EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY PROUDLY PRESENTS

PABLIVE IN CONCERT

DOUDNA FINE ARTS CENTER DVORAK CONCERT HALL SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024 2:00 P.M.

> PLUS, EIU HONORS FORMER DIRECTOR OF BANDS, DR. JOSEPH MANFREDO











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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

2025 AUDITION DATES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025 SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025

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Hello to our family, friends and fans!

Welcome to the 2024 Panther Marching Band LIVE in Concert Production! We are so happy and excited to be able to take the stage again and present our fall season pre-game and half-time show music from our first four half-time shows! We would like to offer a huge thanks to Conor Baltz, Dennis Malak, Kevin Di Bella and the rest of the Doudna Crew for all their work in helping us to put this production together in such a quality manner!

When you read through the program book, you'll note how many of our students make comments about the friendships and family environment created here in the Panther Marching Band. Our PMB Leadership Team always works diligently to focus on building our PMB Family relationships and closer friendships in and out of rehearsals and performances. It has been gratifying to see these friendships being created with other PMB members. Many of our sections eat meals as a section after rehearsals and just spend time together as a section outside of rehearsal. The PMB Family aspect is something that sets the EIU band apart from many other organizations and it's heart-warming to see how much our PMB members care for and support each other here at EIU!

Each year we have worked to build stronger ensemble musical skills and continue to refine and define who we are as a marching unit. We take a very consistent, fundamental based approach to building both musical and marching skills. Our members have really bought into this approach the last two years. Students have grown exponentially since the first day of band camp and are now playing and marching at a much higher level than I expected this year – something I never expected when you take into account that 71% of our students are freshmen and sophomores and that only 25% of the students participating in PMB are music majors!

Finally, I'm very much looking forwarding to honoring my long-time teacher, mentor, colleague and friend today at our performance! Dr. Joseph Manfredo was my second college band director at Tennessee Tech University back in 1984. Dr. Manfredo spent seven years here at EIU (1994-2001) and was an integral part of the exponential growth and refinement of the EIU Bands during that time. He is a phenomenal educator, clinician, consultant, leader and most of all – a fantastic human being. We are so happy to bring him back to EIU and officially honor him for his years of service here at EIU along with a celebration of his career as an outstanding collegiate band director here in the state of Illinois!

We hope you enjoy the PMB LIVE in Concert production today!

Sincerely,

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CONCERT PROGRAM

PRE-GAME SHOW

RUN-ON CADENCE Traditional

EIU FANFARE arr. Al Horney and Barry Houser

EASTERN STATE MARCH E.W. Boyd / arr. Al Horney / rev. Benjamin Druffel

HOT TIME Metz and Hayden / arr. J. Corey Francis

WAR CHANT J. Corey Francis

EIU FIGHT SONG E.W. Boyd / arr. Al Horney

ALMA MATER (FOR US AROSE) Friederich Koch and Isabel McKinney / arr. Al Horney

SALUTE TO AMERICA arr. Al Horney

COLOR GUARD FEATURE

CALIFORNIA Chappell Roan

- Choreographed and performed by Amber Benhart

MUSIC OF SHREK

ALL STAR Greg Camp / arr. Matt Conaway and Jack Holt

ACCIDENTALLY IN LOVE Adam Duritz, Dan Vickrey, David Immergluck, Matthew Malley and David Bryson /

arr. Michael Brown

THE BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES David Jaymes and Geoffrey Deane / arr. Michael Brown

I'M A BELIEVER Neil Diamond / arr. John Wasson

COLOR GUARD FEATURE

WHICH WITCH Florence + The Machine

- Choreographed and performed by Lex Coniglio and Kallee Steinkamp

MARCH TO THE STADIUM

JOHNNY GETS A HAIRCUT Johnny Lee Lane

TAKE IT BACK JACK Patrick Rheingruber

MUSIC OF THE BEATLES

ELEANOR RIGBY John Lennon and Paul McCartney / arr. Tom Wallace

COME TOGETHER John Lennon and Paul McCartney / arr. Tom Wallace

HEY JUDEJohn Lennon and Paul McCartney / arr. Jay Bocook and Omar Carmenates

HALFTIME

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STANDS TUNES

CRAZY TRAIN Ozzy Osbourne / arr. Paul Murtha

GREAT BALLS OF FIRE Jerry Lee Lewis / arr. Nick Baratta

MISS AMERICA - COLOR GUARD FEATURE

SUPERMARKET FLOWERS Ed Sheeran

- Choreographed and performed by Grace Warszalek

MARCH TO THE STADIUM - THE SEQUEL

PANTHER BREAKDOWNR. Dan Brickner

GIDDYUP!

RAWHIDE Dimitri Tiomkin / arr. Brian Scott

COTTON-EYED JOE Traditional / arr. Doug Adams

CHICKEN FRIEDZac Brown and Wyatt B. Durrette III / arr. Allen Gray

COUNTRY ROADS, TAKE ME HOME John Denver, Bill Danoff and Taffy Nivert / arr. Matt Conaway and Jack Holt

DR. JOSEPH MANFREDO INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION

MUSIC FROM THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA (INCLUDING THINK OF ME AND PHANTOM OF THE OPERA)

MASQUERADE Andrew Lloyd Webber / arr. Jay Bocook

THE MUSIC OF THE NIGHT Andrew Lloyd Webber / arr. Paul Lavender

SENIOR RECOGNITION Jaden Armstrong, Amber Benhart, Grace Boecklen, Kimberly Brummer, Lex

Coniglio, Emily Dooley, Livia Haas, Ellie Krouse, Colin Marriott, Carson Musgrave, Kacey Newhart,

Logan O'Laughlin, Destiny Smith, Garrett Wright

POST GAME

EIU FIGHT SONG E.W. Boyd / arr. Al Horney

ALMA MATER (FOR US AROSE) Friederich Koch and Isabel McKinney / arr. Al Horney

EIU TO HONOR CONDUCTOR, TEACHER AND FORMER DIRECTOR OF BANDS, DR. JOSEPH MANFREDO

CELEBRATING HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO EIU AND HIS PHENOMENAL CAREER AS A MUSIC EDUCATOR, CONDUCTOR AND LEADER IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.



Joseph Manfredo received an undergraduate degree in Music Education (1976) and a Master of Arts in Conducting (1977) from Eastern Illinois University. Originally from Calumet City, IL., Manfredo studied clarinet with Dr. Earl Boyd and piano with Dr. Catherine Smith. He earned a doctoral degree in Music Education from the University of Illinois. During his doctoral residency, Manfredo was awarded the University of Illinois Band Conducting Internship to study with the legendary Dr. Harry Begian. In addition, he studied with Gary Smith and James Curnow. His doctoral dissertation was awarded the Fritz Thelan Prize by the International Society for the Promotion and Investigation of Wind Music (IGEB). The Thelan Prize was for "the outstanding American doctoral dissertation on the wind band, 1990 – 1994."

In 1977, Manfredo began a 41-year career as a band director and music education professor at various universities and high schools, including Illinois State University and the University of Illinois.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF HIS CAREER WAS HIS TENURE AS DIRECTOR OF BANDS AND PROFESSOR OF MUSIC AT EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FROM 1994 - 2001. IN ADDITION TO HIS DUTIES AS BAND DIRECTOR, MANFREDO WAS APPOINTED CONDUCTOR OF THE EASTERN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IN 1998.

Manfredo was in constant demand as a guest conductor, clinician, and adjudicator. He conducted various all-state bands and honor bands throughout the United States. From 2011 to 2018, he was the conductor of the Festival Band for the Leonard Falcone International Euphonium and Tuba Competition. Beginning in 2012, he was Music Director and Conductor of the Prairie Wind Ensemble, a semi-professional community band. Several of his collegiate bands were selected to perform at various conferences, including his Tennessee Tech University Wind Ensemble at the 1985 Southeastern Division of the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) conference and the 1986 Tennessee Music Educators Association state conference. In 1992, his Purdue Symphonic Band performed at the North Central Division of the College Band Directors National Association, the first time a non-music major ensemble was selected to perform at the conference. The 1998 Eastern Illinois University Symphonic Wind Ensemble performed at the Illinois Music Educators

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Association (ILMEA) state conference. The 2000 EIU Symphonic Wind Ensemble was also asked to record Curnow Records, Volumes 16 and 17 for Curnow Music Press.

Dr. Manfredo has served the music education profession through numerous presentations and clinics. For many years, he was on the adjudication panel for the Ottawa (CA) CanadaFest Regional. In 2009, he was invited for a two-week residency at the Shanghai (China) Conservatory of Music to help them create a music education degree program. In 1997, he traveled to Brazil to conduct the Porto Alegre Symphony Orchestra, the Campinas Symphony Orchestra, and the Porto Alegre Army and Air Force Bands.

In addition, he has presented lectures and clinics at the Mid-West International Band and Orchestra Clinic, the national conferences for the National Association for Music Education (NAfME), the College Band Directors National Association, the National Band Association, the Instrumental Music Teacher Educators Colloquium, and the Conn-Selmer Institute. He has presented at state music education conferences in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Ohio, and Texas. Also, Manfredo

was selected to make presentations on his historical band research for conferences in Mainz, Germany; Echternach, Luxembourg; Graz, Austria; and Coimbra, Portugal.

Manfredo has published journal articles in the Groves
Dictionary of Music, Bulletin of the Council for Research in Music Education, Journal of Band Research, Music Educators Journal, Journal of Music Teacher Education, The Instrumentalist, Illinois Music Educators Journal, and the Alta Musical Series (Germany). In addition, he was asked to create the conductor's manual for the Essentials of Musicianship series published by Hal Leonard.

Dr. Manfredo served as Chief Editor of the MitteilungsBlatt, one of the publications for IGEB. He was also on the editorial boards for WASBE (World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles) and the Research Committee for the College Band Directors National Association. He served on the board of directors for the Illinois Music Educators Association as the President of the Music Teacher Education Division. Also, he was the Illinois representative for the North Central Division of the Society for Music Teacher Education. He was a member of the Advisory Committee for the Midwest Clinic.

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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DAVID BOGGS, PANTHER MARCHING BAND DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BANDS

Prior to coming to Eastern, David Boggs served as the Director of Athletic Bands at McKendree University for 20 years. He was the Director of the Marching Bearcat Band and Pep Bands, served as the Director of the Music in Our Schools Program, and coordinated many aspects of music student recruitment. He was one of the chief architects in designing the music education, music business, and jazz performance degree programs. He pioneered the Young People's Concerts (three different series of concerts) and oversaw the Preview of Champions and Small Band Marching Band Festivals. He also managed a multitude of additional music education-based clinics, concerts, and events, including the DCI St. Louis Show, the Midwest Percussion Camp, and Phantom Regiment Summer Music Camps. Prior work experience includes Director of Bands at Rolling Meadows and Newton High Schools. He worked in the music departments of Indiana University and Purdue University, served as the Corps Director for Music City Drum and Bugle Corps, and was on the staff of Cadets Drum and Bugle Corps and Music City Drum Corps. Past marching experience included being a former marching member of The Cavaliers Drum Corps. He was also a clinician for the Smith-Walbridge Drum Major Camp for ten years.



CHEYENNE BRICKNER, DRUMLINE

Cheyenne Brickner graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Music Performance. She was on the Panther Marching Band drumline for 4 years and a Graduate Assistant for 2 years. For over a decade, Cheyenne has been a marching percussion instructor, visual technician, and clinician to 8 different high schools across Illinois. These include Effingham, Rantoul, and Evanston. She also worked as a Percussion Assistant for Eastern Music Camp where she taught masterclasses, sectionals, and the World Percussion class for 4 years, and was the World Percussion Teaching Assistant at the International Music Camp in North Dakota. Cheyenne is currently a professor at Lake Land College and the drumline instructor for Eastern Illinois' Panther Marching Band. She continues to be a freelance educator and performer in the Central Illinois area.



KRISTIE FINLEY, COLOR GUARD INSTRUCTOR

Originally from the Chicago Suburbs, Kristie started her color guard career at Alan B. Shepard High School in Palos Heights, IL. She started as a coach at Worth Jr. High after high school in 2001. She attended EIU in 2002 and marched with the Panther Marching Band and was the color guard section leader her senior year. She was also in EIU's winter guard, Blue Horizon, when she attended EIU. After finishing her bachelors in Elementary Education, she started coaching at East Richland High School and the Panther Marching Band's Color Guard in the 2008 and 2009 seasons. She continued to coach at East Richland until 2014. In the fall of 2015, she was hired at Newton Community High School to coach the Newton Marching Eagle Color Guard where she is still the head coach. Kristie, along with Joshua, are the current coaches of EIU's Winter Guard. Kristie resides in rural Jasper County, IL with her husband Jeffrey and five daughters: Micah, Maura, Marleigh, Madden and Mykelti. During the school year, Kristie is the fifth to eighth grade English teacher at St. Thomas the Apostle School in Newton, IL. and she is also the assistant director for the NCHS Theater Program where she focuses on dance and lighting. She is currently enrolled at EIU for her Masters in Curriculum and Instruction and is slated to graduate in fall 2024.



JOSH MILLMAN, COLOR GUARD INSTRUCTOR

Marching band and winter guard has always been a huge part Josh's life. From a small child watching the famous Newton Marching Eagles come up the parade route or at a Friday night football game, he knew then he had a passion for the fine arts and music. Josh coached Charleston High school from 2007-2014, East Richland High School from 2014-2017, and the Eastern Illinois Panther Marching Band Color Guard from 2013-2017. In the fall of 2023 he was hired on to be the weapon line instructor for the Newton Community High School Marching Eagles where he still currently coaches alongside Kristie. He took a short break from coaching to focus on his horse ranch in the rural south east part of Jasper County, IL, where he was born and raised, and still resides. He and his partner (Zachary) own and operate a horse ranch where they breed high end quality American Quarter Horses and Australian Cattle Dogs. If you don't see Josh with the marching band you will be sure to find him in the saddle, working on the farm, or assisting customers at Peoples State Bank of Newton where Josh is a Customer Service Representative.

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NAME: Brielle Dukovac

INSTRUMENT: Drum Major - Oboe / Trombone

YEAR IN SCHOOL: Junior HOMETOWN: Sandwich, IL

MAJOR: Music Education, Instrumental Concentration WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because the people in it made me feel welcomed and made sure I had support along

the entire application process.



MEMORY: PMB makes me feel like I belong somewhere and that I can make a difference wherever I am.



NAME: Livia Haas

INSTRUMENT: Drum Major - Flute

YEAR IN SCHOOL: Senior HOMETOWN: Elizabeth, IL

MAJOR: Music Education, Instrumental Concentration WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because of the welcoming environment, great community, and how the professors go

above and beyond for their students!

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE

PMB MEMORY: My favorite part of PMB is the game days. Regardless of the team we are supporting, PMB never fails to

show up with spirit and support for EIU!



NAME: Grace Warszalek

INSTRUMENT: Drum Major - Flute / Color Guard

YEAR IN SCHOOL: Junior HOMETOWN: Tinley Park, IL

MAJOR: Mathematics with Teacher Licensure

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because it is known for its education program and I immediately felt like I was home

during my first visit.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: My favorite part about PMB is that we a family culture where we all want the best for one another and I'd feel

comfortable asking anyone for help.



NAME: Jaden Armstrong **INSTRUMENT: Piccolo** YEAR IN SCHOOL: Senior HOMETOWN: Highland, IL

MAJOR: Pre-Med/PA Biological Sciences

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because from just my first visit it was perfect. Everyone was welcoming and helpful, campus is beautiful, and I was excited to be a part of the band

programs and life science department.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: I've met so many amazing people in the PMB. I love the energy and excitement we bring to all our performances, specifically home football game day.



NAME: Kim Castillo **INSTRUMENT:** Flute

YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman **HOMETOWN:** Rantoul IL **MAJOR:** Psychology

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because it's an awesome place. I know that EIU is in a small town but it's not about the place but the people that make EIU. The people here are very spirited and very open to helping overall. EIU is the way to go. WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: What I like most about PMB is the spirit we bring. If I had a favorite memory for PMB it would probably be First Night when I finally got to perform for the first time.



NAME: Morgan Drozs **INSTRUMENT:** Flute YEAR IN SCHOOL: Junior **HOMETOWN:** Farmer City, IL MAJOR: B.S. of Biochemistry

WHY I CAME TO EIU: From the moment I stepped on

campus, it felt like home.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: The sense of community that has been created within the band, and the lifelong friends I have created along

the way.



NAME: Riley Hewlett **INSTRUMENT:** Flute

YEAR IN SCHOOL: Sophomore HOMETOWN: Collinsville, IL

MAJOR: Undecided

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because I really enjoyed the campus when I came to visit. It's also only two hours from

home, so it's easy for me to go home if needed.





NAME: Kate Landrus **INSTRUMENT:** Flute

YEAR IN SCHOOL: Sophomore HOMETOWN: Mattoon, IL **MAJOR:** Music Education

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because my parents are alumni from EIU and I wanted to follow in their footsteps.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: I enjoy the flute section and the bond we all share.



NAME: Ashton Miskell **INSTRUMENT:** Flute

YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman HOMETOWN: Mt. Carmel, IL

MAJOR: Theatre

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I came here in 8th grade to be in the ILMEA choir and ever since then EIU was my dream college.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: I really like that everyone is here because they want to be and it's genuinely so fun.



NAME: Kacey Newhart **INSTRUMENT:** Flute YEAR IN SCHOOL: Senior HOMETOWN: Paris, IL

MAJOR: Biological Sciences, Minor in Biochemistry WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU after spending my high school years performing here for the PMB Marching Band Festival. After some research on the programs and livelihoods of students, I knew EIU was the school for me.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: I enjoy the challenges of PMB and the variety of music we play within our numerous Homecoming shows.



NAME: Jaylin Stofferahn **INSTRUMENT:** Flute

YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman **HOMETOWN:** Ashley, IL **MAJOR:** Mathematics

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because of its supportive staff and student body, financial resources, and accessibility.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: I love the relationships I've made with people. PMB connects me with like-minded people and I've fostered close friendships.



NAME: Mikhayla Ward **INSTRUMENT:** Flute YEAR IN SCHOOL: Junior HOMETOWN: Bethany, IL

MAJOR: Biological Sciences in Secondary Education WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because of the amazing

scholarships they provided me.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: PMB always feels like a family



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NAME: Autumn Baker **INSTRUMENT:** Clarinet

YEAR IN SCHOOL: Sophomore HOMETOWN: Chrisman, IL **MAJOR:** History Education

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because it has a great teaching program, and still has that small town feel that I love!



MEMORY: PMB is a great community! I've made so many wonderful friends and relationships through this program and I

could not be happier!



NAME: Jaiden Beckwith **INSTRUMENT:** Clarinet YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman **HOMETOWN:** Sullivan, IL

MAJOR: History Teacher Education

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because of the welcoming

campus and, of course, the marching band.



MEMORY: What I like most about PMB is the connections I've made within my section. They've become some of my closest

friends here at EIU.



NAME: Grace Boecklen **INSTRUMENT:** Clarinet YEAR IN SCHOOL: Senior HOMETOWN: Addieville, IL MAJOR: Early Childhood Education

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because of PMB. When I first heard the band my freshman year of high school, I fell in love with EIU. It's also an amazing school to be at if you want to

go into education.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: My favorite PMB memory would be giving the clarinet section their official nickname this season on the first day of band camp. Since then, they have been known as the

Duckies.



NAME: Mel Camargo **INSTRUMENT:** Clarinet YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman HOMETOWN: Waukegan, IL

MAJOR: Communication Disorders and Sciences

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because of the academic quality, affordability, and opportunities. Although the campus is

smaller than others, I like how close everything is.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: My favorite memory was homecoming. I enjoyed marching in the parade and seeing families hyping up the PMB. I also liked the halftime show because we performed in cowboy

hats and bandannas.



NAME: Emily Dooley **INSTRUMENT:** Clarinet YEAR IN SCHOOL: Senior HOMETOWN: Wilmington, IL

MAJOR: Music Education: Instrumental Concentration WHY I CAME TO EIU: I loved working with the faculty here when I attended Eastern Music Camp in high school.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: My favorite memory from PMB is standing at the clock tower all together for the first time.



NAME: Kate Faurot **INSTRUMENT:** Clarinet

YEAR IN SCHOOL: Sophomore HOMETOWN: Braidwood, IL

MAJOR: Computer and Information Technology

WHY I CAME TO EIU: As soon as I visited campus, EIU felt like home. Coming from a small town, the tight-knit and active

community made being here so much more fun!

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: I love the community within the band! I've met so many of the most important people in my life, and I get to play

music I love with the people I love.



NAME: Sydney Huffman
INSTRUMENT: Clarinet
YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman
HOMETOWN: Crystal Lake, IL
MAJOR: Business Management

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because I felt welcomed by the staff and I loved the small community feeling when visiting

campus!



MEMORY: I love PMB because I was welcomed by everyone and I've already built some close friendships! Professor Boggs makes it feel like family and makes it a point to check in with each member.



NAME: Joanna Mitchell INSTRUMENT: Clarinet YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman HOMETOWN: Effingham, IL

MAJOR: Public Health

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because it is an affordable way to continue my academic career, which is important because I am planning on going to graduate school.



MEMORY: The thing I like most about PMB is how tight knit the band is, especially my section.



NAME: Maria Ochs
INSTRUMENT: Clarinet
YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman
HOMETOWN: Algonquin, IL

MAJOR: Music Education

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because it immediately felt like home and I loved how welcoming the music department

and people were when I visited.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: I love the feeling of community. I've made so many wonderful friends and met some of the best people!



NAME: Alyson Pierce
INSTRUMENT: Clarinet
YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman
HOMETOWN: Dermott, AR
MAJOR: Pre-Nursing

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because during the tour I felt welcomed and I felt that this would be the place for me.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: I love the familial feeling that I instantly felt when I joined.



NAME: Madelyn Schiffman INSTRUMENT: Clarinet YEAR IN SCHOOL: Junior HOMETOWN: Glenview, IL

MAJOR: Management with HR Concentration

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because it provided with me with resources to get where I want to go academically, professionally, and personally. I enjoy the extracurriculars and

classes, and I like how walkable campus is.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: I like performing most with PMB and marching the new halftime shows.



NAME: Maddie Akers

INSTRUMENT: Alto Saxophone YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman HOMETOWN: Mt. Zion, IL

MAJOR: History with Teacher Licensure

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because I love the campus, the smaller class sizes and that it is close to my hometown.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE

PMB MEMORY: My favorite memory from PMB is all of the family dinners that the maxophone section would go to after

practices.

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NAME: Timothy Payton Anderson INSTRUMENT: Alto Saxophone YEAR IN SCHOOL: Junior HOMETOWN: Watseka, IL

MAJOR: Bachelor of Arts in Music: Audio and Recording

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WHY I CAME TO EIU: The moment I stepped on campus I was greeted by a multitude of lovely, kind and polite people who seemed to genuinely want me to be there. Plus, the

NAME: Chris Dietzel

INSTRUMENT: Alto Saxophone **YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore **HOMETOWN:** New Athens, IL

MAJOR: Computer Information and Technology (CIT)

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I really loved campus on my tour and, I

chose to come back because I love PMB!

extracurricular opportunities available such as a capella, marching band, improv comedy, jazz combos and other groups.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: My favorite memories within the PMB would have to be when my section mate came up with fun chants for whenever something significant happened during a football game. An example of this would be when an offensive first down happens, a panther sound effect would be played and my friend would yell SCARY KITTY, and everyone would join in yelling with him.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: The biggest thing is the maxophone section is so

close, it really has become a second family to me!



NAME: Kai Hahn

INSTRUMENT: Alto Saxophone YEAR IN SCHOOL: Sophomore HOMETOWN: Mackinaw, IL MAJOR: Digital Media Technology

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because of the homey

atmosphere. I also enjoy the walkable campus.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: My favorite memories of PMB always involve the parades. I love cheering as we march.

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NAME: Nathan Kohn

INSTRUMENT: Alto Saxophone **YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore **HOMETOWN:** Clifton, IL

MAJOR: Communication Disorders and Sciences **WHY I CAME TO EIU:** They have a great CDS program!

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: Making some of my greatest friends and playing fun music



NAME: Jazie Lawver

INSTRUMENT: Alto Saxophone YEAR IN SCHOOL: Junior HOMETOWN: Westville, IL

MAJOR: Sociology Minor: English Studies

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because it was close to

home and I felt welcome on the campus.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: I like all of the friends I've met through PMB and the memories I've made here. Especially skit night from 2023.



NAME: Lila Lowell

INSTRUMENT: Alto Saxophone **YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore **HOMETOWN:** Bloomington, IL

MAJOR: Communication Disorders and Sciences

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I initially toured EIU just to "check the box" but I fell in love with the program for my major and loved

the atmosphere of the campus.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: I love the environment and the community it gave me. I came into college not knowing that many people and immediately felt like I had a place with people I could lean on

for support.



NAME: Jason Owsalt

INSTRUMENT: Alto Saxophone **YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman **HOMETOWN:** Robinson, IL

MAJOR: Bachelor of Music Teacher Licensure

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because of their amazing

music and teaching programs.



MEMORY: I love the family aspect of PMB.



NAME: Darren Weckle

INSTRUMENT: Alto Saxophone
YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman
HOMETOWN: Philo, IL

MAJOR: Bachelor of Music Teacher Licensure

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU for the smaller campus and

close-knit community.



MEMORY: I like how close my section is and how easy it was to

find friends.



NAME: Ryan Maglone

INSTRUMENT: Tenor Saxophone
YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman
HOMETOWN: Decatur, IL
MAJOR: Undecided

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I came and took a look at campus and I realized that alumni from Argenta Oreana go to EIU so I wanted to come here and see what college marching band is

about.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: Section Walmart trips!



NAME: Logan O'Laughlin

MAJOR: Graphic Design

INSTRUMENT: Tenor Saxophone **YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Senior **HOMETOWN:** Collinsville, IL

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because of the community feeling the campus has. Everyone was so welcoming and

compassionate when I visited campus.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: I love the family atmosphere PMB has. most of my closest friends I've made at Eastern have come from PMB.



NAME: Zach Parks

INSTRUMENT: Tenor Saxophone **YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore **HOMETOWN:** Granite City, IL

MAJOR: Computer and Information Technology

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{WHY I CAME TO EIU:} I chose EIU because of the energy that I felt at the PMB festival, and because my assistant band director $$ (All the PMB festival) and $$ (Al$

went to EIU.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: I love parading around Tent City and performing on

game days the most.



NAME: Tyson Rood

INSTRUMENT: Bass Clarinet **YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore **HOMETOWN:** Oreana, IL

MAJOR: Marketing

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because of the environment. There is such a strong sense of community.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: The time I've gotten to spend getting to know my section. They have become some of my best friends and

people I can truly depend on.

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NAME: Tabby Wood

INSTRUMENT: Tenor Saxophone **YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Junior **HOMETOWN:** Oconee, IL

MAJOR: English with an emphasis in Creative Writing. **WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because it felt like home and the professors in the English department were welcoming.



MEMORY: My favorite thing about PMB is the family aspect. I have a wonderful group of friends I met through PMB who I hangout with frequently.



NAME: Cole Waelbroeck

INSTRUMENT: Baritone Saxophone **YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman **HOMETOWN:** West Terre Haute, IN

MAJOR: Computer and Information Technology

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because of the incredible music program on campus and the Panther Marching Band.



PMB MEMORY: What I like most about PMB is the family atmosphere that you experience, especially within instrumental sections.



NAME: Brandon Bates
INSTRUMENT: Trumpet
YEAR IN SCHOOL: Senior
HOMETOWN: Tolono, IL

MAJOR: Mathematics for Teacher Licensure

WHY I CAME TO EIU: The community feels like home and the campus is small enough to be serene but big enough to offer many experiences.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: Screaming at the top of my lungs at football games and having a picture of me marching up in the Victory Suite!



NAME: Brandon Beccue **INSTRUMENT:** Trumpet

YEAR IN SCHOOL: Sophomore **HOMETOWN:** Altamont, IL

MAJOR: Bachelor of Arts in Music: Audio and Recording

Technology

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU for its small town feel and sense of community. The music department is relatively small, making it easy to make friends and get to know my peers.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: The friendships and connections made within the band. Some of my closest friendships have been made in band.



NAME: Donovan Brown
INSTRUMENT: Trumpet
YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman
HOMETOWN: Decatur, IL

MAJOR: Sociology

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because I heard about their marching band which I really wanted to pursue in college.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: I love the amount of people I've met here and how close I feel to them already, it's like we're one big family.



NAME: Kimberly Brummer INSTRUMENT: Trumpet YEAR IN SCHOOL: Senior HOMETOWN: Altamont, IL

MAJOR: Communication Disorders and Sciences

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because it was close to home, affordable, and allows me to continue my education and

get a graduate degree in my field of study.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: What I like most about PMB is the relationships you make while here. I have met my lifelong friends through PMB!



NAME: Arianna Collins **INSTRUMENT:** Trumpet YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman HOMETOWN: Granite City, IL **MAJOR:** Music Education

WHY I CAME TO EIU: When I was applying for colleges, one of the most important factors for me was the quality of the music program. I decided to attend EIU because I was told that our music program was amazing, and I can't help but agree.



MEMORY: I love that PMB provides an easy way to make new friends and form strong bonds with people that have similar



NAME: Corinne Hartman **INSTRUMENT:** Trumpet

YEAR IN SCHOOL: Sophomore HOMETOWN: Effingham, IL MAJOR: Mechanical Engineering

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU for the music outlet. It's a lot of fun to have a group of musicians that you can play and

arow with!



MEMORY: I love the range of music that we play, as well as the social outlet that it provides. I've met so many friends through

PMB!



NAME: Colin Marriott **INSTRUMENT:** Trumpet YEAR IN SCHOOL: Senior HOMETOWN: Mahomet, IL MAJOR: Electrical Engineering

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because of its affordability and smaller class sizes compared to larger, and more engineering focused schools, as that has made it easier for me

to focus on earning my major.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: My favorite part of PMB has been the energy throughout the entire band during the football games and the traditions and rituals the band has.



NAME: Kenna McPeak **INSTRUMENT:** Trumpet

YEAR IN SCHOOL: Sophomore HOMETOWN: Charleston, IL **MAJOR:** Business Management

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because I have lived here since 4th grade, and this college has been a big part of my life.

Also, because of PMB!

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: What I like the most about PMB? All the people I have met and the atmosphere of the football games!



NAME: Nolan Miller **INSTRUMENT:** Trumpet YEAR IN SCHOOL: Junior HOMETOWN: Philo, IL **MAJOR:** Sports Management

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU to join the Panther Marching Band and to meet new friends while staying close to

home.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: My favorite part of PMB is Game Day. I enjoy performing for the fans and cheering on the football team.



NAME: Maverick Palmer **INSTRUMENT:** Trumpet YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman **HOMETOWN:** Sullivan, IL **MAJOR:** Business Major

WHY I CAME TO EIU: They allowed me to use my full

potential to strive for even greater feats.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: I love that we are able to easily meet new people,

and it let me pursue my passion for music.

2024 PANTHER MARCHING BAND MELLOPHONE



NAME: Jessica Roell **INSTRUMENT:** Trumpet YEAR IN SCHOOL: Sophomore HOMETOWN: Cincinnati, OH

MAJOR: Public Relations/Interpersonal Communication WHY I CAME TO EIU: It felt like if offered an individualized

experience tailored to my personal goals.



MEMORY: PMB offers a great balance of opportunities for improvement and excellence, while also providing a safe space to make mistakes, learn, and have fun.



NAME: Sienna Schottland **INSTRUMENT:** Trumpet YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman HOMETOWN: Bloomington, IL MAJOR: Digital Media Technology

WHY I CAME TO EIU: The campus felt so welcoming when I visited, and I really liked the video game design/development

program.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: My favorite part of PMB is playing War Chant in front of the student section at football games.



NAME: Hunter Whittington **INSTRUMENT:** Trumpet YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman HOMETOWN: Champaign, IL **MAJOR:** Music Education

WHY I CAME TO EIU: EIU felt like a family.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: I enjoyed meeting all of my friends and creating connections.



NAME: Rhyker Wicks **INSTRUMENT:** Trumpet YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman HOMETOWN: Taylorville, IL

MAJOR: Music Education General Concentration

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because I was accepted into many choral, jazz, and concert band performances for District 5 ILMEA and I absolutely loved the music program

here.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: My favorite memory with PMB is parading to and from games and singing around the clock tower. It has been very emotional at times and I feel like it has bonded our group together.



NAME: Cassey Melton **INSTRUMENT:** Mellophone YEAR IN SCHOOL: Sophomore HOMETOWN: Ashmore, IL MAJOR: 2D Studio Art Major

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because of its great art programs where I can learn almost any medium of art. I also wanted to stay in band after high school and joining PMB has

made college a lot more fun.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: What I like about most about PMB is doing the homecoming parade and the band festival where we get to meet people who look up to us and hopefully joins in the

future.



NAME: Ren Teska

INSTRUMENT: Mellophone YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman HOMETOWN: Hutsonville, IL

MAJOR: Art

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because it is affordable,

and it is close to home.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: Everyone is very friendly and accepting. It's very easy to talk to my section, and they do their best to include me.



NAME: Hudson David INSTRUMENT: Trombone YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman HOMETOWN: Paris, IL

MAJOR: Chemistry Education

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because of the education

and music programs, as well as the community.



MEMORY: My favorite memory from PMB was watching my high school band perform at the PMB Festival.



NAME: Ellie Krouse
INSTRUMENT: Trombone
YEAR IN SCHOOL: Senior
HOMETOWN: Albion, IL

MAJOR: Economics and Political Science

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because I wanted to go to

an affordable school that was close to home.



MEMORY: My favorite memory from PMB is the experience of marching in the homecoming parade for the first time my

freshman year.



NAME: Phineus McCloskey INSTRUMENT: Trombone YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman HOMETOWN: Chicago, IL MAJOR: Music Performance

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I came to EIU because the campus is

supportive and welcoming.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: What I like most about PMB is playing at the

football games.



NAME: Aaron Minder INSTRUMENT: Trombone YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman HOMETOWN: Springfield, IL

MAJOR: Undecided

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU for the smaller campus and

community size to feel more at home.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: My favorite PMB memory was marching to the football stadium for the first time.



NAME: Ross Oller INSTRUMENT: Trombone YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman HOMETOWN: Chatham, IL

MAJOR: Music Performance Instrumental

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose Eastern because of the faculty

and welcoming atmosphere.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: I love playing and performing football games and the different performances we do around campus, as well as

the people.



NAME: Sam Powell
INSTRUMENT: Trombone
YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman
HOMETOWN: Bloomington, IL

MAJOR: History

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I choose EIU because I started to build connections with the history professors and really liked the

smaller campus.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: My favorite thing about the PMB is how close my

section is and how it feels like a family.

2024 PANTHER MARCHING BAND BARITONE & EUPHONIUM



NAME: Patrick Schmitz
INSTRUMENT: Trombone
YEAR IN SCHOOL: Sophomore
HOMETOWN: Schaumburg, IL
MAJOR: Sports Media Relations

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because I the school feels like a family, and it gives me the best opportunities for my

career.



and how the band feels like a family.



NAME: Atlas Akers
INSTRUMENT: Euphonium
YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman
HOMETOWN: Canonsburg, PA

MAJOR: Teacher Licensure, Instrumental Concentration
WHY I CAME TO EIU: The staff and student body were
relentlessly welcoming and made me feel comfortable with the

idea of staying here for four years.



PMB MEMORY: What I like most about PMB is the family atmosphere. It has really helped me come out of my shell in a way I've never been able to before.



NAME: Dylan Collier INSTRUMENT: Euphonium YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman HOMETOWN: Brighton, IL

MAJOR: TV and Video Production

WHY I CAME TO EIU: Liberal arts school with good film

program. I love the campus and the people

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: The people really make it the most fun and the events are full of energy



NAME: Aidan Gomez INSTRUMENT: Euphonium YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman HOMETOWN: Olney, IL MAJOR: Music Education

WHY I CAME TO EIU: From when I first visited it instantly felt

like home. Everybody was so welcoming.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: The energy in this ensemble can't be matched. PMB is always so positive and fun during rehearsal and game days!



NAME: Lawrence Thomas **INSTRUMENT:** Baritone

YEAR IN SCHOOL: Sophomore HOMETOWN: Kewanee, IL MAJOR: Political Science

WHY I CAME TO EIU: One of my favorite teachers recommended EIU to me, so I applied, and it just felt right. It was mostly on a whim, but it worked out for me.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: One of my favorite things about PMB is my friends. If I never joined PMB, I don't think I would have met most of the people I know and love today.



NAME: Jenna Watkins INSTRUMENT: Euphonium YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman HOMETOWN: Granite City, IL MAJOR: Music Education

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because it felt like home since the first time I stepped on campus. I could see myself being a music education major because of all the amazing staff and opportunities that EIU provides.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: My favorite thing about PMB is all the funny jokes made during rehearsals that bring the low brass section closer. The people in low brass really make PMB feel like a family to me



NAME: James Baker INSTRUMENT: Sousaphone YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman HOMETOWN: Olney, IL

MAJOR: Undeclared

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU for its music program and because I had spent a lot of time on campus as a high school

student.





NAME: Colin Lakatos INSTRUMENT: Sousaphone YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman HOMETOWN: Granite City, IL

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU for its excellent music

program and faculty.

MAJOR: Music Education

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: My favorite PMB memory was the homecoming football game because of the cowboy hats and bandannas.



NAME: Lilly Marlin

INSTRUMENT: Sousaphone **YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman **HOMETOWN:** Granite City, IL **MAJOR:** Music Education

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because of the amazing

music program and how pretty the campus is.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: My favorite PMB memory is the first football game.

Everyone is so excited and the energy is so high.



NAME: John Slater

INSTRUMENT: Sousaphone YEAR IN SCHOOL: Junior HOMETOWN: Olney, IL MAJOR: Political Science

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because of its proximity to

home, and the cozy campus size.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: My favorite thing about PMB is the community built in the band and the sections.



NAME: Oliver Thome
INSTRUMENT: Sousaphone
YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman
HOMETOWN: Evanston. IL

MAJOR: Science with Teacher Licensure (BS) Chemistry

Specialization

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU due to the solid teaching program, and the music program being great as well.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: I like the community in PMB.



NAME: Garrett Wright
INSTRUMENT: Sousaphone
YEAR IN SCHOOL: Senior
HOMETOWN: Olney, IL

MAJOR: Music Education, Instrumental Focus

WHY I CAME TO EIU: Prior to my decision I had taken multiple trips to EIU, and each time the faculty and staff have

made me feel welcomed, supported, and at home.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: Performing on game days to support the football team. Feeling the excitement and energy from the crowd and community is always an amazing time.

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NAME: Allison Cooke **INSTRUMENT:** Bass Drum 1 YEAR IN SCHOOL: Sophomore HOMETOWN: Alton, IL

MAJOR: Music Education, Vocal Concentration

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because of the excellent music program. As soon as I auditioned here for the School of Music, I was immediately welcomed in by so many professors,

and I felt so at home in Charleston.



NAME: Victoria Duckworth **INSTRUMENT:** Cymbals YEAR IN SCHOOL: Sophomore

HOMETOWN: Carmi, IL **MAJOR:** Psychology

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because their staff made me feel like something beyond a statistic. Everybody at Eastern really is "all in for you."

NAME: Jeremiah Fizer **INSTRUMENT:** Bass Drum 4 YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman HOMETOWN: Glenwood, IL **MAJOR:** Mathematics

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I wanted to test my limit and see how



MEMORY: I love PMB so much because I have made countless memories within the drumline, and with the winds. I have so many friends simply though PMB.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: My favorite thing about PMB is the family dynamic. No matter what happens, I know that my PMB family will endure it with me.



WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: My favorite memory is the bass drum sectionals I have with the bass drum players. We've built such a close bond with each other!

well I can match at the collegiate level.



NAME: Megan Garcia **INSTRUMENT:** Snare Drum YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman HOMETOWN: Hanover Park, IL **MAJOR:** Music Education

WHY I CAME TO EIU: EIU had everything I wanted: my major,

a smaller campus, and PMB.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: I like that I got to make friends as soon as I got here and now I'm really close with the Drumline.



NAME: Isaac Gingerich **INSTRUMENT: Snare Drum** YEAR IN SCHOOL: Sophomore HOMETOWN: Dunlap, IL **MAJOR:** Engineering Technology

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because the campus was

super nice. It's a smaller campus but not too small.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: I like the friends that I've made through PMB.



NAME: Garrett Jackson **INSTRUMENT:** Snare Drum YEAR IN SCHOOL: Sophomore

HOMETOWN: Casey, IL **MAJOR:** Nursing

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because it felt like my home

away from home.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: My favorite thing about PMB is the friends we made

along the way!



NAME: Gray La Beau
INSTRUMENT: Bass Drum 5
YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman
HOMETOWN: Oreana, IL
MAJOR: Music Education

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because of the amazing music program. Also when I originally visited campus it felt like

home.



MEMORY: My favorite thing about PMB is all the amazing friends I have made. My favorite memory is Homecoming because, although it was a long day, it was it was a blast!



NAME: Andrew Mowrer
INSTRUMENT: Snare Drum
YEAR IN SCHOOL: Sophomore
HOMETOWN: Tolono, IL

MAJOR: Digital Media Technology

WHY I CAME TO EIU: EIU has brought me many

opportunities for academics and music.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: My favorite part of PMB is spending time with

Drumline.



NAME: Carson Musgrave
INSTRUMENT: Cymbals
YEAR IN SCHOOL: Senior
HOMETOWN: Oblong, IL
MAJOR: Sociology

WHY I CAME TO EIU: My immediate family attended EIU and

it only felt right.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: The sense of family and a welcoming environment.



NAME: Quintin Scott
INSTRUMENT: Tenor Drum
YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman
HOMETOWN: Casey, IL
MAJOR: Music Education

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I got offered free tuition and the

opportunity to be a music teacher.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB
MEMORY: I am grateful for the connections I've made with

others.



NAME: Destiny Smith
INSTRUMENT: Bass Drum 1
YEAR IN SCHOOL: Senior
HOMETOWN: Chicago, IL
MAJOR: Environmental Biology

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because it wasn't too close,

yet not too far, and I love the campus community.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: My favorite memory is the Homecoming Parade!



NAME: Dominika Targosz INSTRUMENT: Cymbals

YEAR IN SCHOOL: Sophomore HOMETOWN: Mount Prospect, IL MAJOR: Undecided / Music Minor

WHY I CAME TO EIU: The campus felt very welcoming and safe when I came to visit. It's also not too far from home, which

is important to me.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY: Making music with some of the best people I've

ever met!

2024 PANTHER MARCHING BAND **COLOR GUARD**



NAMF: Trevor Vincent **INSTRUMENT:** Tenor Drum YEAR IN SCHOOL: Sophomore

HOMETOWN: Pekin, IL MAJOR: Graphic Design

WHY I CAME TO EIU: The small but beautiful campus.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY: The close-knit family that builds throughout the

season.



NAME: Sophia Artman **INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard YEAR IN SCHOOL: Sophomore HOMETOWN: Bloomington, IL

MAJOR: Television and Video Production

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I loved the community here and instantly felt at home. Everyone was so welcoming and helped make the transition from high school to college feel so smooth. WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: PMB is like a family to me. I love everyone in it and

it's such a positive place to be.



NAME: Greta Ballinger **INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman HOMETOWN: Mattoon, IL

MAJOR: Nursing

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because it is close to home. I am able to get the full college experience while still having

the comfort of being close to home.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: I love how PMB is a large family. Every member is always concerned about the best interest of everyone. I joined PMB not knowing many people and PMB members are my

closest friends here at Eastern.



NAME: Amber Benhart **INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard YEAR IN SCHOOL: Senior HOMETOWN: West Chicago, IL **MAJOR:** English Education

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU for the small class sizes and

the homey feel of the campus.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: Being able to connect with new people every year along with learning new skills that I will be able to take with me for the rest of my life.



NAME: Lex Coniglio **INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard YEAR IN SCHOOL: Senior

HOMETOWN: Grayslake, IL **MAJOR:** HIS: International Studies

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I had family that went here - both my brother and sister. I was familiar with the campus as a result, so I

ended up choosing it.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: I always look forward to coming off the field after a performance. Just because I look forward to hearing everyone's

remarks and exclamations, whatever they may be.



NAME: Isabella Hopman **INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard YEAR IN SCHOOL: Sophomore HOMETOWN: Minooka, IL **MAJOR:** Elementary Education

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I really enjoyed how the campus felt

and people who were here.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: I like that I have made so many connections and

friendships through PMB

2024 PANTHER MARCHING BAND **COLOR GUARD**



NAME: Danie Lauridsen **INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard YEAR IN SCHOOL: Freshman HOMETOWN: Manteno, IL

MAJOR: Accounting

WHY I CAME TO EIU: As a first-generation student in my family, I care about how well I perform in my academics. Have a smaller campus and many places of security allows me to be the best version of myself.



WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: One of my favorite things about PMB is doing the

Homecoming Parade and also getting along with the color

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB

MEMORY: My favorite memory of PMB was the Shrek show

watching us may have been intimidating but it was also very

we all preformed for the PMB Festival. All of those people

exhilarating. I can't wait for the next PMB Fest!

Doudna and PMB Fest!

guard girls.



NAME: Delilah Littlejohn **INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard YEAR IN SCHOOL: Sophomore HOMETOWN: Robinson, IL MAJOR: Elementary Education

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I came to EIU because I immediately

felt at home here when I toured the campus.



NAME: Allison Maschhoff **INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard YEAR IN SCHOOL: Junior HOMETOWN: Nashville, IL **MAJOR:** Human Services

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I chose EIU because when my high school band came up at the Panther Marching Festival, I

wanted to come to EIU.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE

PMB MEMORY: I love PMB fest and it is one of my favorite memories each year. Just having students on campus excited about marching band is amazing.

NAME: Kallee Steinkamp **INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard YEAR IN SCHOOL: Junior HOMETOWN: Mansfield, IL **MAJOR:** Biology Education

WHY I CAME TO EIU: I loved the environment on campus. I also had teachers who were alumni and highly recommended

Eastern.



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

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Over \$52 million in scholarships and awards were given to EIU students during the 2022-23 school year (more than \$14,000 per student on average).



GET A PERSONALIZED ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST
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2024 PANTHER MARCHING BAND EIU

COST TO ATTEND EASTERN

BASED ON 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR	IN-STATE	OUT-OF-STATE*
TUITION	\$9,903	\$10,150
TEXTBOOK RENTAL FEE	\$293	\$263
PROGRAM/ SERVICES FEES	\$3,427**	\$3,507*
ROOM & BOARD	\$10,862**	\$12,520*
TOTAL	\$24,485**	\$26,440*

*All residents of bordering states to Illinois (Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri & Wisconsin) and academically talented out-ofstate transfers with a 3.0 GPA pay in-state tuition.**Based on 30 hours of enrollment and the 12-plus meal plan for incoming students. NOTE: Tuition is based on \$330 per credit hour for in-state residents and \$412 per credit hour for non-residents.



EIU COST CALCULATOR

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



See just how affordable Eastern could be for you!

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

AIM HIGH FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Students who have an immediate family member who graduated from Eastern Illinois University - **\$1,000** (renewable)

GPA Requirement: 2.8

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 \$66,000 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

WHO ARE WE? PMB! 2024 PANTHER MARCHING BAND

ABOUT THE PANTHER MARCHING BAND



Being a member of the Panther Marching Band Family at Eastern Illinois is a special and unique experience! Even before you start your first day of Band Camp, you'll be building lasting friendships with people just like you while supporting your Panther athletic teams by doing what you do best! We hope you come and visit and learn what the Panther Marching Band Family experience is all about!

PANTHER MARCHING BAND

The Panther Marching Band (PMB) is the most visible performing ensemble on the Eastern Illinois University campus. The PMB performs at all home football games, is the host and featured performing ensemble at the Panther Marching Band Festival and hosts our new Illinois Small Band Marching Band Championship! The PMB typically performs in exhibitions at one or more high school marching band competitions as well as other community events. Check out our Member for a Day event on November 16 and learn what it's like to be a member of our PMB family first-hand!

PMB DRUMLINE

The PMB Drumline consists of students from a diverse set of backgrounds and experiences. Many members come from competitive high school programs. The drumline is responsible for providing the 'grooves' up in the stands and leading the football team to the stadium as part of Panther Prowl on game days. You'll love being a part of the PMB Drumline!

COLOR GUARD

Our Color Guard is made up of a group of talented students who have the opportunity to create and design some of their own routines during the fall season's PMB Concert! They're featured at every home football game, so come to a game to check out this integral and entertaining part of the Panther Marching Band!

BASKETBALL PEP BAND

The Basketball Pep Band plays an important role at our basketball games. With over 65 selections to choose from in our pep band books, this ensemble plays all styles of uptempo music ranging from pop to rock to jazz. Check out the band at one of our Member for a Day events in the spring!

FOR MORE INFORMATION DAVID BOGGS

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC BANDS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BANDS 600 LINCOLN AVENUE DGBOGGS@EIU.EDU (618) 567-3893 (CELL)



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.

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 \$11,800 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 15 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. And it can help you succeed! 91% of students surveyed reported that living on campus positively contributed to their academic performance. 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 96 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 - 8% higher than the national average.

10. YOU WON'T REGRET IT

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









APPLY TO EIU - IT'S FAST, FREE, AND MOBILE FRIENDLY.
NO ESSAYS OR TEST SCORES REQUIRED. eiu.edu/apply

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Sam Fagaly, Saxophone
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Ben Carrasquillo, Trombone
George Alberti, Euphonium/Tuba
Jamie V. Ryan, Percussion

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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 2024 camp will be held Aug. 17-22.

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. 16, 2024, or contact PMB Director David G. Boggs today at dgboggs@eiu.edu.



EASTERN ILLINOIS... PANTHER MARCHING BAND

PANTHER MARCHING BAND MEMBERS PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN OUR CAMPUS COMMUNITY, BOTH IN AND OUT OF PMB.

- + 3 PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS
- + 22 MEMBERS IN THE JACK AND SANDRA PINE HONORS COLLEGE
- + 3 GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLARS
- + 9 ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS

- + 36% OF THE PMB ALSO MAINTAINS A GPA OF 3.0 TO 3.49
- + 45% OF THE PMB MAINTAINS A GPA OF 3.5 OR HIGHER
- + 25% OF PMB ARE MUSIC MAJORS, AND 6% ARE MUSIC MINORS

