal. All students will provide their own masks. These face coverings are required by the Marching Band, Colorado State University Pandemic Team, and the Larimer County Health Department. Wind players will wear face coverings until it is time to play their instrument. Drumline, Colorguard and Golden Poms will wear face coverings for the entirety of rehearsal.

No rehearsals/full band meetings will be held indoors throughout the season.

No gloves will be worn during rehearsals to coincide with health regulations. Hand sanitizing stations will be provided on the rehearsal field.

Students will be physically distanced front to back and side to side to follow health regulations set in place by the University Pandemic Team and Larimer County Health Department.

Students will not be provided instrument lockers this year. They must be transported to and from rehearsals. Storage will only be provided for sousaphones and drumline throughout the season.



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2020 Uniform Specifications

Wind & Percussion Players

This year the CSUMB will be wearing an altered uniform. All members will be provided with a baseball cap and t-shirt. Here is what you will need to provide:

- **Black Pants**

These should closely resemble traditional marching band pants or “bibs.” The front of the pant leg should lightly rest on the top of the shoe and the back should not touch the ground (see picture). No “athletic-wear” (leggings, yoga pants, etc.) Pants should be solid black and your shirt will be tucked in. Black belts are appropriate.



- **Black Socks and Shoes**

Shoes must be clean, closed-toe, in good condition, and solid black in color. Black marching band shoes are a great option. Athletic shoes and “waiter” shoes are acceptable as long as they are completely black. Make sure they are comfortable or have insoles so you can comfortably stand for an entire day of Ram Football!

One example of an acceptable, all black athletic shoe:



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Colorguard

Colorguard members will be provided with a t-shirt and cap.

You must provide your own all black dance leggings (or comparable). There must be no other colors or markings, they must be opaque, and full-length with black socks. Please reference the 2020 CSU Colorguard Expense Sheet that Katrina Hocking and Mariah Holcomb emailed to you on July 31st, 2020. Below is an example of acceptable leggings:



Golden Poms

Golden Poms will receive their uniform specifications from Coach Brittany Wade-Pruett.

General Uniform Guidelines for Performances

Since we will be creating videos for all to see, we must treat these like regular performances. This means a uniform look! Individualism is great and we love that about all of our members, however, our job is to create a pristine finished product where the audience sees a unified Colorado State Marching Band! Take note of the following so you are ready for our performances this season.

Hair:

Hair must be tidy and a natural human color! Once the season is over, go crazy! But for our performances, be sure the focus is on the CSU Band as a whole, rather than on individuals! We all know Dr. Phillips is excited to get back to dying her hair pink when the season is over...

Facial Hair:

We are one of the few marching bands in the country who allow facial hair. Facial hair must be trimmed close to the face for performances with no hair on the neck.

Piercings:

All piercings should be removed for performances. If a piercing is unable to be removed, it must be covered appropriately.



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Important Dates and Information

Academic Calendar Dates

- August 23rd—Last day to Cancel Registration for Fall 2020
- August 24th—Fall 2020 Classes Begin (first meeting for the CSU Marching Band).
 - * Instrument assignments and pick-up at Canvas Stadium. You will be sent a schedule for pick-up time in the next week. Trumpets and trombones will play the CSU Fight Song for part placement.
- August 28th—Restricted Drop Deadline
- August 30th—Add without Override Deadline

Reminders & Tips

Obviously, marching band is primarily an outdoor activity and Fort Collins tends to be a very dry climate at a higher altitude than most of the country. It is highly recommended that you remember the following:

1. Stay hydrated with water and sports drinks!
2. Wear light-colored clothing.
3. Stay hydrated - health specialists say that we must begin hydrating 24-48 hours before extensive outdoor activities!
4. Use an abundance of sunscreen!
5. Stay hydrated!
6. Wear tennis shoes at all times during camp and fall rehearsals.
7. (Water, water, water!)
8. We are not afraid of rain - be prepared to practice in the rain. We have a healthy fear of lightning - under no circumstances will we practice if lightning is near!
9. Sports drinks can help with hydration - stock up!
10. Avoid food with excess salt and beverages that cause dehydration. Take care of your health!

Concert Ensembles

All concert ensembles are open to everyone! The Wind Symphony (conducted by Dr. Phillips) and Symphonic Band (conducted by Mr. Poelking) are by audition only and meet during the fall and spring semesters. The Concert Band (conducted by Dr. Erik Johnson) meets in the spring and is the ensemble where you will see most of your friends from the CSU Marching Band! All of these concerts are free with a student ticket and feature classics from the band repertoire as well as fresh new music written by composers living today!

Still Have Questions?

We are here to help!

Please feel free to reach out to us for any thing that you may need. We understand there may be a lot of questions surrounding this upcoming season and we want you to be as informed as possible.

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