



ISU Alumni Band

Letter from the President

Hey Band! I hope you have had a great summer!

It's that time of year again! Students are (hopefully) registered for fall classes, campus is coming to life after a quiet summer, and football season is right around the corner. Let's get ready for homecoming!

The board has been busy prepping for our Alumni Band Reunion this fall, and we look forward to seeing you all for the festivities this year! We are expecting to hit our registration capacity again like we have in past years, so please register as soon as you are able. We also recognize that not all emails make it to inboxes. Spread the word to your friends and former band members that registration is open!

Even if you are not able to join us this fall for our Alumni Band Reunion, there are still ways to support future members of the Alumni Band! The Iowa State Bookstore carries awesome marching band merchandise, and part of the proceeds goes back to the Varsity Band! Engage with our social media pages to stay on top of events. Cheer loud whenever you see the ISUCF'V'MB perform, whether it is at a football game, parade, or other event. If you can provide financial support, I know the Varsity Band appreciates the funds to continue to give current members the same great opportunities we had (if not better!).

It's an honor to serve as the Alumni Band president, and I can't wait to see you all in November!

With Sousafection <3,
Bree Kixmiller, M.Ed. ('18, '20)
President of the Iowa State Alumni Band

Save the Dates
September 8
Annual Golf Outing
September 30
Homecoming Registration Closes
November 2
HOMECOMING

Updates from the Board

Homecoming 2024 Friday Night Social:

This year's campus-wide theme for Homecoming is "Cy Around the World," and since the football team will be playing Kansas State in Ireland next year, stay tuned. Will the band be going to Ireland? Will they need some assistance with fundraising? We'll be at Music Hall from 7-10pm on Friday, November 1st, so make sure to include the Friday night social when you register. Tickets will be \$25 at the door. Direct questions to isualumniband@gmail.com.

Alumni Pep Band:

The 2024-25 Iowa State Alumni Pep Band Season looks to be another exCYting one. If you are interested in joining in on the fun, email Jay Chapman at jaygchapman@gmail.com to stay up on all of the current information. We plan on adding to our collection of tunes again this year and continue the transition to online music. We hope you can join us to continue the Hilton Magic!

National Association of Alumni Bands:

This year's NAOAB symposium and CBDNA conference was held in Missoula, Montana, at the University of Montana. Various sessions were held, discussing fundraising, development, communications, branding, and preserving band history. Next year's event will be in Tucson, AZ, at Arizona State University. I continue to serve on the board of the NAOAB, but am changing roles and will be the secretary for the next term. As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions- Erin Kalkwarf, isualumniband@gmail.com.



Attend Alumni Band weddings!
(results not typical)



Hang out with this guy! He wears bucket hats!

RUN FOR ALUMNI BAND BOARD

Do you have 2 hours of free time approximately 3 times per year? If so, run for a position on the Alumni Band Board!

- Wear a cool lanyard that gives you a false sense of authority!
- Help set up for the Friday evening social, if you are in town!
- Sit on a few Zoom meetings a year! Maybe WebEx depending on what platform Bree uses!
- Observe the various Alumni Band Board pets on those calls!
 - Sign up to volunteer with something, then forget what you volunteered to do!



Watch the coward who runs the social accounts plagiarize your original content!

Homecoming FAQs

Uniform

The Alumni Band official uniform:

- The Alumni Band fleece jacket
- Red shirt
- Black pants/ Black jeans
- Black socks and black shoes

We encourage Cyclone colors with all accessories! If you do not have a jacket, you will need to purchase one with your registration (\$50).

Recent graduates (2022 – 2024) and current students receive a discounted price. All jackets are men's sizes (S-4XL). To order your jacket and guarantee your size, register by October 1st. All specific jacket questions should be directed to Erin Kalkwarf at isualumniband@gmail.com.

Where do I pick up my jacket that I ordered when I registered?

You can pick up jackets at check in on Friday night or Saturday morning. If you are unable to attend we can make arrangements to get your jacket to you.

Instruments

The Iowa State University Band Department will supply the following items to those who will need them:

- Mellophones
- Baritones
- Sousaphones
- Percussion
- Flags
- Tenor Sax

If you need any of these items, please indicate in the appropriate spot on your registration form. Due to limited availability, all horns are on a first come, first served basis. Those using borrowed instruments will still need to supply their own lyres and reeds, and will be responsible for returning their instrument to the proper place after the game. Those in need of other instruments not listed should try to locate them through other local sources, such as local schools, music stores, or other ISU band alumni. Music flip folders will be provided at rehearsal Saturday. All other items (reeds, valve oil, etc.) are your responsibility.

Marching Options

Did you know that there are several options for participating in the halftime show? The three options can be chosen during registration:

- Marching On-Field: *March the halftime drill on the field*
- Stationary On-Field: *Stationary position on the field*
- Not participating at halftime: *Enjoy the show from the sideline/stands*

The stationary on-field position is being offered as a less strenuous way to participate in Alumni Band. You'll still be on the field with the rest of the alumni band, but instead of marching the drill you will march on the field, stand and play, and then march off the field. How simple is that?! A limited number of these positions are available and they will be filled on a first come, first served basis so please register early if you are interested. Hopefully everyone can find a participation level that will work for them in order to return to Alumni Band, or join us for the first time. Trust us, you can do it!

Saturday Meal At Scheman

A Saturday meal is included with your full registration, or may be ordered separately if you do not intend on joining the band at the game. Saturday meals can also be ordered for guests through the registration form. Guest meal tickets are \$30 a ticket. All diners will need a meal ticket, which will be included in your registration packet. Packets can be picked up Friday night or prior to Saturday morning rehearsal.

Where can I park?

Parking is now in Lot 12, out by the Marching Band Practice Field near the Communications Building. Click [here](#) for a map!

Alumni Shuttle

There will be a shuttle that will run from Parking Lot 12 to Bergstrom Indoor Practice Facility in the morning in time for rehearsal and back to Lot 12 after the game has ended.

The Golden Alumni Shuttle is still available for use. The Golden Alumni Shuttle will run from Bergstrom Indoor Practice Facility to Lunch in Scheman and back to the stadium for kick off!

See Who's Coming

You can see who is coming to Homecoming in advance! Our online list of people who have registered for the reunion is updated continuously so keep checking. This is a great way to follow up with that friend of yours who needs reminding... you know...the one you always called on Saturday morning to make sure they were up on time! Find a link on our website.

Help a Senior Attend Band Banquet

With your help, the Alumni Band provides tickets for every senior Varsity Band member to the annual Band Banquet. The year-end banquet is always a highly anticipated event for Varsity Band members, and for many is one of their last official activities with the band. By adding this ticket to your Alumni Band registration you are able to thank a senior band member for their years of dedication to

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the ISU Bands. A wonderful way to welcome graduating seniors to the Alumni Band. Please consider gifting this opportunity to a Varsity member.

What if I'm not in great shape on my instrument?

We gather to have fun with friends, network, and enjoy being on the field together. Come as you are!

Do we memorize music?

No need to memorize the music ahead of time. We will have a rehearsal on Saturday morning. We ask that you print off your own music prior to Saturday morning, as the alumni band will not be provided printed music!

If available, we will notify you where to find the music in advance if you would like to practice and/or memorize.

Do I need to provide my own lyre?

A limited number of lyres are available for checkout on Saturday morning. If you prefer a bell mount lyre, you are responsible for providing your own. Music and lyre return is something we keep refining each year. We will have containers to collect them near the trucks for borrowed horns parked outside the indoor practice facility.

Why do we wear black pants and shoes?

Black pants and shoes, along with the jacket, help provide a uniform look for the group and looks snazzy on the field!

Is there a full dinner on Friday night?

There will be appetizers and desserts, so not a full meal, but plenty to keep you going. There will be a Cash Bar available. It is \$25.00 at the door, if you did not register in advance. Registration packets will be available here, along with jackets for those that ordered them.

What if it rains/snows?

You are encouraged to layer up under or over your jacket to stay dry and warm. Hats and gloves are also welcome! Check the forecast and plan accordingly.

I already have a season ticket, why are we buying one with the Saturday package?

You aren't buying a ticket for the game with your registration. Registration fees cover other aspects of the reunion, but the seats the Alumni Band sits in are donated by Athletics. Guest game tickets that you can purchase during registration will not be next to the band, but are located wherever there are available seats.

How much do we actually play or march?

It depends on the year. It is typically one short song on our own, a joint song with the Varsity Band and then Fights. Stands music is limited to basic ISU Cheers.

Is there child care?

There is no child care, please plan accordingly.

Do we stay for the whole game?

Yes. However, we know that for late games people may have to get home right after half time because of a long trip and/or children. We can work out individual cases as they arise.

Do I have to enter/sit with the band?

Yes. Since we don't pass out individual tickets for our group seating in the stands, we all need to enter together.

What should I bring?

Good memories, a good set of lungs, black pants, black shoes, and your jacket. Don't forget your instrument (unless you are borrowing one that is!). There will be opportunities to purchase raffle tickets Friday and Saturday, so feel free to bring some cash to help support the ISUCF'V'MB and enter for your chance to win some great prizes – including registration for Homecoming 2025!

Am I allowed to bring in alcohol?

Absolutely not! We are still representing the band and must follow the rules of Jack Trice Stadium.

What happens if something happens suddenly and I can't attend?

We know plans can change on short notice. Contact President Breanna Kixmiller at isualumniband@gmail.com as soon as you can. We don't typically allow refunds, but have provided partial refunds on a case by case basis.

I would like to get involved and help run this event, how do I do that?

Run for the Board of Directors! Contact the President-Elect Erin Kalkwarf at isualumniband@gmail.com to add your name to ballot ! See page 2 of this newsletter for more information on available positions.

I'm a new alumnus, how do I make friends?

Start saying hi to people! Encourage your friends to return with you – the more of you that return together each year, the more fun you will have!



Will you join me
on the field
November 2nd?

Click [HERE](#) to register now for Homecoming 2024!!

2023-2024 ISU Alumni Band Board



- President: Breanna (Bree) Kixmiller, '18, '20
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