



# ISU Alumni Band

FALL 2019

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Sept 15

Alumni Golf Outing

### Sept 29

Jacket deadline

### Sept 30

Late fee begins

### Oct 13

Final registration deadline

### Oct 25 5-6:30pm

ISUCF"V"MB rehearsal

### Oct 25 7-10pm

Friday night social

### Oct 26 Time TBD

Homecoming day

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## A note from the President

CYCLONE! POWER! CYCLONE! POWER!

Marching Band and football are right around the corner! I can't believe that I officially became a Cyclone and member of the ISUCF"V"MB 18 years ago. How many of us can say that the football team was picked to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Big 12 when we were in school? In my 5 years, the team went to 4 bowl games, but also had a 2-10 season.

I attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Alumni Band Symposium this year and met with representatives from several other Alumni Bands across the country. It was great to hear how much some of them are doing with events, performances, and fundraising, and to see some groups that are just in their early beginnings. While we are working on some special fundraising campaigns, you can always [donate to the Alumni Band scholarship fund or to the general Alumni Band account](#) that we use to support special projects, like purchasing the replica Sudler Trophy or Bowl game apparel for the Varsity Band.

Registration is now open for Homecoming 2019! I hope you can join us. The Friday night social will be at [ISU's Reiman Gardens](#) from 7-10pm. As usual, we won't likely know the game time until 1-2 weeks before, so please stay tuned for the game day schedule. With all of the construction projects on campus, especially at the stadium, getting to and from morning rehearsal and the game may be a bit more difficult, so please be prepared for a few changes.

Erin Kalkwarf  
2017-2019 President  
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**Register for the Alumni Golf Outing on Sunday, September 15 at Homewood Golf Course in Ames.**

More information on Page 2.

Dear “Cyclone” Marching Band Alum –

You are cordially invited to attend Homecoming at Iowa State University, and more importantly, the 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Alumni Marching Band! We hope that you can attend and participate in all of the events and accompanying festivities!

Alumni Band President Erin Kalkwarf and the Alumni Band Board promise to have a great reunion party on Friday evening, October 25. Marching Band Director Christian Carichner has an exciting halftime show planned and we need YOU to be a part of this performance.

Homecoming is all about renewing old friendships, creating new ones, and celebrating everything that is Cardinal and Gold – including the Cyclone Marching Band.

We are indebted to YOU for your continued support of our athletic bands through the Alumni Band. Their generosity exists in numerous ways, including scholarships, band banquet tickets for our senior members, musical instruments, special meals, perks for the band when we travel to bowl games... all which remind and demonstrate to our current band members that there IS a way to still enjoy, support and re-live the Marching Band experience after you graduate.

If you haven't played your instrument for a while (or a few years), please don't worry. If you can remember how to correctly assemble your instrument, you'll fit in just fine. We'll even supply you with an instrument if needed!

The enclosed schedule and registration information should provide you with the details. Please make every effort to attend this year's Homecoming.

I look forward to seeing you in October.

Go Cyclones!!!



Michael Golemo, D.M.A.  
Director of Bands  
Professor of Music



## Details Announced for 2019 Alumni Golf Outing

- 9-hole, four-person scramble with a shotgun start.
- \$25 for students and \$35 for all others.
- Hole sponsorship is \$50.
- Prizes for several fun categories, including “closest to the trombone.”
- This is a GREAT way to support the Alumni Band!
- To sign up or for information, contact Doc Golemo at [mgolemo@iastate.edu](mailto:mgolemo@iastate.edu)

## Hey Alumni Band!

I write to you in the middle of our July heat-wave here in Iowa that reminds me that marching band season must be right around the corner! We've got an exciting array of performances planned for this fall in Jack Trice, surrounded by some promising sports-ball entertainment on either side of halftime :)

This fall we will be debuting a "new look" for the ISUCF'V'MB - brand new uniforms! Carefully designed for maximum "pop" off the field, these new digs are both progressive and "throwback" to the white uniform days — we hope you like them!! In addition to brand new uniforms, we are moving forward with the purchase of a fleet of 32 brand new sousaphones for the CMB. For the first time in band history, everyone will be performing on the same brand of sousaphone, and we have reason to believe that for the first time in history - they will all be fully-functional! If you are able to scour your couch cushions for a little extra coin to help us get across the finish line, we'd love to make this purchase happen for this season - please consider giving to the adopt-the-band fund to help make this a reality for our members this year. Alumni Sousaphone players — I have a special idea for all of you to consider giving towards and will reach out to you individually so you can have a direct impact on your sousa-family!

The "state of the band" is exceptionally strong - over 450 signed up to audition this fall! Interest in our program continues to grow, and we're working hard to continue to improve the experience for our membership and expand our outreach. We are busy planning a trip to Manhattan....Kansas in November to cheer on the Cyclones, and we'll welcome bands from UNI, Kansas, OK State, Texas, and....I'm forgetting one...:)

If you haven't followed us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter - please consider it! You'll stay up-to-date on all things CMB throughout the year. I look forward to seeing many of you back at "the Jack" this fall for Homecoming. If you're attending other games, please say hello at our Cyclone Step-Show before the games - it's a great chance for alumni and current members to connect and celebrate the common bond of being a proud member of the ISUCF'V'MB!

Go Cyclones!



Christian Carichner  
Director - Cyclone Marching Band



# We want your feedback

Greetings! Six years ago, you all elected me into the presidential rotation. It has been a privilege to serve. We've had a few problems, thankfully nothing we couldn't get past. We've also had the honor of the Sudler Trophy, reforms to the board, the luck of great weather, and a shut out of Texas for icing on the cake.

My entire time as President I've always asked for emails, texts, and any communications for feedback. With the rest of the board's help, we're going to elevate that to 11. Please spend 10 minutes to answer a survey that tries to encompass the whole scope of Alumni Band activities. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6NL5YZ8> There are also hypothetical questions I have been pondering for years. The data from everyone will help guide the new board's decisions on how to best serve both the alumni and support the varsity band. As always, feel free to contact me directly with any further comments, or leave your contact info in one of the comment fields.

To help encourage participation, the board has approved that we will have some sort of prize for participation. Details aren't 100% set, but we are looking at a free raffle ticket for all who participate. The survey is anonymous. Feel free to circulate the link around to any alumni you know, who may not get the newsletter or be a part of our Facebook groups.

Go Cyclones!  
Chris Colvin  
Immediate Past President

## TAKE THE SURVEY NOW

Or scan the QR code below:



# Pep Band Wrap-Up

By Jay Chapman

The 2019 Pep Band season started off with the men's basketball team's look at an old conference foe. But thanks to Marial Shayok, Nick Weiler Babb and Michael Jacobson didn't let any ghosts of Norm Stewart, Quin Snyder or Mike Anderson into the confines of Hilton Coliseum and they came away with a solid victory. This first game turned out to be a special engagement of the combined Varsity-Alumni bands. While it was a little cozy, it was still fun.

The first volleyball match of the season for the Alumni Band was the home match versus Kansas. While the first set was close, the Cyclones dispatched with the Jayhawks 3-0. Eleanor Holthaus was outstanding with a team-high 0.722 hitting percentage.

As has been the case for the last several years, the ISU Alumni Pep Band was asked to play for Volleyball Senior Night on November 23rd. A straight-set victory was the result, thanks in no small part to senior Grace Lazard. Grace outdid Eleanor Holthaus' prior match performance on the hitting front, racking up a school-record for hitting percentage at 0.867! What a way to end a career with ISU.

Women's basketball was next on the docket and a game with the always-tough Drake University. Despite a slow start, the one-two punch of Ashley Joens and Bridget Carlton was too much for the Bulldogs with the Cyclones coming away with an 86-81 victory.

Surprise game! Due to a little bit of a scheduling snafu the Alumni Pep Band was called together at the last minute to play for the WBB game between ISU and Prairie View A&M. Iowa State's lockdown D allowed PWAM only 2 (2!!!) second quarter points, a new school record. The final result was never in doubt, and ISU came out ahead 94-46.



Photo: Shawn Blaesin, Facebook

The men's team took on Eastern Illinois on December 21st and the playing of "Celebrate!" was pretty well locked in by halftime. Nearly every Cyclone scored and ISU came away with a 101-53 victory.

Conference Season! The Big 6, Big 8, Big 12 Conference season for the Alumni Pep Band began with a women's basketball game with KSU just after the start of the new year. A 31-point fourth quarter kept the Mildcats at arm's length as the Cyclones cruised to a 96-58 victory.

Ho-hum another MBB victory over KU. But seriously, number 5 Kansas came into town on January 5th and the Cyclones' defense was solid enough to force 24 KU turnovers and hold the Jayhawks to just 66 points on route to a 17 point win.

The 20th ranked Cyclone women were no match for the TCU Horned Frogs on a weeknight in January. Solid all-around play and a 57-24 rebounding edge led to 92-54 Cyclone victory!

Frustration. Unfortunately an undefeated pep band season was not to be. The MBB game versus KSU was a frustrating one. Despite the Pep Band's best efforts to sway the outcome of the game, missed front ends of one-and-ones and some imperfect defense led to a 57-58 MBB loss. Later that same day the WBB team took on the 11th-ranked Texas Longhorns. A 28-all tie at halftime set up a close second half, ISU was able to get it close again late in

the fourth quarter, but a Bridget Carlton last-second shot couldn't find the mark and the Cyclones fell to Texas by 2.

Both the men's and women's teams went on to play in their respective NCAA tournaments. Despite not advancing quite as far as they'd have hoped, the seasons were considered a success. On to 2019-20!

## What's New, the 2019-20 Season and Pep Band Rehearsals

We have scheduled two pre-season practice sessions for this year. This will help the "more experienced" alumni pick up some of the newer songs that the younger alums already know. It will also give the younger folks an opportunity to pick up on some of the oldies, but goodies.

### Monday, October 28th 7-9PM – Varsity + Alumni Joint Rehearsal

This practice in Ames will be the first of the Varsity Pep Band season and will include a focus on the newer songs in the Varsity books.

### Sunday, November 17, time TBD – Alumni-Only Rehearsal

This rehearsal session will focus on ensuring we are prepared to play the core tunes picked up from the Varsity books, are comfortable with the remainder of the songs in the books and to pick up a couple of new songs from the request list. We'll also discuss changes for the upcoming 2019-20 season including a re-emphasis on pre-game warm up and practice time.

We **strongly encourage** making an effort to join us for one of these rehearsals to help keep the ISU Alumni Pep Band the best we can be!

GO CYCLONES!



Photo: Matthew Zach, Facebook



Photo: Bob Fitch, Facebook



# CY-CL-ON-E-S: Bring Your Nostalgia to the Friday Night Gala

**Friday October 25, 7-10 pm, Iowa State University's Reiman Gardens**

Remember those marching band shirts from 1989 that your significant others keep trying to throw away but you keep rescuing from the trash?

Wear them.

Remember that pile of old marching band Polaroids you've been holding onto for a decade, and you're not quite sure why?

Bring them.

Remember those memories of being a part of the best band in the land?

Share them.

This Friday Night Social is a true reunion, celebrating in view of Jack Trice at the beautiful Reiman Gardens of Iowa State University. Embrace the nostalgia by wearing your ISUCFVMB apparel and bring photos to share from your time in the band. Any photos you don't want to take back home we will collect at our celebrate-the-decades table. Expect our traditional raffle. Cash bar and nacho bar catered by Gateway Hotel.

## Parking and Entry

Prior to our event, you are encouraged to attend the Varsity Band's rehearsal, which runs from 5:10-6:30 at the Northwest corner of campus, North of the Armory. After practice and before heading over, consider taking a drive around campus to see all the changes since your time here. When you arrive at Reiman Gardens, parking will be available in Lot S1.

# Homecoming 2019: What you need to know

## 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. Recent graduates (2017 – 2019) and current students receive a discounted price. All jackets are men's sizes (S-4XL) and to guarantee your jacket size register by September 29. All specific jacket questions should be directed to Erin Kalkwarf.

## Instruments

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

- Mellophones
- Baritones
- Sousaphones
- Percussion
- Flags

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 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:

- March the halftime drill on the field "Marching On-Field"
- Stationary position on the field "Stationary On-Field"
- Enjoy the show from the sideline "Not participating at halftime"

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. 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.



## Golden Alumni Shuttle

If you are in need of transportation assistance, the Golden Alumni Shuttle will be available for use. This shuttle will also run from Scheman to the Bergstrom Indoor Practice Facility before rehearsal on Saturday. Please indicate on the registration form your desire to use the shuttle so that there is enough transportation for everyone.

## 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 he/she was up on time! Find a link on our website, [www.isualumniband.org](http://www.isualumniband.org).

## 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 his/her years of dedication to the ISU Bands. A wonderful way to welcome graduating seniors to the Alumni. Please consider gifting this opportunity to a Varsity member.

## Alumni Band Homecoming FAQ

### **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.

### **Do I still need to know how to play my horn well anymore?**

No. We gather to have fun with friends, network, and enjoy being on the field together.

### **Do we memorize music?**

No. Hard copies of the music will be available Saturday morning at rehearsal. 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!

### **Where can I park?**

We pay for parking at Scheman just like a wedding or conference that uses it. Tell them you are with the Alumni Band.

### **Is there a full dinner on Friday night?**

No. We typically offer hors d'oeuvres and light snacks. Look for more information as we get closer to celebrating Homecoming 2019.

## Alumni Band Homecoming FAQ, continued

### **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?**

Not at this time.

### **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 ISUCFV'MB and enter for your chance to win some great prizes – including registration for Homecoming 2020!

### **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 I something happens suddenly and I can't attend?**

We know plans can change on short notice. Contact President Erin Kalkwarf ([erin.kalkwarf@gmail.com](mailto:erin.kalkwarf@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 to add your name to ballot ([Kelli Huser kahuser@gmail.com](mailto:Kelli.Huser@kahuser@gmail.com))

### **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.

# 2019-2020 Board Member Elections

Again this year you will be able to vote for the new board members online. A separate email will go out to those who register for Homecoming with a link to the voting webpage.

## Ballot Positions for 2019-2020

Have ideas? If you are interested in running for a position on the board please contact President-Elect, Kelli Huser at kahuser@gmail.com.

**Secretary** – keep minutes at meetings and distribute them to all members of the Executive Board, carry out correspondence.

**Treasurer** – maintains financial records of income and expenses, works with the music department and the ISU Foundation.

**Newsletter Editor** – coordinate with the music department and the Executive Board in publishing newsletters.

**Public Relations Chair** – responsible for the Alumni Band's social media presence and works closely with the Newsletter Editor.

**Directors at Large (3)** – advise and consult as a part of the Executive Board at all meetings and carry out other duties as assigned.

For a full list of duties of the various positions, please see the Alumni Band Constitution:

[https://www.isualum.org/s/565/images/editor\\_documents/website\\_documents/alumni\\_band\\_constitution\\_-\\_updated\\_2017.pdf](https://www.isualum.org/s/565/images/editor_documents/website_documents/alumni_band_constitution_-_updated_2017.pdf)

## 2018-2019 Alumni Band Board Members

President	Erin Kalkwarf, '05
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