



# Welcome to the 2019 Big Purple!

## From the Directors:

Greetings and YBP from Abilene! We are going to have a great fall semester, with six home football games and lots of great music.

Our music this fall will include big band standard "Sing Sing Sing," Bruno Mars' "Runaway Baby," the Stevie Wonder hit "Another Star," Johnny Cash's "Orange Blossom Special, and the gospel tune *I'll Fly Away*. On November 9<sup>th</sup>, we will perform a show in honor of Veteran's Day, and our last show will feature music celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Woodstock.

## Announcements:

Check out the calendar online! Go to the [band page](#) on the ACU website and click on the calendar link. This is always the best calendar for you to check. You can also subscribe to it through Google Calendar.

### **PARTICIPATION SCHOLARSHIPS!!** *Raised for 2019!*

- \$1130 - New Heads
- \$1180 - 2nd year
- \$1230 - 3rd year
- \$1280 - 4th year and beyond

Please **go online** and fill out the BIG PURPLE FORM **right away**. Here are the links to the [Band page](#) and a direct link to the [online form](#). Get this done now!! Don't wait!!

Make sure you are registered for band! Ask your advisor to enroll you in MPEI 210.01 (1 hr P.E. credit), MPEI 301.01 (0 credit), or MPEI 311.01 (1 hr credit). Band meets M 11:50-12:45; WF 11:15-12:45. ALL band members receive a chapel credit reduction!

As you get your schedules put together and enrolled for classes, please communicate with us if you have class conflict issues.

## Summer band:

Check-in (for everyone) will be Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Meals (at the Bean) will be available from Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> until the regular meal plans begin on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Freshmen and New Heads - we have worked with the Wildcat Week organizers to make it as easy as possible for you. You can participate in both!

Officers and leaders - The required training and work sessions are August 15-16.

This is going to be a special semester and year for the ACU Bands in SO many ways. Please get the word out about the family that is the ACU Band program, our great participation scholarships for marching band (the envy of many university bands!), and our great organization. The social and spiritual ties we form every year are such a blessing. We can't wait to see all of you and get started! Have a great rest of the summer and YBP - that's *Yay Big Purple* for you New Heads!

Dr. Steven Ward, Director of Orchestra and Bands  
Dr. Brandon Houghtalen, Associate Dir. of Bands;  
Director, Big Purple Marching Band  
Geoffrey Driggers, Assistant Director of Bands;  
Director, Basketball Band

If you haven't yet...please fill out the 2019 Big Purple online form ASAP  
[www.acu.edu/bands](http://www.acu.edu/bands), to *Big Purple Marching Band*, then to *Big Purple Online Form*

# AUDITION INFORMATION

(Remember, brass & woodwinds-NO audition is required for Big Purple)

## MARCHING BAND PERCUSSION

Percussionists will audition for placement in either the marching drum line or front ensemble. Percussion auditions will begin Friday, August 16, 7:00-9:30 pm. Everyone who auditions will be placed!

Audition materials and information can be found at [www.acu.edu/bands](http://www.acu.edu/bands). Click on the [Big Purple Marching Band](#) link, then click on [Percussion Audition Information](#).

For more information regarding auditions, please contact:

Dr. Allen Teel, Percussion                      o 325.674.2030                      [teela@acu.edu](mailto:teela@acu.edu)



## COLORGUARD

The colorguard is present at all rehearsals and performances, including football games, parades, etc. Check out the [Big Purple Colorguard](#) and the winter guard [Acuity](#) on our webpage, [www.acu.edu/bands](http://www.acu.edu/bands). All color guard members are eligible for the Big Purple Participation Scholarship!

**Auditions** (basic fundamentals)

Prep clinic	Friday Aug. 16	7:00-9:30 pm
Auditions	Saturday Aug. 17	9:00-11:30 am

For more information regarding auditions, please contact:

Becky Mathis, Guard Instructor                      m 325.370.3506                      [rebeccaruffu@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccaruffu@gmail.com)

## JAZZ ENSEMBLE & COMBOS

Auditions for Jazz Ensemble and Combos take place the first week of classes. For audition guidelines and updates check out the website: [www.acu.edu/music](http://www.acu.edu/music), click [Ensembles](#), then [Jazz Ensemble](#). Directed by Dr. Mike Rogers, the Jazz Ensemble is one of the great traditions and fun ensembles at ACU! If you have any questions, please contact him.

Dr. Mike Rogers, Director of Jazz Studies and Coordinator of Music Theory  
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## CIVIC ORCHESTRA OF ABILENE

The Civic Orchestra of Abilene is a cooperative effort between ACU, HSU, and McM. It is a full symphony orchestra and a fantastic experience! Auditions happen the first week of school. Visit the website for more information or contact Dr. Ward.

[Civic Orchestra of Abilene](http://www.civicorchabilene.org)

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# Summer Band Schedule

August 15 - 25,

## STUDENT LEADER MANDATORY SESSIONS- Drum Majors, Officers, Section Leaders

### Thursday Aug 15

10:00-11:15	Opening Session	WPAC/Fry Hall
11:30-12:30	Lunch	<a href="#">Los Arcos</a>
1:00-5:00	Leadership training/work in WPAC	WPAC/Fry Hall
5:30-7:00	Dinner in WPAC	
7:30-9:00	Marching fundamentals, etc.	Fry/Stompin' Grounds

### Friday Aug 16

8:30-11:30	Leadership training/work in WPAC	WPAC/Fry Hall
11:30-1:00	Lunch (Pizza in WPAC)	
1:00-2:00	Finish any set up, work, etc.	

### Friday Aug 16

2:00-5:00	Move in to residence halls	
5:00-6:30	YBP band sign in & get gear!	WPAC West Lobby
7:00-9:30	Color Guard – Meeting and audition prep clinic	Fry Hall
	Percussion – Meeting and auditions	Percussion studio
8:00-10:00	Game Night/snacks/meet & greet!	WPAC

### Saturday Aug 17

8:00-9:00	Breakfast (Bean open for all band members)	Bean
9:00-11:30	Rehearsal (split)	WPAC
	Color Guard – auditions	North Lobby
11:30-1:00	Lunch (Bean open for all band members)	Bean
1:00-3:00	Rehearsal (split)	WPAC
3:00-4:00	Break	
4:00-6:00	Rehearsal (together)	Fry Hall
6:00-6:30	Devotional	Fry Hall
6:30-8:00	Dinner (Bean open for all band members)	Bean

### Sunday Aug 18

9:00-10:00	Breakfast in Fry Hall	Fry Hall
10:15-11:00	Devotional/Communion	Fry Hall
11:00-1:00	Lunch (Bean open for all band members)	Bean
1:30-4:00	Rehearsal (split)	WPAC
4:00-4:30	Break	
4:30-6:00	Rehearsal (full)	Fry Hall
6:30-10:00	Dinner and games	<a href="#">Gatti's</a>

### Monday Aug 19

7:00-8:00	Breakfast (Bean open for all band members)	Bean
8:00-11:00	Marching Rehearsal	Stompin' Grounds
11:00-2:00	Lunch (Bean open for all band members)	Bean
2:00-3:00	Individual Sectionals	WPAC
3:15-4:15	Rehearsal (split)	WPAC
4:30-5:30	Rehearsal (full)	Fry Hall
5:30-6:30	Dinner (Bean open for all band members)	Bean
7:00-10:00	Sonic!	<a href="#">Sonic!!</a>

### Tuesday Aug 20

7:00-8:00	Breakfast snacks for everyone	WPAC Lobby
8:00-11:00	Marching Rehearsal	Stompin' Grounds
11:00-1:30	Break for lunch	
1:30-2:45	Rehearsal (split)	WPAC
3:00-5:00	Rehearsal (full)	Fry Hall
8:30	Candlelight Devo	Amphitheater

**Wednesday Aug 21**

8:00-10:00  
 2:00-3:30  
 3:30-6:30  
 6:00-11:00  
 8:30-10:30

**Dress up: Character Day**

Marching Rehearsal  
 Departmental Open Houses  
 Rehearsal  
 New Heads: Block Party, etc. (WW Week)  
 Putt-Putt and Games

Stompin' Grounds  
  
 Fry Hall  
[Downtown Abilene](#)  
[Play Faire Park](#)

**Thursday Aug 22**

8:00-10:00  
 2:30-5:00  
 6:00-8:00

**Dress up: Tie Dye**

Marching Rehearsal  
 Rehearsal  
 New Head Dinner--elect officer!

Stompin' Grounds  
 Fry Hall  
[Rosa's](#)

**Friday Aug 23**

8:00-10:00  
 11:00-11:45  
 11:45-1:00  
 2:30-5:00

**Dress up: Purple Friday**

Marching Rehearsal  
 Wildcat Prowl/Pep Rally  
 New Heads: Cornerstone Lunch  
 Rehearsal

Stompin' Grounds  
 Moody Coliseum  
  
 Fry Hall

**Saturday Aug 24**

8:00-11:00  
 2:00-3:30  
 7:00-9:00

**Dress up: Section Day**

Marching Rehearsal  
 Opening Ceremony Rehearsal  
 Section parties

Stompin' Grounds  
 Moody Coliseum

**Sunday Aug 25**

Day off!!

## RESIDENCE HALL INFORMATION FOR ALL BAND MEMBERS

**ALL band members who will be living in residence halls need to participate in early move-in Friday, August 16th.** The residence halls will be open from 2:00-5:00pm. We will have Old Heads and Band Officers available to help you move things into your room. Fill out the [Big Purple Form](#) by **August 1st** so that Residence Life office has the information they need. We can't wait to have everyone on campus!

Any questions about moving into the residence halls? Please call/text Geoffrey Driggers at 325-261-0212 or email: [gad13a@acu.edu](mailto:gad13a@acu.edu)



### [Big Purple Online Form](#)

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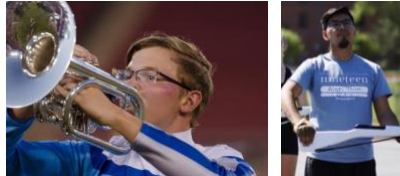
### [ACU Big Purple Marching Band](#)



# Recent Band Highlights



In February, current student Marissa Leitz and alumna Abby Alford ('18) participated in the CBDNA Honor Band in February.



This summer, four current students are participating in DCI: Gabi Brewer, Garrett Higbee, Wyatt Long, and Alan Torres.



In April, John Mackey was Composer-in-Residence with Concert Band and Wind Ensemble. He is seen here working on his new piece *Places we can no longer go...*



This last March, our Men's and Women's Basketball Teams qualified for the NCAA March Madness Tournament for the first time in school history, and our Basketball Band joined them!



This summer, Jacob Murillo and Drew Young spent a week at the University of Washington to take part in the Smithsonian Folkways Certificate Course in World Music Pedagogy.



Recent graduate Geoffrey Driggers ('18) has been hired as Assistant Director of Bands. He will be directing the Basketball Band as well as helping with the Big Purple Marching Band.



We welcome Laura Logan to the Bands and Music Department as the new Ensemble and Recruiting Administrative Coordinator!

## 2019-2020 OFFICERS

President	<b>Noah Pruitt</b>
Vice President	<b>Sara Broughton</b>
Secretary	<b>Melissa Powell</b>
Historians/ Social Media	<b>Carson Ross</b> <b>Joy Wall</b>
Photographer	<b>Erin Wilhelm</b>
Chaplain	<b>Hannah Smith</b>
Band Operations	<b>Harrison Adams</b> <b>Daniel Ayala</b> <b>Penn Eichorn</b> <b>Michael Lester</b>
Fossil Rep	<b>Rachel English</b> <b>Amanda Green</b>
Senior Rep	<b>Jacob Murillo</b>
Junior Rep	<b>Adam Garcia</b>
Sophomore Rep	<b>William Stanley</b>
Freshman Rep	<b>(TBA) pending elections</b>
Drum Majors	<b>Alli Mae Bulkley</b> <b>Neely Bolin</b> <b>Xel Salinas</b>
Librarian	<b>Meghan Ahern</b>

### Section Leaders

Piccolo	<b>Sierra Sumner</b>
Flute	<b>Bailey McCall</b>
Clarinet	<b>Savannah Shafer</b>
Alto Saxophone	<b>Meghan Ahern</b>
Low Reeds	<b>Jacob Hanson</b>
Trumpet	<b>Michael Lester</b>
Horn	<b>Allison Whiddon</b>
Trombone	<b>Seth Vaught</b>
Euphonium	<b>Garret Higbee</b>
Sousaphone	<b>Carson Ross</b>
Battery Percussion	<b>Drew Young</b>
Pit Percussion	<b>Nathan Saldivar</b>
Colorguard	<b>Alan Torres, Caitlyn Wade</b>

### 2019 Performances/Home Games

<b>Aug 26</b>	<b>Opening Ceremony</b>
<b>Sept 7</b>	<b>vs Arizona Christian</b>
<b>Sept 21</b>	<b>vs McNeese</b>
<b>Oct 12</b>	<b>vs Houston Baptist</b>
<b>Oct 19</b>	<b>Homecoming vs SFA</b>
<b>Nov 9</b>	<b>vs Same Houston State</b>
<b>Nov 16</b>	<b>vs SE Louisiana</b>
<b>Dec 5</b>	<b>Big Purple Concert</b>

## Band President – Noah Pruitt

Hey Band!

My name is Noah Pruitt, and I am the Band President for 2019-2020. The band officers and I are so excited that you are a part of our Big Purple Marching Band! We are ready to serve you and our program throughout this coming year. We have many exciting plans for this upcoming season. New Heads (freshmen and new band members), we will do our best to ensure that you feel comfortable and are a part of the Big Purple family, and to help you create amazing, lasting memories throughout your time here at ACU. In the past few years, we have played major roles on campus, from helping to open our new stadium to playing in the March Madness tournament with our amazing basketball teams. We hope to continue this strong impact that we have had on our campus! Please be sure to fill out the Big Purple Form and read this newsletter carefully to ensure that you are up to date on everything. Enjoy the rest of your summer! I look forward to meeting all of the New Heads and reconnecting with the Old Heads when we start our season on August 16th!

Noah Pruitt, President

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS!**

**Band Retreat**

November 1 - 3  
Brady, TX



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For certain performances, especially early in the season, we use an alternate uniform (Big Purple polo and khaki shorts or black pants). Instead of using one particular brand of shorts/pants for all members, we allow students to **provide their own**. This is the best way to ensure members have shorts/pants that look and fit the best for their particular body type. Since these are part of a uniform, it is important that they conform to the following guidelines.

**Shorts:** The shorts must be conservative in nature with no holes or markings. The correct style is often described as a khaki chino short. Men's length must be at the knee, with the bottom of the shorts no higher than 2 inches above the knee cap, and no lower than the center of the knee cap. Women's length must have an inseam of 7-9 inches.

We prefer a flat-front (non-pleated), non-cuffed short. No cargo shorts or shorts with protruding pockets are allowed.

**Pants:** The pants, similar to above, must be plain and black (non-faded/no patterns). No leggings.

We wear our Polos tucked-in, and if your shorts/pants have belt loops you are required to wear a belt.

Please bring your shorts/pants with you to summer band—you will need them for the pep rally performance and Opening Ceremony. Affordable shorts/pants can be found online and at stores such as Target, Old Navy, etc. Examples are shown below.



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