



Tulane University Marching Band
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TEXAS TWO-STEP



A picture (above) paints a thousand words, as the Green Wave made history by winning their second bowl game in consecutive years. The TUMB performed at the Armed Forces Bowl to support the team and keep Tulane fans energized & entertained throughout. Read more in our centerfold feature on pages 6-7.


2020 MARDI GRAS PARADES:
 February 15 – Krewe of Pontchartrain
 February 19 – Krewe of Nyx
 February 22 – Mystics of Time (in Mobile, AL)
 February 24 – Krewe of Orpheus
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SPRING CONCERT:
MUSIC OF THE SILVER SCREEN
 Tulane Concert Band
 April 27 - Dixon Hall at 7:30pm
 FREE ADMISSION and RECEPTION FOLLOWING





ENCORE

**SPRING
 2020
 HI-LIGHTS**




SAVE THE DATE for our annual **FRIENDS OF THE BAND DINNER** on **APRIL 27** at 5:30pm, followed by the Tulane Concert Band **SPRING CONCERT** at 7:30pm. For reservations, contact Patricia at patmcwbr@tulane.edu or call 504.314.BAND.



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SEASON IN REVIEW

TEAM BUILDING & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

The success of the entire academic year for the TUMB begins with band camp. All of the protocol, technique and show learning happens during two weeks of 14-hour days in the heat and humidity of mid-August. Special guest instructors worked with various sections and to teach specific techniques that are the foundation of every performance. The Shockwave Dance Team learned self-defense skills and strategies. During the final day of camp, a competitive “drill down” determines the top marchers in the band. This year winners were (*bottom right, from left to right*) Connor Angelle (1st place), Josie Gottsponer, Pawan Bhat and Ted Hoeller. And the annual pool party at Troy Dannen’s house (*top*) is a special treat!



ARTISTRY ON DISPLAY

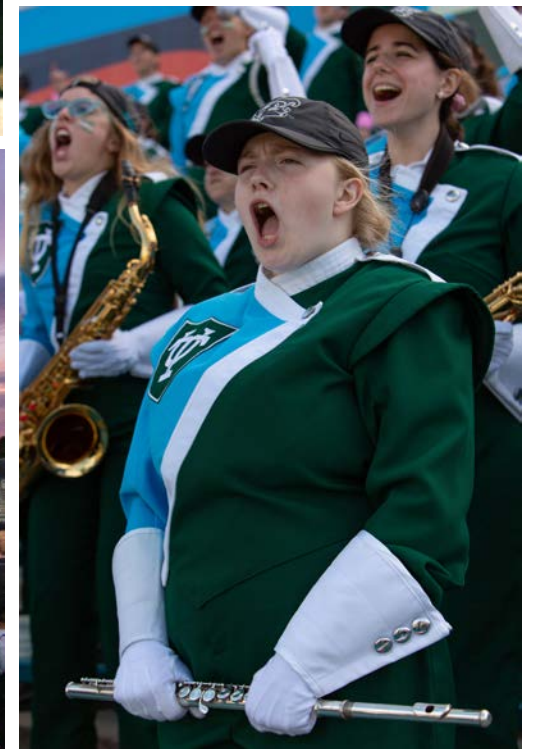
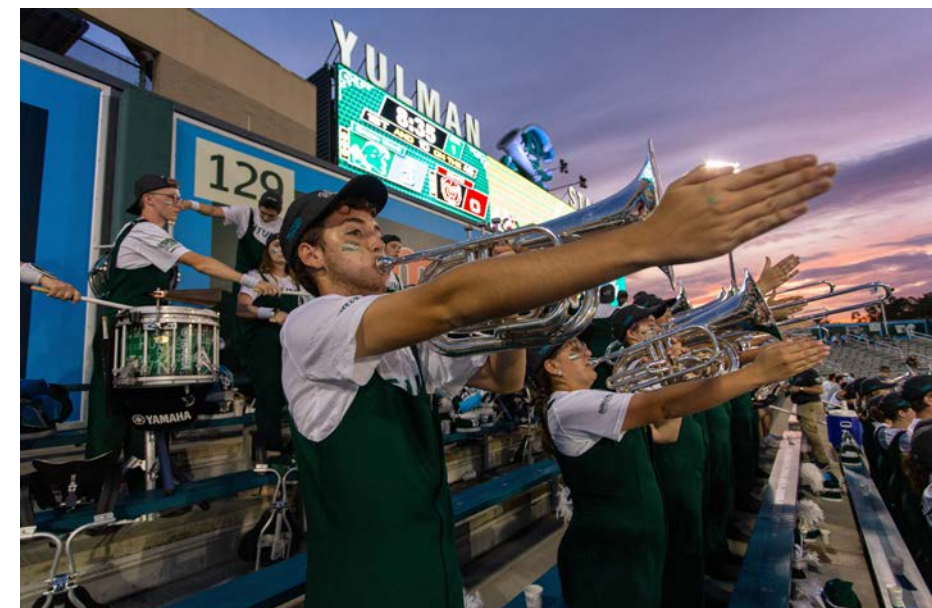
International trumpet virtuoso and Yamaha Performing Artist Allen Vizzutti graced the Tulane campus this past fall. Mr. Vizzutti performed a beautiful solo rendition of the Star Spangled Banner in Yulman Stadium at the home football game on September 19 (*left*). He also presented a master class to a full house in the Dixon Hall band room (*below center*) on September 23 that was attended by Tulane students and others from from Loyola University, Chalmette HS, the local Marine Corps Reserve Band, and trumpet players from across the community. Mr. Vizzutti’s residency was co-sponsored by the



Newcomb Department of Music (Dan Sharp, chair) Jazz Program (James Markway and Ashlin Parker – *below with Vizzutti & director of bands Barry Spanier*) and by the TUMB.



ENERGY AND EMOTION For the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing, the TUMB performed “Fly Me To The Moon” featuring the Shockwave Dance Team. The physical and mental demands of marching band are matched by the need for enthusiasm. Members are fully engaged in the football game, setting the standard for fans in the stadium. Every first down, scoring drive, and even the questionable calls (or non-calls) are responded to by the TUMB with appropriate levels of euphoria, disbelief, and everything in between.





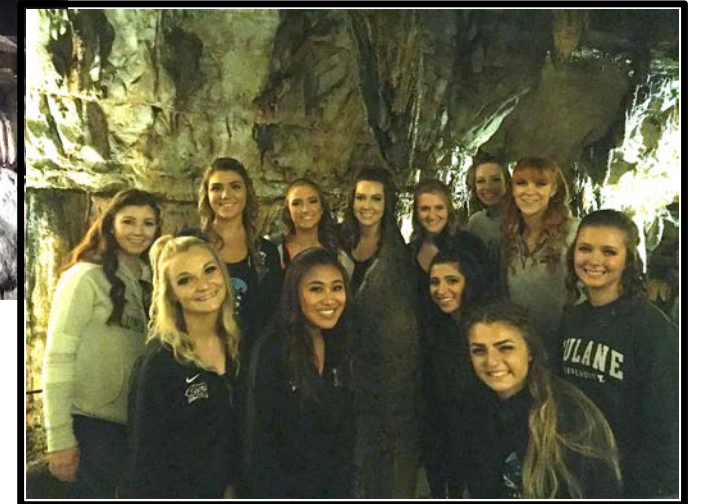
BACK TO BIRMINGHAM

For the second consecutive year, the TUMB found itself back in Birmingham, AL during the annual fall road trip. It was a great opportunity to strengthen our relationship with Mountain Brook High School and the students and staff of their band program. This time around, the TUMB rehearsed in sectionals and full band formats, and performed on the field with the "Spartans" during their home football game. Thanks to the staff and MBHS parents boosters for accommodating our visit and making us feel so welcome!



ROLL CAVE!

During TUMB road trips, the membership takes time to visit regional sites of interest. On the way to Auburn they enjoyed a visit to the DeSoto Caverns of Alabama, featuring beautiful underground rock formations and tales of the history presented by our tour guides.



It is really, REALLY dark in those caverns! But strategically placed lighting draws focus to the wide range of natural features throughout the series of contiguous chambers that make up the complete caverns. The Dance Team took a moment for a photo opportunity that has been titled "Shock-cave".

STEPPING UP

After a few hours underground, the TUMB proceeded into the bright sunshine and the big lights of the SEC stage of Jordan Hare Stadium of Auburn University. As Tulane University continues to reach for higher and higher achievement, Tulane Athletics is similarly scheduling matches against elite opponents: To be your best, you have to play the best. Following football games in recent years vs. Oklahoma and Ohio State, the Green Wave faced Auburn University on September 14, 2019. By attending these kinds of games and performing in front of 80,000 people, the TUMB is looking to step up its own game and create opportunities for our band program and our students to grow from the experiences.



BACK-TO-BACK BOWL CHAMPIONS



After busing overnight from NOLA to Fort Worth, TX, the TUMB checked into the hotel and then headed to Farrington Field (above) for a rehearsal, the first and only opportunity to fine-tune our field shows since classes ended on December 6. Our TUMB alumni have become well-seasoned travelers, supporting the Green Wave at home and away football games. A group of these band alumni were happy for this photo opportunity (below) during the bowl game in Fort Worth, TX.



Shockwave Dance Team took a moment during a game time-out to pose for this photo (above) in Amon G. Carter Stadium, home of the TCU Horned Frogs of the Big 12 conference.



The Green Wave reclaimed the winner's iconic trophy (right) of the "Battle for the Bell" between Tulane and Southern Miss. Tulane will now keep the bell (at least) until the next meeting of these two rivals, slated for fall 2022, to be followed by more head-to-head matchups in 2023 and again in 2026.



All of the hard work and dedication pays off when the TUMB is performing the Alma Mater (right) after a big victory, and the Green Wave team and fans sway together while singing along. It is a moment of celebration and reflection on what has been achieved, and the bonds that have formed for life!



ALUMNI



HOMECOMING Having fun was on the top of the agenda for homecoming, as another good turnout of band alumni enjoyed the festivities on November 2. They also performed enthusiastically on the field with the TUMB, a great rendition of the popular hit from 1972: **Brandy** by the group Looking Glass.

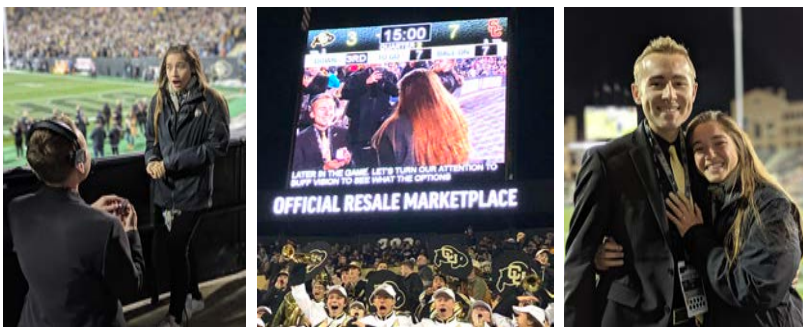


HOMECOMING 2020: THE TUMB CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

We are aiming to have 100 band alumni perform on the field for the homecoming halftime show celebrating the band program's centennial. **PLAN TO PLAY YOUR PART IN THIS HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE!**



MORE THAN FRIENDS Participation in a college marching band engenders a great sense of team and establishes friendships that last a lifetime. In some cases, these relationships rise to another level, as it is not uncommon for members to find their life partners through the band environment. Such is the case of



Dylan Koester (trumpet & drum major) and Victoria "Vivi" Parilla (Shockwave Dance Team), who met in the TUMB and are now engaged to be married. The moment was dramatically, and very publicly, presented during a football game at UC Boulder. Leave it to a band director to envision and produce such a spectacular and eventful moment. Congratulations to Dylan and Vivi. Roll Wave!

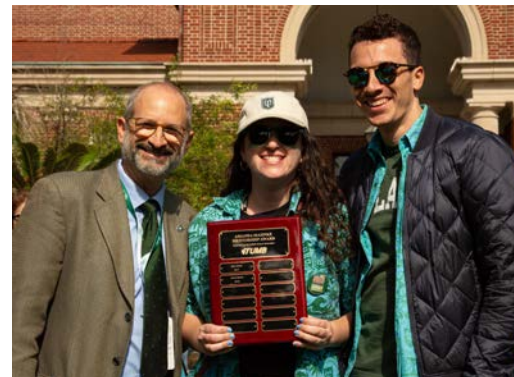
DEVELOPMENT

GREENIE GALS COME THROUGH AGAIN

Year after year, the Greenie Gals organization provides support to the TUMB, Shockwave Dance Team and Tulane Cheerleaders. For the 2019 fall season, Greenie Gals provided and served one of our favorite annual band camp dinners! They supported a mid-summer training camp experience for Shockwave leadership. Greenie Gals also funded the purchase of a brand new Yamaha bass trombone, a new addition to our instrumental lineup that expands the musical range, color and power of the ensemble. Senior band member Lauren White posed for a photo during band camp with representatives of Greenie Gals (top right) and has used the instrument throughout the fall season, taking lessons specifically tailored to get the most out of the instrument. During the Armed Forces Bowl game on January 4th, Lauren showcased the bass trombone (right), giving her all for the TUMB and the Green Wave on their way to an historical and resounding victory!



3rd ANNUAL MAHNKE AWARD



The Dr. Amanda Mahnke Award for Mentorship honors a band junior who exhibits leadership and mentorship towards fellow members, both on and off the field. It was a particularly unique presentation this year as the recipient Becca Lubin was studying abroad in the fall and therefore unable to personally accept the award. Fortuitously, her sister Emily Lubin (a TUMB alumna, at left with Barry Spanier and TUMBAA representative Neill Aguiluz) stepped in during the homecoming presentation to accept the award on her sister's behalf. Thanks to TUMBAA (TUMB Alumni Association) for sponsoring and facilitating this award. All band alumni can get involved via tulanealumniband@gmail.com.

FRIENDS OF THE BAND VOLUNTEERS PLAY A CRITICAL PART IN THE SUCCESS OF THE TUMB, ESPECIALLY DURING MARDI GRAS SEASON. PLEASE SIGN UP TO ASSIST IN PARADES THROUGH OUR WEBSITE AT:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdByVsE9LWaNWFQ5LlfeOIOrKmHl0u6bCzQa915b24waFFxhg/viewform>

TUMB ENDOWMENT
surpasses
\$150,000

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COMMUNITY

BAND DAY

Our Annual Band Day provided another opportunity for the TUMB and our members to get to know students from local middle and high school ensembles. It is a great way to bond through the love of music and performance for our audiences. After spending time in sectionals to review the music, the entire combined ensemble came together to learn field movements and get ready for the big performance at halftime.



Thanks to the participating school bands, color guard, choirs and dance teams from **Harry Hurst Middle School**, **St Mary's Dominican High School**, and **Christian Brothers School**. Special kudos goes to independent feature baton twirler **Victoria Myers**.

ALL STUDENT-MUSICIANS WELCOME!

As the only collegiate marching band in New Orleans, the TUMB welcomes all university-age musicians to participate as full members. A video journalism team from neighboring Loyola University stopped by a rehearsal this past fall to interview and document some of our Loyola student band members (left). Loyola students can easily cross-register for the TUMB, and thereby receive academic credit for their participation. Students of Xavier University and Dillard University are also eligible for this cross-registration opportunity. Other students who may be attending the University of New Orleans, Delgado Community College or other local educational institutions may also participate in the TUMB by registering through Tulane's School of Professional Advancement. We invite all interested young musicians to consider joining the TUMB, taking the next step in their musical experience while participating in the greatest marching band traditions in the world, right here in NOLA!

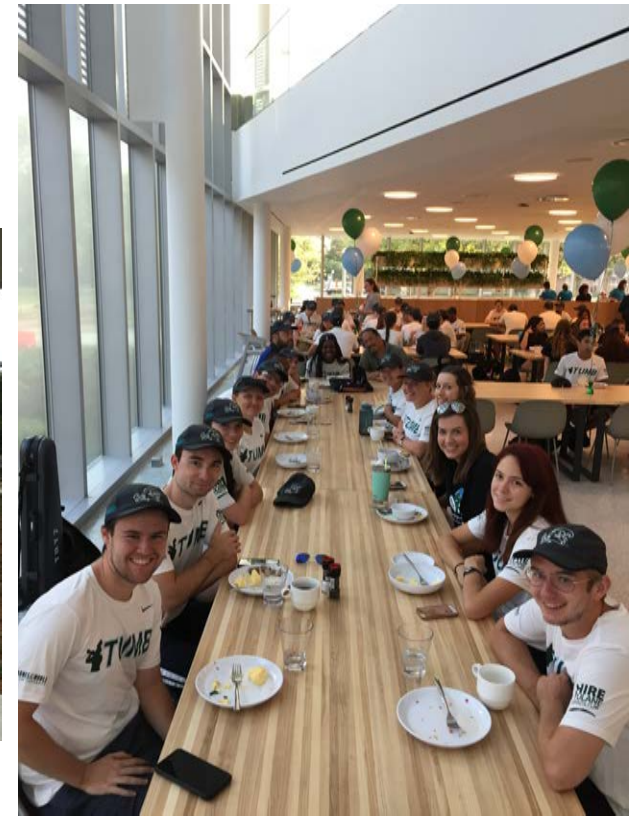


SPOTLIGHT



NEW COMMONS: A FRESH START FOR A TRADITIONAL BEGINNING

The TUMB requires lots of nutrients and calories to carry them through the physically arduous days of band camp training. Bruff Commons has been the primary venue for most meals in the past. August 21, 2019 was the final day of band camp and also the grand opening of the spectacular New Commons in the heart of campus. TUMB members were honored and thrilled to be the very first group to enter and enjoy the new building and all of its delicious food offerings. A very special thanks goes to Ed Doherty at (right with TUMB students) and his university and colleagues at Sodexo for supporting the TUMB and our students to provide great meals to keep them going strong. We look forward to more of The Commons!



INTRODUCING NEW COLOR GUARD INSTRUCTOR

Brett McSwain (pictured with students Alison Donze and Brooke Landreneau) joined the instructional staff of the TUMB during summer 2019 as choreographer for the Color Guard. He brings a fresh energy that incorporates dance elements and grand gestures into the presentations. He started his color guard career with a local Drum Corp in his hometown of New Jersey, learning the value of hard work, dedication, and commitment, and applying those values in his career and in his life. Brett performed with the East Coast Jazz Drum and Bugle Corp in 2005, winning his first DCI gold medal. He also marched with the Bushwackers senior Drum Corp in 2006 -2010, earning 3 consecutive best color guard titles. Brett was 7-time World Class finalist in Indoor competitions and has taught at six different high schools, all having made state finals in their competition seasons, and two of which were state champions 2 years in a row.

