

48TH ANNUAL PANTHER MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL

SEPT. 27, 2025
O'BRIEN STADIUM



EASTERN ILLINOIS™
PANTHER MARCHING BAND





EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY™

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DEGREE PROGRAMS

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

TEACHER LICENSURE

- Instrumental, Vocal, General Music

PERFORMANCE

- Instrumental, Vocal, Keyboard, Jazz Studies, Composition

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MUSIC

- Audio and Recording Technology
- General Studies
- Music Theory and Composition

MASTER OF ARTS IN MUSIC

MUSIC MINOR

MUSIC TECHNOLOGY MINOR

JAZZ STUDIES MINOR

MUSIC ENSEMBLES

- Wind Symphony
- Concert Band
- Symphonic Band
- Panther Marching Band
- Jazz Ensemble
- Jazz Lab Band
- Jazz Combos
- Percussion Ensemble
- Symphony Orchestra
- Concert Choir
- University Mixed Chorus
- Musical Theatre Opera
- Camerata Singers
- Basketball Pep Band

2026 AUDITION DATES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

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A MESSAGE FROM JAY

PRESIDENT, EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Welcome to O'Brien Stadium and EIU's annual Panther Marching Band Festival!

Every year, we welcome back to campus the region's most outstanding young musicians, their families and friends as Charleston gets to enjoy the sights and sounds of your hard work. While you're on campus, I invite you to visit our amazing Doudna Fine Arts Center. Doudna is home to our fine and performing arts programs including plays, concerts, student recitals, and galleries, as well as the Panther Marching Band.

Whether you're interested in pursuing a degree in music performance, music education, or one of more than 60 other undergraduate majors, you'll find that EIU is a human-scale campus with 8,800 students, more than 175 student organizations, and a faculty who invests in and cares for you. So—I encourage you to visit anytime, schedule a campus tour, and apply to be a member of the EIU community.

And, when you join the Panther Family, I look forward to playing sousaphone with you at the games and other campus events from time to time!

A MESSAGE FROM DB

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BANDS AND DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC BANDS

Welcome to the 48th Annual Eastern Illinois University Panther Marching Band Festival! We are incredibly excited to be able to host the PMB Festival again this year! I have had the pleasure of attending this festival as a participating high school director, as a spectator, as an adjudicator and now, as the festival host. One element has remained constant regardless of the role I was in. EIU has always been, and continues to be, an outstanding educational institution with a fantastic music program and one of the most hospitable universities I have ever visited! I hope that you will observe the same dedication to education and music and experience the same hospitality I have encountered every time I have stepped foot on this campus!

We look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our talented and hard-working band students today as their efforts culminate in fantastic marching band performances! Many, many hours of hard work and dedication have gone into the preparation of these shows and we are happy that our high school bands are here on the EIU campus today to demonstrate their skills.

We hope you enjoy EIU hospitality and experience being a part of the Panther Family! Thanks for taking the time out of your busy schedules to support our young artists and their endeavors in the marching arts! Have a great Panther Day!

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Situated on 320 acres, EIU was founded in 1895 and originated as a teachers college, which speaks to our strong commitment and passion to the field of education. If you talk to students, alumni, faculty, and staff of Eastern Illinois University, before long you'll start to notice a common theme: family. When you attend Eastern, you're doing more than just going to classes. You become part of a family that supports each other, in good times and bad. Panther Pride doesn't just have to do with athletics or wearing a blue shirt, it has to do with supporting each other – academically, personally, spiritually and sometimes even financially. Our impact can be local or global, but there is no doubt we have reason to be proud of being in this family that has produced some of the most impressive thinkers, workers, and leaders the state of Illinois has ever seen.

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY MUSIC DEPARTMENT

We have a thriving department with outstanding faculty, facilities, and most importantly, students! All music students work closely with a dedicated faculty of highly-skilled professional musicians and educators who are committed to providing the utmost in personal attention for every student. As a result, we have an outstanding record for job placements, and our graduates are respected leaders in all fields of music.

The Department of Music enrolls approximately 150 undergraduate and graduate students and is an accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Music. All undergraduate programs share a common set of core courses, which include applied study on your primary instrument or voice, ensembles, music theory, music history, and piano. From here each program branches out to provide specialization in an area of interest. All music majors take weekly hour-long lessons on their primary instrument or voice with a music faculty member, and all students participate in ensembles every semester, many play in more than one. Students frequently collaborate with one another in and out of the classroom, developing a spirit of cooperation and a shared love of music.

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BANDS

The EIU Bands have been serving the University and its students since 1927 through a variety of ensemble experiences including 3 concert bands—Wind Symphony, Concert Band, Symphonic Band—Basketball Pep Band, and the Panther Marching Band as well as 2 jazz big bands and 3 jazz combos. Students of all majors are welcome and encouraged to participate in the various EIU bands. If you like to play a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument, we have a place for you in one of the bands at EIU!

EIU PANTHER MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL CLASSIFICATIONS AND ADJUDICATION PROCESS

CLASSIFICATION

Classification is based on a hybrid system which varies from year to year depending on the natural breaks that occur when band and school enrollments are listed smallest to largest. Schools first determine which classification format they want to enter: Festival (none this year), Scholastic (12 bands) or Open (20 bands). Ensembles are then divided by the natural breaks in band size. IHSA School Classifications are used to divide ensembles into five different classifications (D, C, B, A, AA). This year, the IHSA classification and band size is then averaged together in a 1:1 ratio (because of five IHSA classes and five band classifications) and then classifications are formed. All classifications are set to ensure the fairest possible average between both IHSA classification and musician size classification.

ADJUDICATION

A panel of 9 judges will adjudicate the Festival:

- **Music Performance Ensemble:** Dr. Erica Neidlinger – Pressbox
- **Music Performance Individual:** Matt Banks – Sideline
- **Music General Effect 1:** Adam Hill – Pressbox
- **Music General Effect 2:** Mike Madonia – Pressbox
- **Visual Ensemble:** Jeff Fiedler – Pressbox
- **Visual Individual:** David Knowlton – Sideline
- **Visual General Effect:** Keith Baker – Pressbox
- **Percussion:** Chris Groff – Sideline
- **Color Guard:** Sammy Lawson – Pressbox

Last year we changed our adjudication system for the 'Open Class' band to align more with the Bands of America system. The BOA system places 60% of the weight on the music scores and 40% on the visual scores. The color guard and percussion scores do not factor into the overall band competitive score other than the caption awards. Here is the breakdown of the overall scoring system:

- 20 points –** Music Performance Ensemble
- 20 points –** Music Performance Individual
(both scores above are averaged to 20 points total or 20% of the final score)
- 20 points –** Visual Performance Ensemble
- 20 points –** Visual Performance Individual
(both scores above are averaged to 20 points total or 20% of the final score)
- 20 points –** Music General Effect 1
(this score will reflect 20% of the final score)
- 20 points –** Music General Effect 2
(this score will reflect 20% of the final score)
- 20 points –** Visual General Effect
(this score will reflect 20% of the final score)

For those bands who have chosen the 'Scholastic Class' option, Music General Effect 2 adjudicator transfers to the Music Performance Ensemble caption, Music General Effect 1 adjudicator provides comments only regarding the Music General Effect (no scores) and the Visual General Effect adjudicator transfers to the Visual Performance Ensemble caption. The total scoring systems is as follows:

- 20 points –** Music Performance Ensemble 1
- 20 points –** Music Performance Ensemble 2
(GE Music 2 adjudicator takes the role of Music Performance Ensemble 2)
- 20 points –** Music Performance Individual
(all three scores above total 60% of the final score)
- 20 points –** Visual Performance Ensemble 1
- 20 points –** Visual Performance Ensemble 2
(GE Visual adjudicator takes the role of Visual Performance Ensemble 2)
(both scores above are averaged to 20 points total or 20% of the final score)
- 20 points –** Visual Performance Individual
(this score will reflect 20% of the final score)
- 0 points –** Music General Effect 2
(the Music GE 1 adjudicator will provide comments only regarding music GE)

WHAT AWARDS ARE OFFERED AT THE PMB FESTIVAL?

The following awards will be given in each competitive class:

- Class ranking trophy for each band in each class.
- Outstanding Music for the highest combined Music Performance scores in each class.
- Outstanding Visual for the highest combined Visual Performance scores in each class.
- Outstanding General Effect for the highest combined GE scores in each class.
- Outstanding Percussion and Outstanding Color Guard in each class.
- Grand Champion for the highest placing band in the 1A, 2A, 3A class and the 4A, 5A, 6A class.
- Grand Champion for the highest placing band in the Scholastic Class, Open C and D Class and the Open B, A and AA Class.

PANTHER MARCHING BAND MEMBER FOR A DAY

**NOVEMBER 8, 2025
8:30 AM - 3 PM**

The Panther Marching Band invites all high school students, grades 9-12 to spend a day as part of the PMB Family!

This is a fun and exciting opportunity to experience the game-day rehearsal, performance and atmosphere of a college marching band. Students spend the entire day with the PMB from our morning dress rehearsal; to our pre-game tailgate performance; to halftime; and to our postgame tradition at the

Alumni Clock Tower. This free event will culminate with a GREAT day of memories!

**REGISTER ONLINE BY WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 5, 2025.**

Go to go.eiu.edu/bandday to view a sample schedule and register today!

BANDS

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A MARCHING BAND COMPETITION IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM A SPORTING EVENT OR CONCERT.

There are different rules that we ask our audience to abide by, to help each band and audience member get the best experience possible. We have provided a small list of Do's and Don'ts that will help ensure the enjoyment of all and will help the competition run as smooth as possible.

- + Do get to the show early to get a good seat. Sit as high and centered in the bleachers as possible, so you can get the full effect.
- + Don't save a large number of seats for fans that are coming later. Seating is "First-Come-First-Served".
- + Do wear your school colors proudly!
- + Don't talk during ANY band's performance!
- + Do share and converse with those around you (even those from other schools) between bands.
- + Don't move around during a band's performance. Wait until a performance has concluded, and the band is marching off the field to leave the stands.
- + Do find the positives in each band's performance, and applaud their efforts.
- + Don't make negative comments while within ear-shot of other audience members. You never know who is sitting around you—it could be staff members, parents, or siblings of the performers on the field. If you must point out flaws, wait until the drive home!
- + Do applaud often. If the music moves you to show appreciation, show it! The performers will feed off that energy, and will, in turn, give a better performance!
- + Don't comment negatively on anyone's placement. Every band has worked hard and put in countless hours preparing for the performance you just experienced.
- + Do enjoy the wonderful time and experiences you will have today.

REMEMBER

The adjudicators are professionals who are doing their best to judge a very subjective activity.

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2025 EIU PANTHER MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

10:30 AM	Oblong High School	3:38 PM	Robinson High School
10:44 AM	Ridgeview High School	3:52 PM	Lincoln Community High School
10:58 AM	Blue Ridge High School	4:06 PM	Centralia High School
11:12 AM	Okaw Valley High School	4:20 PM	EIU Panther Marching Band
11:26 AM	Heritage High School	4:34 PM	SCHOLASTIC AND CLASS C/D AWARDS
11:40 AM	Charleston High School	4:48 PM	DINNER BREAK
11:54 AM	Pinckneyville Community High School	5:02 PM	DINNER BREAK
12:08 PM	Cumberland County	5:16 PM	DINNER BREAK
12:22 PM	Wesclin High School	5:30 PM	Mt. Zion High School
12:36 PM	LUNCH BREAK	5:44 PM	Newton Community High School
12:50 PM	Carbondale Community High School	5:58 PM	Mattoon High School
1:04 PM	Urbana High School	6:12 PM	Marion High School
1:18 PM	Rochester High School	6:26 PM	Paris High School
1:32 PM	BREAK	6:40 PM	Alton High School
1:46 PM	Herscher High School	6:54 PM	BREAK
2:00 PM	Watseka Community High School	7:08 PM	Champaign Centennial
2:14 PM	Maroa-Forsyth High School	7:22 PM	Granite City High School
2:28 PM	Flora High School	7:36 PM	Mascoutah High School
2:42 PM	Mater Dei Catholic High School	7:50 PM	Belleville Township High School West™
2:56 PM	BREAK	8:10 PM	EIU Panther Marching Band
3:10 PM	Richland County High School	8:30 PM	OPEN B, A, AA AWARDS
3:24 PM	Paxton-Buckley-Loda High School		

CHECK OUT TODAY'S FULL
FESTIVAL PROGRAM.



go.eiu.edu/pmbfestival

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE EIU
PANTHER MARCHING BAND.



go.eiu.edu/bandwindow

SEE WHAT THE EIU MUSIC
DEPARTMENT CAN OFFER YOU.



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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

We've got more than just a top-notch education to offer — we've got your back with academic, financial, and personal support to help you make your dreams come true.

APPLY

- Complete application at eiu.edu/apply for free.
- Send official high school transcripts.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

TEST-OPTIONAL: 2.8/4.0 GPA

Students with a GPA between 2.3-2.79 will be reviewed to determine eligibility.

TEST-REPORTED: 2.5/4.0 GPA AND 960 SAT OR 18 ACT

Students who do not meet the criteria above may be encouraged to submit additional documents.



GUARANTEED TUITION RATE

The Guaranteed Tuition Rate Program ensures your first-year tuition rate at EIU will remain the same for four continuous academic years. Even if tuition costs rise during your time at EIU, yours will not.



GET A PERSONALIZED ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST
AND CONNECT WITH YOUR COUNSELOR AT

my.eiu.edu

COST TO ATTEND EASTERN

BASED ON 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

UNDERGRADUATE

TUITION	\$10,429.50
STUDENT FEES	\$3,961.50
TEXTBOOK RENTAL	\$262.50
FOOD & HOUSING	\$13,020*

TOTAL

\$27,673.50*

**Based on 30 hours of enrollment and the all-access meal plan for incoming students.*

NOTE: Tuition is based on \$347.65 per credit hour.



EIU COST CALCULATOR

To get a personalized net-cost estimate, visit eiu.edu/cost.

See just how affordable Eastern could be for you!



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Over \$48 million in scholarships and awards were given to EIU students during the 2024-25 school year (more than \$12,000 per student on average).

SANDRA & JACK PINE HONORS SCHOLARSHIPS

PEMBERTON PRESIDENTIAL & PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS AWARD

For exceptionally strong incoming first-year students, the Pine Honors College offers competitive full-ride and full-tuition scholarships.

GPA Requirement: 3.75

AUTOMATIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS HIGH ACHIEVING MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

GPA: 3.85 - 4.0 - \$16,000 (\$4,000 awarded annually)

DISTINGUISHED MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

GPA: 3.6 - 3.84 - \$12,000 (\$3,000 awarded annually)

ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

GPA: 3.0 - 3.59 - \$8,000 (\$2,000 awarded annually)

OTHER AUTOMATIC AWARDS

SUCCESS & ENGAGEMENT AWARD

Students who do not meet the above GPA requirements, but showcase leadership and involvement - **\$4,000** (\$1,000 awarded annually)

PANTHER PROMISE TUITION WAIVER

Students from households with an annual income ranging from: **\$55,000 TO \$100,000 WILL RECEIVE UP TO \$2,500** towards tuition for up to eight semesters.

EIU PROMISE PROGRAM

EIU will reduce the cost of your remaining tuition and required fees to \$0 if you meet the following criteria:

- **YOUR FAMILY'S ANNUAL INCOME IS \$80,000 OR LESS**
- You have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- You are an Illinois resident
- You have your financial aid packaged and complete by June 1
- You meet all other AIM HIGH Grant requirements

DON'T FORGET YOUR FAFSA!

Students should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after it opens.

If you're an Illinois resident who isn't otherwise eligible for federal financial aid, you can submit the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid.

OUR SCHOOL CODE **001674**

www.studentaid.gov

10:30 AM – NATIONAL ANTHEM PERFORMED BY MS. ALLISON COOKE

10:30 AM – SCHOLASTIC D CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME

SCHOOL COLORS

PRINCIPAL

DIRECTOR

BAND STAFF

Oblong High School Marching Panthers

Blue and Gold

Andy Julian

Dillon Honn

Caleb Wartsbaugh – Percussion

Susan Ducommon – Color Guard

Michiala Wallace – Color Guard

Logann Baker

Slay Queens!

Bang Bang

Bad Romance

Halo

We Found Love

DRUM MAJOR

SHOW TITLE

MUSIC TITLES

10:44 AM – SCHOLASTIC D CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME

SCHOOL COLORS

PRINCIPAL

DIRECTOR

BAND STAFF

DRUM MAJOR

SHOW TITLE

MUSIC TITLES

Ridgeview High School Marching Mustangs

Navy and Silver

Zach Freed

Anthony J. Marchese

Sydney Belanger – Color Guard

Alexander Kennedy

Let's Dance! The Music of David Bowie

Let's Dance

Changes

Modern Love

Under Pressure

10:58 AM – SCHOLASTIC D CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME

SCHOOL COLORS

PRINCIPAL

DIRECTORS

BAND STAFF

Blue Ridge High School Marching Knights

Royal Blue and Silver

Brian Eadter

Christopher Mitchell and Angela Mitchell

Morgan Drozs – Woodwind Instructor

Ben Haushalter – Percussion

Adam Turpen – Percussion

Jacalyn Meisner – Color Guard

Ava Paullin

Wanted

Renegade

Desperado

Take The Money and Run

Rebel Yell

DRUM MAJOR

SHOW TITLE

MUSIC TITLES

11:12 AM – SCHOLASTIC D CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME

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PRINCIPAL

DIRECTOR

BAND STAFF

Okaw Valley High School

Royal Blue, Black and Silver

Matt Shoaff

Emanuel Guzman

Kayla Fleshner – Woodwind Tech

Sydney Hagerman – Color Guard Instructor

Ames Drollinger

DRUM MAJOR

SHOW TITLE

MUSIC TITLES

A Day in Paradise

Escape

Margaritaville

11:26 AM – SCHOLASTIC D CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME

SCHOOL COLORS

PRINCIPAL

DIRECTOR

BAND STAFF

Heritage High School Marching Band

Navy and Red

Corey White

Justin Lee

Sam Gilbert, Alex Tatman, Alex Richards,

Brodie Meneel – Techs

Abigail Stites – Percussion

Kristi Kaplan – Color Guard

Colby Schrock and Reagan Stierwalt

DRUM MAJORS

SHOW TITLE

MUSIC TITLES

Heartbreaker

Bad Romance by Lady Gaga

Jar of Hearts by Christina Perri

Heartbreaker by Pat Benetar

11:40 AM – SCHOLASTIC B CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME

SCHOOL COLORS

PRINCIPAL

DIRECTOR

BAND STAFF

Charleston High School Marching Trojans

Scarlet and Gold

Aaron Lock

John Wengerski

Dan Brickner – Percussion

Missy Brown – Color Guard

Samantha Fehrenbacher and Lauren Ealy

DRUM MAJORS

SHOW TITLE

MUSIC TITLES

For Whom the Bell Tolls

Dies Irae

Black Sabbath

For Whom the Bell Tolls

Creeping Death

TOP TEN REASONS TO GO TO EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY



If you have any questions, contact the Office of Admissions at 217-581-2223 or email admissions@eiu.edu.

1. YOU'LL GET A GREAT EDUCATION THAT'S ALSO AFFORDABLE

We have the lowest cost of attendance of any Illinois public university, and the average student receives over \$12,000 in financial aid.

2. YOU'LL LEARN FROM OUR BEST

At EIU, our classes are led by faculty, not teaching assistants like at bigger universities. Our faculty members have years of experience teaching and are experts in their fields.

3. YOUR TEACHERS WILL KNOW YOU

With a student-to-faculty ratio of only 14 to 1, teachers will know you by name and will have time outside class to help you meet your academic and post-graduation goals.

4. YOU CAN THRIVE LIVING ON CAMPUS

Living on campus is convenient, safe, supportive and fun. 97% of students feel secure in the residence halls. Plus, you'll have easy access to dining halls, friends, campus resources, staff, and faculty. We often hear from students that living on campus was the reason they enjoyed their experience at EIU more.

5. YOU'LL FIT IN

EIU offers more than 125+ student clubs and organizations and a thriving student life community, so you'll be sure to make connections and friends.

6. YOU'LL SAVE \$1200 A YEAR WITH TEXTBOOK RENTAL

Plus you won't have to deal with the hassle of hunting down and then reselling textbooks every semester.

7. YOU'LL BE SUPPORTED HERE

EIU offers programs designed to support your success. With help from Freshman & Transfer Connection, Career Services, TRiO, tutoring, the Counseling Center, Living Learning Communities, Accessibility & Accommodations and more, you'll be sure to find everything you need to make the most of your college experience.

8. YOU'LL HAVE PANTHER PRIDE

EIU participates in Division 1 athletics, so you'll be challenged if you're on the team and entertained if you're in the bleachers.

9. YOU'LL BE WELL-PREPARED

Choose from 97 majors and 95 minors to start. After graduation, 91% of our students got jobs in professional positions or were accepted into graduate programs within 6 months of graduation.

10. YOU WON'T REGRET IT

Our alumni satisfaction rate is 98% after 1 year and 99% after 9 years.



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NO ESSAYS OR TEST SCORES REQUIRED.

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11:54 AM – SCHOLASTIC B CLASS**SCHOOL / BAND NAME****SCHOOL COLORS****PRINCIPAL****DIRECTORS****BAND STAFF**

Pinckneyville Community High School Marching Panthers

Columbia Blue and White

Haven Hicks

Amber Nichols and Ellen Filkins

Karen O'Brien – Percussion

Micaela Heine – Color Guard

Aliyah Meyers-Spencer – Color Guard

Iris Zheng

Postcard from Paris

Autumn Leaves

Noël Nouvelet

La Vie en Rose

Daft Punk Medley

DRUM MAJOR**SHOW TITLE****MUSIC TITLES****12:08 PM – SCHOLASTIC B CLASS****SCHOOL / BAND NAME****SCHOOL COLORS****PRINCIPAL****DIRECTOR****BAND STAFF****DRUM MAJORS****SHOW TITLE****MUSIC TITLES**

Cumberland County Marching Pirates

Light Blue and Gold

Daniel Huffman

Blake Ozier

Jenny Miller – Color Guard

Alan Shellenbarger and Stevi Nichols

The Nightmare Before Christmas

The Nightmare Before Christmas Part 1, 2 and 3

12:22 PM – SCHOLASTIC B CLASS**SCHOOL / BAND NAME****SCHOOL COLORS****PRINCIPAL****DIRECTOR****BAND STAFF**

Wesclin High School Marching Warriors

Orange and Black

Jamey Rahm

Collin Johnson

Nathan Sickmeier – Designer

Megan Washburn – Winds

Ben McCullough – Front Ensemble

Destiny Wuebbles – Color Guard

Maddie Brown

Are We There Yet?

Over the River and through the Woods

On the Road Again by Willie Nelson

Blue Skies by Irving Bell

Sailing, sailing by James Swift

The Long and Winding Road by the Beatles

I'm Lovin' it by Justin Timberlake and Pharrell Williams

Selections from Aaron Copland's Appalachian Spring

Crazy Train by Ozzy Osbourne

Free Bird by Lynyrd Skynyrd

Original works by Nathan Sickmeier

DRUM MAJOR**SHOW TITLE****MUSIC TITLES****12:36 PM – BREAK**

12:50 PM – SCHOLASTIC A CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME

SCHOOL COLORS

PRINCIPAL

DIRECTORS

BAND STAFF

Carbondale Community High School Marching Terriers

Black and White

Ryan Thomas

Rachel Norton and Katrina Wood

Kristy Demos – Brass, Visual

Justin Laux – Sound Tech, Low Brass

Keaton Jones – Percussion

Lorie Trexler – Visual, Drum Majors

Jessica Clark – Color Guard

Gabriel Otey and Emma McBride

Grow

Strive – Running Just to Catch Myself by Mark Shultz

Become – Clarity by Zedd

Thrive – Geronimo by Sheppard

DRUM MAJORS

SHOW TITLE

MUSIC TITLES

1:04 PM – SCHOLASTIC A CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME

SCHOOL COLORS

PRINCIPAL

DIRECTORS

BAND STAFF

Urbana High School Tiger Marching Band

Orange and Black

Jesse Guzman

Stacey Peterik and Christi Fernsberg

Peyton Black – Percussion

Kristi Kaplan – Color Guard

Beatrice Biggs, Max Kooper and Theodore Nevins

The Fire Swan

Scene 1. The Fire Swirls

Scene 2. The Infernal Dance of the Swan

Scene 3. The Ballet of Fire

Scene 4. The Fire Swan Finale

DRUM MAJORS

SHOW TITLE

MUSIC TITLES

1:18 PM – SCHOLASTIC A CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME

SCHOOL COLORS

PRINCIPAL

DIRECTOR

BAND STAFF

Rochester High School Marching Rockets

Navy Blue and Orange

Jeff Reed

Chris Gunn and David McCafferty

Tawney Roberts – Front Ensemble

Julia Waldeck – Color Guard

Allie Kerwin and Lorelei Black

Elements: The Music of Earth, Wind & Fire

Got to Get You into My Life

After The Love Is Gone

September

In The Stone

DRUM MAJOR

SHOW TITLE

MUSIC TITLES

1:32 PM – BREAK



EASTERN ILLINOIS
PANTHER MARCHING BAND

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT PMB



The Panther Marching Band is the sound and spirit of Eastern Illinois University, and is one of its largest, most visible, and exciting organizations.

+ WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF JOINING THE BAND?

Marching band is a great way to make lots of friends quickly. Participation in the band and guard makes you part of a powerful spirit organization on campus and provides you the opportunity for leadership development as well as personal growth.

+ DO I HAVE TO BE A MUSIC MAJOR TO BE A MEMBER?

No. Approximately 75% of the Panther Marching Band is comprised of non-music majors, representing every academic discipline offered at Eastern. We welcome diversity, and enjoy members who are there because they love making music and supporting EIU!

+ DOES MEMBERSHIP TAKE A LOT OF TIME?

No. In fact, it probably takes much less time than your high school marching band. Rehearsals are held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 4-6 pm, and for 90 minutes on game day.

+ WHEN IS PRESEASON CAMP HELD?

Preseason Camp is held the week before classes begin in the fall. The 2025 camp will be held Aug. 16-21.

+ ARE THERE AUDITIONS?

There is no audition for the wind players. Students interested in drum line and color guard are required to audition.

+ HOW DO I LEARN MORE ABOUT PMB?

Check out our website, join us at Member For a Day on Nov. 8, 2025, or contact PMB Director David G. Boggs today at dgboggs@eiu.edu.

APPLY TODAY AT MY.EIU.EDU.

eiu.edu/marching_band

1:46 PM – OPEN D CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME

SCHOOL COLORS

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DIRECTORS

BAND STAFF

Herscher High School Marching Tigers

Black and Gold

Brad Elliot

Matt Cornwall and Jessica Griffin

Lydia Jackson – Winds

Katrina Cessna – Percussion and Arranger

Paulette Rife – Color Guard and Show Design

Stella Jackson and Ashlyn Goers

Hoist the Colours

Sea Shanties

Selections from Pirates of the Caribbean

Original music by Katrina Cessna

DRUM MAJORS

SHOW TITLE

MUSIC TITLES

2:00 PM – OPEN D CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME

SCHOOL COLORS

PRINCIPAL

DIRECTOR

BAND STAFF

Watseka Community High School Marching Warriors

Maroon and White

Kyle Nevills

Erik Parmenter

Anna Parmenter – Front Ensemble

Robert Pettry – Percussion

Sally Parmenter – Color Guard

Kiera Berg and Lydia Heeren

Colors – Music by Randall Standridge

Red & Orange

Blue & Purple

Yellow & Green

DRUM MAJORS

SHOW TITLE

MUSIC TITLES

2:14 PM – OPEN D CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME

SCHOOL COLORS

PRINCIPAL

DIRECTOR

BAND STAFF

DRUM MAJOR

SHOW TITLE

MUSIC TITLES

Maroa-Forsyth High School Marching Trojans

Blue and Gold

Brice Stewart

Sarah Lidy

Sammy Kelm – Color Guard

Rebecca Riley

Marching into Mardi Gras

At a Dixieland Jazz Funeral

House of the Rising Sun

Feelin' Good

Friends on the Other Side

It Don't Mean a Thing

2:28 PM – OPEN D CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME

SCHOOL COLORS

PRINCIPAL

DIRECTORS

BAND STAFF

DRUM MAJOR

SHOW TITLE

MUSIC TITLES

Flora High School Marching Wolves

Orange and Blue

Toby Pearce

Ethan Steber and Sara Hudson

Colleen Steber – Drumline

Madison Britton

Into the Shadows

Phantom of the Opera

No Time to Die

Night on Bald Mountain

2:42 PM – OPEN D CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME

SCHOOL COLORS

PRINCIPAL

DIRECTOR

BAND STAFF

Mater Dei Catholic High School Marching Knights

Navy Blue and Columbia Blue

Dennis Litteken

Doug Schaffer

Kara Grafton – Woodwind/Visual

Aidan Varel – Brass/Visual

Eric Drake – Percussion

Andrew Bosomworth – Percussion

Rebekah Schaffer – Guard

Riley Wuebbels – Camp Staff

Olivia Kunz and Briana Hemker

This Just In!

Birdland

Hide and Seek

Channel One Suite

DRUM MAJORS

SHOW TITLE

MUSIC TITLES

2:56 PM – BREAK

3:10 PM – OPEN C CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME

SCHOOL COLORS

PRINCIPAL

DIRECTOR

BAND STAFF

Richland County High School Marching Tigers

Orange and Black

Jeff Thompson

Christopher Jones

Nancy Deimel – Music Department Manager

Garrett Coffey – Front Ensemble

Jay Vaal – Drumline

Nicole Coulter – Color Guard

Jordi Mendoza

La Noche del Fuego

El Diablo De Las Lomas

DRUM MAJOR

SHOW TITLE

MUSIC TITLES

WHY JOIN OUR PMB FAMILY!

WHAT DO OUR STUDENTS SAY ABOUT THE PANTHER MARCHING BAND?



PMB has also challenged me as a performer and pushes me to be my best every day!

Delilah Littlejohn
Colorguard



I've made so many friendships through PMB that will last a lifetime.

Jaden Armstrong
Piccolo



I was nervous that college marching band wouldn't live up to the expectations set by my high school program, but PMB proved me wrong in the best way possible.

Grace Warszalek
Drum Major

APPLY TODAY AT MY.EIU.EDU. | eiu.edu/marching_band

THE FOLLOWING PMB MEMBERS ARE ALUMNI FROM BANDS VISITING HERE TODAY!

ALTON HIGH SCHOOL

Allison Cooke

BELLEVILLE TOWNSHIP HS WEST

Jayla Reynolds and Linley Russell

BLUE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Morgan Drozs and Kallee Steinkamp

CENTRALIA HIGH SCHOOL

Xavier Wilmoth

CHARLESTON HIGH SCHOOL

Ethan Ennis, Leah Colvin, Kenna McPeak, Cassey Melton and Daniel Ogle

CUMBERLAND COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

McKenzie McCullough

FLORA HIGH SCHOOL

Xavier Brown and Carter Castleberry

GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL

Arianna Collins, Colin Lakatos, Zachary Parks and Jenna Watkins

MATTOON HIGH SCHOOL

Claire Kersh and Kate Landrus

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ROBINSON HIGH SCHOOL

Gabriel Bailey, Tyler Midgett and Jason Oswalt

WESCLIN HIGH SCHOOL

Kaycee Wyatt

PARTICIPATION IN MARCHING BAND HELPS STUDENTS BECOME SO MUCH MORE THAN BETTER MUSICIANS.

Using data and scales from the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), Dr. David Healy from Boston College compared the college engagement of members of 20 different college marching bands with data from the same colleges from non-marching band members. Comparing data from marching band members and non-marching band members, he found the following:

- + College marching band students are more likely than non-band students to work with faculty members on activities other than coursework including committees, orientation, and student life activities.
- + College marching band students are more likely than their non-band peers to participate in a community-based project (e.g. service learning) as part of a course.
- + College marching band students are more likely than their non-band peers to have serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity as well as students who are very different in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values
- + College marching band students are also more likely than their non-band peers to examine the strengths and weaknesses of their own views on a topic or issue, try to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective, and learn something that changed the way they understand an issue or concept.

3:24 PM – OPEN C CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME
SCHOOL COLORS
PRINCIPAL
DIRECTORS
BAND STAFF

DRUM MAJORS
SHOW TITLE
MUSIC TITLES

Paxton-Buckley-Loda High School Panther Regiment
 Blue and Gold
 Hannah Eshleman
 Joshua Breen and Dayna Breen
 Laura Birge – Percussion Instructor
 Micheal Soltis – Drumline Instructor
 Kaitlyn Pugh – Color Guard
 Brayden Kief and Savannah Jones
 Sirens
 Aquarium by Camille Saint-Saens
 The Wellerman
 I Just Died in Your Arms Tonight by Cutting Crew

3:38 PM – OPEN C CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME
SCHOOL COLORS
PRINCIPAL
DIRECTOR
BAND STAFF

DRUM MAJOR
SHOW TITLE
MUSIC TITLES

Robinson High School Marching Maroons
 Maroon, Black and White
 Jamie Schultz
 Jenna Decker
 Chris Jansen – Winds and Visual
 Allison Cooke – Front Ensemble
 Braden Kiser – Drumline
 Mikey Collman – Color Guard
 Mak Carlen and Devon Cheesman
 Season's Change
 Featuring musical selections from Vivaldi's Four Season

3:52 PM – OPEN C CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME
SCHOOL COLORS
PRINCIPAL
DIRECTOR
BAND STAFF

DRUM MAJOR
SHOW TITLE
MUSIC TITLES

Lincoln Community High School Marching Railers
 Red and Green
 David Helm
 Nigel Range
 Hannah Fedorchak – Percussion
 Mackinze Carter – Color Guard
 Emery Kitterman
 Pure Imagination
 A Child's Joy
 Pure Imagination
 A Million Dreams

4:06 PM – OPEN C CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME
SCHOOL COLORS
PRINCIPAL
DIRECTORS

Centralia High School Marching Showcase
 Red and White
 Reid Shipley
 Stephanie Aarons-Dennison and Reed Mays

BAND STAFF

Mikey Beal – Percussion
 Kirstin Altom – Color Guard
 Baylee Taylor – Color Guard
 Madie Ruez – Marching Assistant
 Alex Radamacher – Visual Coordinator
 Matthew Rau
 Diamond in the Rough
 Diamonds by Rhianna
 Diamond Aria by Jacques Offenbach
 Palladio by Karl Jenkins

DRUM MAJOR

SHOW TITLE

MUSIC TITLES

4:20 PM – EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY PANTHER MARCHING BAND

SCHOOL / BAND NAME

SCHOOL COLORS

PRESIDENT

DIRECTOR

BAND STAFF

EIU Panther Marching Band
 Royal Blue and White
 Dr. Jay Gatrell
 David G. Boggs
 Cheyenne Brickner – Drumline
 Kristie Finley – Color Guard
 Zora Boggs – Color Guard
 Mark Tessereau – Drill Design
 Brielle Dukovac, Maria Ochs and Grace Warszalek
 EIU Pre-Game Show and Boy Bands!
 EIU Fanfare and Eastern State March
 EIU Fight Song and Alma Mater
 Hot Time, Panther Boogie (Poogie) and War Chant
 Salute to America
 Everybody (Backstreet's Back)
 Drag Me Down

DRUM MAJORS

SHOW TITLE

MUSIC TITLES

4:35 PM – SCHOLASTIC CLASS AND OPEN CLASS D AND C AWARDS

4:50 PM – DINNER BREAK

5:30 PM – OPEN B CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME

SCHOOL COLORS

PRINCIPAL

DIRECTORS

BAND STAFF

Mt. Zion High School Marching Braves
 Red and Black
 Justin Johnson
 Patrick Ward and Jen Himanga
 Kaream Williams and Roxanne Bakir – Pit Percussion
 Instructors
 Chris Weirman – Drumline
 Tori Clyburn – Color Guard Instructor
 Madalyn Jaeger
 A Sky Full of Stars
 Mvt. 1. Eine Kleine Nachtmusik – W. A. Mozart
 Mvt. 2. Stairway to Heaven – Led Zeppelin
 Mvt. 3. A Sky Full of Stars – Coldplay

DRUM MAJOR

SHOW TITLE

MUSIC TITLES

5:44 PM – OPEN B CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME
SCHOOL COLORS
PRINCIPAL
DIRECTORS
BAND STAFF

Newton Community High School Marching Eagles
 Blue and Orange
 Beth Probst
 Brian Ridlen and Jeffrey Finley
 Jordan Hartigan – Percussion
 Kristie Finley, Elise Wright and Josh Milliman – Color Guard
 Carleigh Tessereau – Visual Designer
 Sydney Zumbahlen and Emily Ross – Visual
 Laura Gentry
 Pipedreams

DRUM MAJOR
SHOW TITLE

5:58 PM – OPEN B CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME
SCHOOL COLORS
PRINCIPAL
DIRECTOR
BAND STAFF

Mattoon High School Pride of the Greenwave Marching Band
 Green and Gold
 Richard Stuart
 Justin Hunt
 Christopher Keniley – Percussion Instructor
 Kris Jacobs – Percussion Instructor
 Allison Lawrence – Color Guard Director
 Courtney Hayes – Color Guard Director
 Chloe Bennett
 The War Within
 Amazing Grace
 Ode to Joy
 Dies Irae from Verdi's Requiem

DRUM MAJOR
SHOW TITLE
MUSIC TITLES

6:12 PM – OPEN A CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME
SCHOOL COLORS
PRINCIPAL
DIRECTORS
BAND STAFF

Marion High School Marching Wildcat Band
 Blue and Gold
 Joseph Williams
 Joel Kirby and Andrea Francis
 Connor Vine – Drumline
 Tonya Mathews – Color Guard
 Isabel Moore, Daniel Brame and Harlan Whiteford
 Play!
 Pure Imagination
 Children's March
 Rainbow Connection
 Joyride

DRUM MAJORS
SHOW TITLE
MUSIC TITLES

6:26 PM – OPEN A CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME

SCHOOL COLORS

PRINCIPAL

DIRECTORS

BAND STAFF

Paris High School Beacon Brigade
 Orange and Black
 Mark Cox
 Dr. Kevin Pruiett and Jessica Hendrickson
 Jonathon Boren – Percussion
 Zach Casad – Color Guard
 Haleigh Casad – Color Guard
 Carleigh Tessereau – Choreography
 Elizabeth Alexander and Adelyn Trapp
 Time Machine
 Time Machine by Randall Standridge

DRUM MAJORS

SHOW TITLE

MUSIC TITLES

6:40 PM – OPEN A CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME

SCHOOL COLORS

PRINCIPAL

DIRECTORS

BAND STAFF

Alton High School Marching 100
 Red and Gray
 Mrs. Stacie Franke
 Matt Chesner and Chuck Willard
 Emily Goff – Flutes
 Erica Kennington-Nosce – Clarinets
 Logan Webster – Saxophones
 Jarod Garcia – High Brass and Visual
 Joel Burroughs – Low Brass
 Ry Montgomery – Battery
 Ian Santiago – Front Ensemble
 Benjamin Ottwein and Kenzie Cole – Color Guard
 Samuel Caughran, Bella Paynic and Hailey Baum
 Amazeing
 Lost in the Maze arr. Shannon Jacobs
 Machine by William Bolcom
 Amazing Grace as sung by Pentatonix
 Just the Way You Are by Bruno Mars

DRUM MAJORS

SHOW TITLE

MUSIC TITLES

6:54 PM – BREAK

7:08 PM – OPEN AA CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME

SCHOOL COLORS

PRINCIPAL

DIRECTORS

BAND STAFF

Centennial High School Marching Chargers
 Blue and Silver
 Sara Sanders
 Michael Allen and Brian Ford
 Stefanie Eustice – Color Guard and Assistant Director
 Kameron Phanrana – Color Guard
 Kayleigh Grone and Colin Jenkins
 Out of the Shadows
 1. The Battle Eternal
 2. The Dark Brigade
 3. Voices of Light
 4. Dark vs. Light

DRUM MAJORS

SHOW TITLE

MUSIC TITLES

7:22 PM – OPEN AA CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME

SCHOOL COLORS

PRINCIPAL

DIRECTORS

BAND STAFF

DRUM MAJORS

SHOW TITLE

MUSIC TITLES

Granite City High School Marching Warriors

Black and Red

Tim McChristian

Wyatt Roberds, Jaida Brockman and Denny McFarland

Sky Augustin, Dylan Beasley, Nick Butchee, Ari Collins, Colin

Lakatos, Cameron Stofel, Josie Voumard, Jenna Watkins –

Winds

Marvin Battle, Jake Fraser, Andrew Gibson, Annie Hale,

Riley Quayle, and Sam Shull – Percussion

Jacob Cowley, Jordan Lakin, Robin Moore-Bender, Marc

Preston Moss, Mallory Moyers – Color Guard

Ashley Aburto, Kamryn Bronnbauer and Lydia Randazzo

The Queen's Gambit

Everybody Wants to Rule the World – Lorde

Mars the Bringer of War – Gustav Holst

Fanfare for the Common Man – Aaron Copland

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

William Tell Overture – Rossini

Dance of the Knights – Prokofiev

God Save the Queen

It's A Man's World – James Brown

Requiem For a Dream – Clint Mansell

Pretty Savage – BLACKPINK

We Are the Champions – Queen

7:36 PM – OPEN AA CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME

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DRUM MAJORS

SHOW TITLE

MUSIC TITLES

Mascoutah High School Marching Indians

Purple and White

Amy Kelly Johnson

Luke Davis, Bryan Fenzl and Lexi Gore

Lee-Allison Wilson, Kaylee Scott, Lucas Mueller, Bryson

Collier, Carleigh Tessereau, Brad Taulbee, Isaac Border, Brad

Eston and Patrick Dent

Abby Goede, Averie Feldhake and Kota Houston

The Inn-Between

Hello by Adele

Writing on the Wall by Sam Smith

Stayin' Alive by the Bee Gees

7:50 PM – OPEN AA CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME

SCHOOL COLORS

PRINCIPAL

DIRECTORS

BAND STAFF

Belleville Township High School West Marching Maroons

Maroon and White

Dr. Malcolm Hill

Michael Pond-Jones and Scott Wilson

Robin Bender – Color Guard Director

Lucas Mueller – Color Guard Instructor

Andre Sonner – Percussion Director

Jakeb Schlich – Percussion Director

Luke Geppert, Percussion Instructor

A'Ryah Hoefler, Isabella Pfeffer and Colin Kenny

CHAIN(GED)

featuring music composed by Ian Grom and John Mapes

DRUM MAJORS

SHOW TITLE

MUSIC TITLES

8:10 PM – EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY PANTHER MARCHING BAND

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SCHOOL COLORS

PRESIDENT

DIRECTOR

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DRUM MAJOR

SHOW TITLE

MUSIC TITLES

8:30 PM – OPEN CLASS B, A AND AA AWARDS

UPCOMING MARCHING BAND EVENTS AT EIU

PANTHER MARCHING BAND CONCERT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025 4:00 PM

Come join us at our fall concert featuring music from the 2025 fall season. Also featured are the members of the PMB Color Guard and Drumline along with some special musical segments from the PMB Hornline. You won't want to miss this exciting display of 'Sight and Sound' as the PMB takes the stage in Dvorak Hall! Tickets are available through the Doudna Box Office.

PANTHER MARCHING BAND MEMBER FOR A DAY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025 8:30 AM-3:00 PM

The Panther Marching Band invites all high school students, grades 9-12 to spend a day as part of the PMB Family! This is a fun and exciting opportunity to experience the game-day rehearsal, performance and atmosphere of a college marching band. Students spend the entire day with the PMB from our morning dress rehearsal; to our pre-game tailgate performance; to halftime; and to our postgame tradition at the Alumni Clock Tower. This free event will culminate with a GREAT day of memories!

Register online by Wednesday, November 5, 2025. Go to eiu.edu/marching_band/band_day.php to view a sample schedule and register.

PANTHER PEP BAND MEMBER FOR A DAY (DATE AND TIME TO BE DETERMINED)

Come join the Basketball Pep Band for a game at Groniger Arena! You'll get to hang out with our members and join in all the fun performing for the fans and players at the game!

Participants can purchase an official PMB member T-shirt and will receive a free game day meal. Stay tuned for more information about this fantastic event! Registration information will be coming soon!

UNIVERSITY BANDS

EIU WIND SYMPHONY

The Wind Symphony is the “flagship” ensemble of the band program, consisting of approximately 50 of our finest brass, woodwind and percussion performers by audition. They perform significant literature for winds that is drawn from the major masterworks of the repertoire for the modern wind band, including chamber literature. They are also actively involved in the commissioning of new works for wind band as well as exploring new approaches to programming/performing.

EIU CONCERT BAND

The Concert Band is a non-auditioned ensemble of approximately 45-50 musicians, both music and non-music majors, dedicated to broadening the artistic level and interest of its members while performing the music of artistic and historical significance. The ensemble performs 2-3 concerts in the fall and spring.

EASTERN SYMPHONIC BAND

The Eastern Symphonic Band consists of approximately 45-50 woodwind, brass, and percussion players. This ensemble only meets one night per week, so the time commitment is minimal. Made up of mostly non-music majors, a few community members, and some music education majors playing secondary instruments, this group provides a wonderful performance outlet for non-music majors with a minimal time commitment.

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY PANTHER BASKETBALL BAND

Comprised of both music majors and non-majors, supports the Panther Basketball teams through spirited and quality entertainment. There is no audition to participate. Rehearsals begin in October for this ensemble and performance responsibilities continue through the first half of spring semester.

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY PANTHER MARCHING BAND

The Panther Marching Band is the most visible of all the bands at Eastern. It meets in the fall semester and is open to all students. This exciting musical showcase traditionally performs for all home football games, one away game, high schools, contests, and pep rallies. Members of the PMB enjoy a unique sense of recognition and respect on campus. Participation is open to all wind and percussion instrumentalists and standard auxiliary units, including drum majors and guard. The style of the band is unique to college bands in that it is a blend of contemporary and traditional music arrangements and drill design. The PMB utilizes a multiple show concept including a traditional pre-game show as well as two to three different half-time shows throughout the season.

For more information on any of the bands, please visit eiu.edu/music or call the University Bands Office at (217) 581-2312.

CONNECT WITH US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EIU PANTHER MARCHING BAND

Go to go.eiu.edu/bandwindow or text PMB to 217-408-0517 to get up-to-speed with all things PMB.

We'd love to show you around.



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Country Catering will host concession areas just under the home stands for your convenience. Their menu is listed below. Prices are average for stadiums. Many fast food options are also available in the University Union Food Court and on Route 16 (Lincoln Avenue) just north of the stadium.

CONCESSION STAND

HOT DOG	\$3.50
CHEESE DOG	\$4.00
NACHO AND CHEESE	\$3.50
W/EXTRA CHEESE	\$4.00
POPCORN	\$2.50
CHIPS	\$1.50
CANDY	\$2.50
SODA	\$3.00 \$5.00
GATORADE	\$4.00
WATER	\$2.00
COFFEE	\$2.00
SLUZZIE	\$3.00

COOK OUT (TENT)

HAMBURGER	\$5.50
CHEESEBURGER	\$6.00
BRATWURST	\$5.50
*HAMBURGER MEAL	\$10.00
*CHEESEBURGER MEAL	\$10.50
*BRATWURST MEAL	\$10.00
CHIPS	\$1.50
SODA	\$4.00
GATORADE	\$4.00
WATER	\$2.00

**Meal Includes Chips and Drink.*

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38TH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025
8:30 AM - 5:15 PM

Join the EIU band directors and 125-135 of the best high school band students around on the EIU campus for rehearsals, masterclasses, a faculty recital and a culminating concert.

To be considered for participation, students must submit a brief online application and video audition. The video audition procedure is identical to the ILMEA All-State audition procedure, and using the same audition video is encouraged.

For students who do not audition for ILMEA All-State, alternative audition

material will be provided on the website listed below.

Video submissions and online applications are due by 10pm on Monday, November 3. Go to go.eiu.edu/hshonorband to view the sample schedule and learn more about the application and audition process. Questions should be directed to Dr. Alicia Neal at amneal2@eiu.edu.

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