

# Iowa State University Alumni Marching Band 2015 Homecoming Edition



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## **From Doc's Desk**

Dear "Cyclone" Marching Band Alum –

You are cordially invited to attend Homecoming 2015 and participate in the activities of the Alumni Band. This event is always a highlight of our season and we enjoy having you back on campus.

Please make your plans to be with us on October 30-31. At this moment, we do not know when kickoff will be, but we plan to "hook" the Longhorns from Texas.

As always, there will be a fun reunion party on Friday evening, October 30. This event will be at Johnny's on campus and is a costumed "Halloween" event. We will also have our traditional "pre-game brunch" prior to the game on Saturday.

If you have not been back for Homecoming for many years, or if you have not played your instrument in many years – not to worry! You'll be fine! We would LOVE to have you back, and we can even provide you with an instrument.

Homecoming is all about renewing old friendships, creating new ones, and celebrating everything that is Cardinal and Gold – including the Cyclone Marching Band. It also provides you the special opportunity to perform on the field just one more time!

We are indebted to the Alumni Band for their continual support of our program. Their generosity exists in numerous ways, including scholarships, band banquet tickets for our senior members, musical instruments, travel perks for the band... and reminding our current band members that there IS a way to still enjoy, support and re-live the Marching Band experience after you graduate.

The enclosed schedule and registration information should provide you with the details. Please make every effort to join us for this year's Homecoming. We look forward to having you back on campus.

Go Cyclones!!!

Michael Golemo, D.M.A.  
Director of Bands  
Chair, Department of Music & Theatre

## **A Letter From the President-Elect**

Dear Alumni Band,

35 years, that's quite the milestone. My first time ever in Jack Trice was watching my dad practice in the alumni band in the mid-1980s. The AstroTurf was terrible, it felt like painted concrete, but at least they didn't care about the bands practicing on the field. Every year I love to see the multi-generational marchers that join us. I think the term reunion is appropriate since we seem more like a huge family than just a group of alumni.

Change is in the air, not just in the new stadium. This year we continued our shift to more online media and frequent publications over the traditional newsletter. It didn't go as smoothly as I'd hoped, but change always brings new learning. This year we are trying online elections for the first time ever as well. The board hopes this will encourage more overall participation and save us time at the banquet. I'm sure there will be bumps in the road, but we will be just fine. 2015-2016 will also bring constitutional changes to the organization to help modernize our operations, and to better match how we do things day to day now.

The homecoming theme this year is "Make a STATEment." Our Friday night at Johnny's will be focused on Halloween, so make a STATEment with your costume if you would like. There will be plenty of activities. Our Saturday schedule will depend on when the kick off against Texas is scheduled, but will still include a practice, food at Scheman and a short business meeting.

Register now!

See you on October 30-31! Go Cyclones!

Chris Colvin '02 & '05  
ISU Alumni Band President-Elect  
colvinc@colvinconsulting.com

### **Keep Up With the Alumni Band**

- Official alumni band website:  
[www.isualumniband.org](http://www.isualumniband.org)
- Facebook: ISUCF'V'MB Alumni Band  
([www.facebook.com/groups/4765189247](https://www.facebook.com/groups/4765189247))
- ISU Alumni Association: CySpace
- Drop us an email at  
[ISUalumniband@gmail.com](mailto:ISUalumniband@gmail.com)

### **Alumni Music Online**

Trying to decide between first and second part, or warm up your instrument before the 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion? All music and other details are available online at [www.music.iastate.edu/org/marching?page\\_id=1085](http://www.music.iastate.edu/org/marching?page_id=1085). It is as easy as click, print and play (instrument not included).

## **Have you heard about the Cyclone Gridiron Club?**

The Cyclone Gridiron Club (CGC) is the official booster club of Iowa State University Football. The CGC raises money for the ISU football program to help with a variety of unbudgeted items and as well as some of the following items in support of the team:

- **Team meals** – Did you know that a basic Gridiron membership helps feed five players team meals?
- **Technology for recruiting** – The CGC recently purchased a new Jack Trice Game Day simulator for our coaches to recruit with and show potential players what type of environment they can expect, all while on the road visiting future players.
- **Technology for practice and games** – Did you know that nearly one third of NFL teams and over 20 college teams (including Baylor, Florida State and Nebraska) are using Catapult GPS technology? The CGC purchased this new tool that players wear during practice and games in order to capture performance, intensity, acceleration, and deceleration statistics, along with detecting possible injuries earlier than normal.
- **Spirit Walk** – We want all of our football players to look sharp as they enter the stadium. This is why the CGC purchases a new suit jacket for each new player on the team. One less expense the players have to worry about!
- **State of the art weight room** – New weights and equipment were purchased by the Cyclone Gridiron Club to make our weight room training facility one of the best in the nation.

As a special offer, the Cyclone Gridiron Club would like to offer loyal ISU Alumni Band members a special member discount for the 2015-2016 football year. Each new member from the Alumni Band ranks will receive a 10% discount on any given CGC membership level. There are several opportunities:

- Pigskin Membership (~~\$100~~) (\$90) – This membership entitles members to attend all general meetings and general functions open to the entire membership of the club. A Pigskin membership also includes a club decal and email receipt of football update videos.
- Point After Membership (~~\$250~~) (\$225) – Includes all Pigskin items, plus a \$50 discount per family on a Cyclone bowl trip with the Club for this football season (if eligible)
- Field Goal Membership (~~\$500~~) (\$450) – Includes all Point After items, an additional \$50 discount per family for a Cyclone bowl trip, and a \$25 gift card to Cy's Locker room.
- Touchdown Membership (~~\$1000~~) (\$900) – Touchdown members receive all Field Goal items, an additional \$100 discount per family for a Cyclone bowl trip, and an additional \$25 gift card to Cy's Locker Room.
- Victory Membership (~~\$2500~~) (\$2250) – A Victory member includes all of the Touchdown items, plus an additional discount of \$100 per family on a Cyclone bowl trip, and an additional \$50 gift card to Cy's Locker Room.

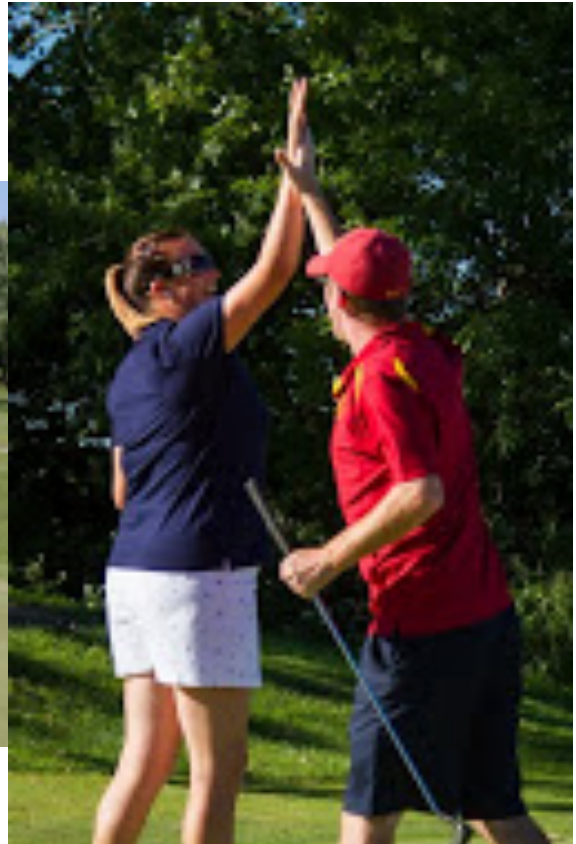
If you have any questions, please contact Jay Chapman at [jay@cyclonegridironclub.com](mailto:jay@cyclonegridironclub.com) or 515-480-4638. Sign up now at <http://www.cyclonegridironclub.com/alumniband> and thank you for your support of the ISUCF"V"MB and Cyclone Football! GO CYCLONES!



## **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Band Golf Classic**

This year could not have had better weather for the ISU Alumni Band Golf Classic. Online registration helped 10 teams raise \$600 for the Varsity band while having fun on the golf course. The winning foursome in 2015 included Lauren Schwab, Andrew Gurik, Matt Harvey and Matt Ballman. Look for the announcement of the 2016 Golf Classic on the Facebook page and in the next edition of the Alumni Newsletter! A big thanks for all participants and we look forward to seeing you next year!

Liz Juchems '11 and Kelli Huser '09



## **Purchase Dinner for Future Alumni**

With your help, the Alumni Band works towards purchasing tickets for every senior Varsity Band member to the annual Band Banquet. The year-end banquet is always an anticipated event for Varsity Band members, and for many is one of their last official activities with the band. By adding this ticket to your Alumni Band registration you are able to thank a senior band member for his/her years of dedication to the ISU Bands. A wonderful way to welcome graduating seniors to the Alumni Band, please consider gifting this opportunity to a Varsity member.

## **Get Ready for Another Year of Pep Band!**

Are you ready to be the band behind the teams? It is time to gear up for another year of ISU Alumni Pep Band! So brush off those beads and basketball chants as we cheer on the ISU Volleyball, Women's Basketball and Men's Basketball teams. Stay tuned to the ISU Alumni Band Facebook page and [www.isualumniband.org](http://www.isualumniband.org) for dates and details!

## **Register Now for ISU Alumni Band**

The primary registration process is through the Alumni Band website at [www.isualumniband.org](http://www.isualumniband.org). Our goal is 350 people on the field for the 35<sup>th</sup> reunion! However if you prefer, you can also register via mail. To do so, fill out the registration form online, print it, then mail it along with a check payable to the ISU Alumni Association to the following address:

ISU Alumni Association Alumni Band Reunion  
420 Beach Ave.  
Ames, IA 50011

New on the registration form this year is a place for an emergency contact. Please enter the information of someone we can contact on your behalf should the need arise.

If you or someone you know would like to receive a paper copy of the newsletter in the mail, please let us know by contacting Beth Lott ([blott@iastate.edu](mailto:blott@iastate.edu) or 515-294-4557). Any questions that you may have can be answered by contacting Beth, or by emailing us at [ISUalumniband@gmail.com](mailto:ISUalumniband@gmail.com).

To ensure that you continue to receive communication from the Alumni Band, please be sure all of your information is correct with the Alumni Association by visiting the "Stay Connected" portion of their website at [isualum.org/update](http://isualum.org/update).

Register by October 10 to reserve a performance spot during halftime. There will be a \$10 late fee applied after October 10, and registration will close October 25.

## **Friday Night Social**

Break out your favorite Halloween costume and join us for our annual Homecoming social. Once again, we will be gracing the walls of Hilton and celebrating another Alumni Band reunion. The event will be held from 7:00 – 10:00 pm in the newly remodeled and expanded Johnny's. There will be plenty of free parking on the north and east sides of Hilton, and the East door will be open for all attendees. Pick up your registration packet, check out the completely redone Johnny's, have some snacks and share those band stories that are too good (or embarrassing) to forget!

## **Homecoming Hotels**

There is a block of rooms at the Memorial Union reserved under the ISU Alumni Band name. These will be held until September 30<sup>th</sup> and will go fast so call early! An additional block is held at the Microtel in Ames under the ISU Alumni. These will be held until October 16<sup>th</sup>.

For other hotel options, please check out the Ames Convention & Visitors Bureau ([www.visitames.com/come\\_and\\_stay](http://www.visitames.com/come_and_stay)) for a list of all of the other area hotels.

# **Homecoming Information 2015**

## **Uniforms**

The Alumni Band official uniform is:

- The Alumni Band fleece jacket
- Red shirt
- Black pants or Black jeans
- Black socks
- Black shoes
- Cyclone colored hats, gloves and scarves are OK as well

We encourage Cyclone colors with all accessories! If you do not have a jacket, you will need to purchase one with your registration for \$45. Recent graduates (2013 – 2015) and current students receive a discounted price of \$35. All jackets are men's sizes (S-4XL) and to guarantee your jacket size register EARLY, by OCTOBER 7. All specific jacket questions should be directed to ISUAlumniband@gmail.com.

## **Football Tickets**

If you have tickets to the Homecoming game vs. Texas, the Athletic Department policy does not allow tickets to be used for admittance to the stadium with the Alumni Band. Your registration fee includes admission to the game and seats with the band. If extra tickets to the game are needed for guests, those can be purchased with your registration at a discounted price.

## **Online Elections**

This year elections will be held online before Homecoming reunion. An announcement will be made via Facebook and email with more specifics once Homecoming approaches. To submit your name for an open position, please indicate your interest through your registration form.

## **Instruments**

The Iowa State University Band Department will supply the following items to those who will need them on Saturday, October 31:

- Mellophones
- Baritones
- Sousaphones
- Percussion
- Flags

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

Music flip folders will be provided at rehearsal Saturday. All other items (reeds, valve oil, etc.) are your responsibility.

## **Saturday Meal at Scheman**

A Saturday meal is included with your full registration, or may be ordered separately if you do not intend on joining the band at the game. Saturday meals can also be ordered for guests through the registration form. All diners will need a meal ticket, which will be included in your registration packet. Packets can be picked up Friday night at Johnny's in Hilton, prior to Saturday rehearsal or outside the meeting room at Scheman prior to the meal.

# **Homecoming Information 2015**

## **Golden Alumni Shuttle**

Some members may find the march from the Scheman Building to/from Jack Trice Stadium to be rather difficult. (It certainly is more difficult than the halftime drill!) If you are in need of transportation assistance, the Golden Alumni Shuttle will be available for use. This shuttle will also run from Scheman to the Bergstrom Indoor Practice Facility before rehearsal on Saturday. Please indicate on the registration form your desire to use the shuttle so that there is enough transportation for everyone. A map and shuttle schedule will be available on the Marching Band Homecoming page.

## **Who's Coming?**

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

Find a link on our website,  
[www.isualumniband.org](http://www.isualumniband.org).

## **Upcoming Communication**

Once you register, look for the following:

- Registration confirmation webpage after submitting your registration
- Payment confirmation email with an itemized receipt
- Email with the final schedule once kickoff is announced

If you do not receive the above communication, check your spam folder or verify your registration by contacting Beth Lott ([blott@iastate.edu](mailto:blott@iastate.edu)).

Once kickoff is announced, check our Facebook page, your email inbox and the Alumni Band website for a detailed schedule.

## **Marching Options**

Did you know that there are several options for participating in the halftime show? There are three different options that can be chosen on your registration:

- March the halftime drill on the field "Marching On-Field"
- Enjoy the show from the sideline "Non-Marching Sideline"
- Stationary position on the field "Stationary On-Field"

The stationary on-field position is being offered as a less strenuous way to participate in Alumni Band. You'll still be on the field with the rest of the alumni band, but instead of marching the drill you will march on the field, stand and play, and then march off the field. How simple is that?! A limited number of these positions are available and they will be filled on a first come, first served basis so please register early if you are interested.

Hopefully everyone can find a participation level that will work for them in order to return to Alumni Band, or join us for the first time for the 35<sup>th</sup> reunion. Trust us, you can do it!



# Saturday Summary

Kickoff time has yet to be announced, but a rough schedule from last year has been included for a reference. Please keep in mind while this is the likely order of events for Saturday, ALL times will be likely to change based on the announced kick off time. Please look for a email after the kick off time has been announced with the schedule, along with the Alumni Band Facebook page and website.

Time	Activity	Place	Uniform
8:30am	Alumni Registration and Instrument Check-out	Bergstrom Indoor Facility	-
9:00am	Varsity Drumline, Guard, and Sousas Report	Bergstrom Indoor Facility	Half
9:00am	Alumni Band Music Rehearsal	Bergstrom Indoor Facility	-
9:30am	Varsity Band Stretches and Warm Up	Johnny Majors Field	Half
9:30am	Alumni Marching Rehearsal	Bergstrom Indoor Facility	-
10:00am	Joint Alumni and Varsity Rehearsal	Bergstrom Indoor Facility	Half
10:45am	Varsity Band Rehearsal	Bergstrom Indoor Facility	-
10:45am	Alumni Picture	Jack Trice Stands	Jackets
11:15am	Alumni Banquet	Scheman Convention Center	-
11:15am	Varsity Band Breakfast	Bergstrom Indoor Facility	Half
12:15pm	Half Band = Spirit Walk Half Band = Tailgating	Jacobsen/Tailgating	Full
1:00pm	Step Show	Alumni Center Steps	Full
1:30pm	Alumni Band Meet at the West Side of Hilton for the March to Jack Trice	West side of Hilton Steps	Jackets
2:30pm	Kick Off. Beat the Rockets!	Jack Trice	Full
approx 6pm	Game is over; Dismissal	Bergstrom Indoor Facility	Full
6pm - or after game	Alumni Instrument Check-in	Bergstrom Indoor Facility	Full

## **Alumni:**

1. There will be a 6-person shuttle available for those who need it. The shuttles will run at roughly 10-minute intervals. The schedule is as follows:

Start	Stop	Depart	Drop Off
8:00am	8:55am	Hilton West Doors	Bergstrom
10:45am	11:30am	Jack Trice	Scheman
1:00pm	2:00pm	Scheman	Jack Trice
After the Game	45min After Game	North Side Jack Trice	Hilton West Doors

## **Get Involved!**

Myths about ISU Alumni Band Executive Board:

**Myth: It takes too much time**

Fact: There are only about 4-5 meetings per year and if you have a phone, you can participate! There are positions that take less time (Director at Large) and positions that take more time (President-Elect) so you can choose your time commitment level.

**Myth: You have to live in Ames**

Fact: If you come to Homecoming, you'll be here for most of the Board's activity. Really, it is very possible to help the Alumni Band without being physically present at the meetings. We need people who can plan things, enjoy social networking, can make occasional phone calls, or are web savvy!

If this describes you, pick an open position from the list on the registration form. Write a sentence or two to describe you and upload a picture! Voting will be automated before the reunion, so it is imperative to register before October 25. If you are still unsure, your President-Elect Chris Colvin would love to answer your questions! Please e-mail him directly at [colvinc@colvinconsulting.com](mailto:colvinc@colvinconsulting.com).

## **Ballot Positions Open for 2015-2016 Elections**

**President-Elect** – serves as the president elect for two years, and as president for the following two years, along with other projects as needed.

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

**Treasurer** – maintains financial records of income and expenses, prepares reports for each event and distribute reports to the Executive Board, and other duties as assigned.

**Newsletter Editor(s)** – chronicle the meetings and appearances of the Alumni Band by coordinating with the Music Department and the Board in publishing the newsletters.

**Public Relations Specialists (2)** – propose and execute public campaigns to make the public aware of the good works and good times of the Alumni Band

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

## **2014-2015 Executive Board**

**President:**

Donna Drefke, '87

**President-Elect:**

Chris Colvin, '02 & '05

**Immediate Past President:**

John Mostek, '95

**Secretary:**

Nikki Barbee, '08

**Treasurer:**

Erin Kalkwarf, '05

**Newsletter Editors:**

Andrew Denner, '09

Emily Worthington, '11

**Public Relations:**

Joe Waters, '10

Jim Wilcox

**Directors at Large:**

Bradley Cook, '71 2<sup>nd</sup> year

Adam Larson, '04 2<sup>nd</sup> year

Keith Young, '88 2<sup>nd</sup> year

Dean Brand, '73 1<sup>st</sup> year

Chris Davidson, '09 1<sup>st</sup> year

Jessica Denner, '08 1<sup>st</sup> year

**Special Projects:**

Jay Chapman, '90 & '92 Pep Band

Kelli Huser, '09 Golf Outing

Liz Juchems, '11 Golf Outing

**Band Directors:**

Michael Golemo

Steven Smyth, '98