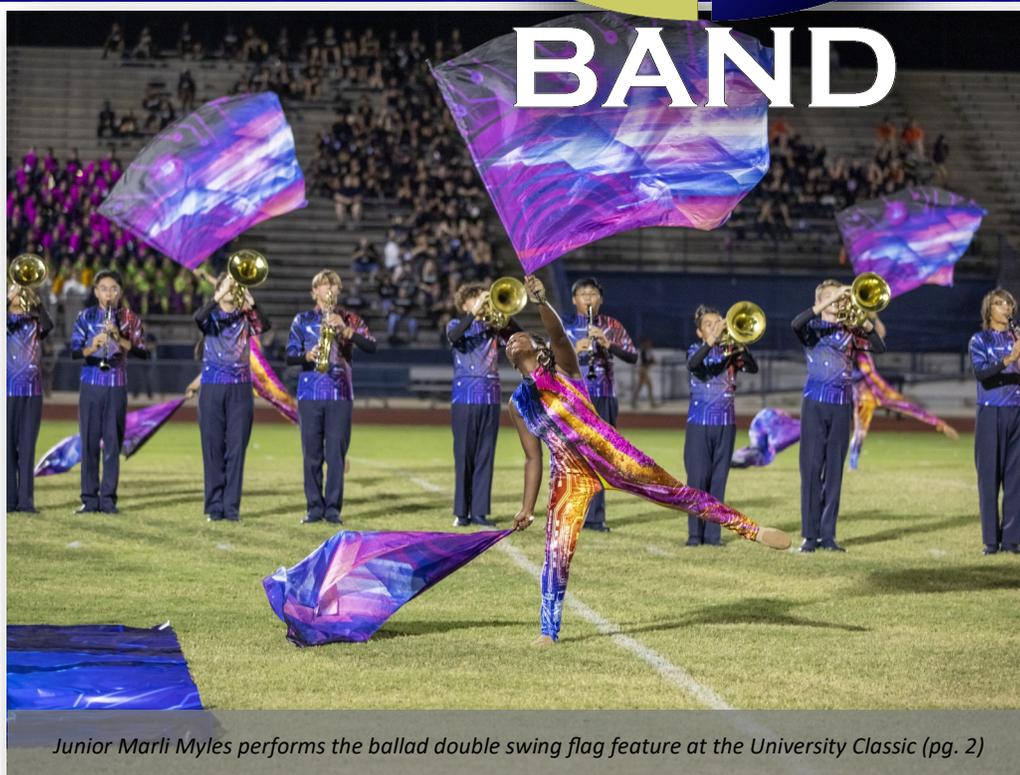


UNIVERSITY

BAND



Junior Marli Myles performs the ballad double swing flag feature at the University Classic (pg. 2)

FROM THE BAND OFFICE

A number have parents have expressed that they enjoyed reading announcements in last year's newsletter format, so we are bringing it back! There is certainly a lot to talk about since our last issue in June 2021. The University Band is back together again with everyone on campus and the school year is moving along. The marching season is already more than half way done, and so far, our success has exceeded anyone's expectations. Although our band is a little bit smaller this year, we have an incredibly hard-working group of talented students who are already achieving great things!

Week at a Glance

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Monday, October 18

No sectionals.

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Tuesday, October 19

Full Rehearsal
(3:30—7:00 PM)

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Wednesday, October 20

Guard Sectionals
(2:30—5:00 PM)

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Thursday, October 21

Full Rehearsal
(3:30—7:00 PM)

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Friday, October 22

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Haley Richardson and other brass players perform at the University Classic.

MARCHING BAND!

The Marching Band has been presenting our 2021 show, “The Glass Cage,” which was originally designed for 2020 but is back and even more relevant coming off a year of online learning (and everything else.) We are three weeks into our competitive season and the show has already achieved great success:

Our program hosted the seventeenth annual University Classic on October 2, thanks to the volunteer support from our programs’ amazing foundation of parents and alumni.

On October 9, the band earned its first FMBC Regional Championship since November 2019 at the FMBC Space Coast Classic. The University Band swept the 4A Class and earned the best in show awards for Music, Visual, Percussion, and General Effect.

Finally, on October 16, the band attended the Bands of America Orlando Regional. Three years ago, University attended this show for the first time and was not named a finalist; two years ago was our first time in finals, ending with a 7th place finish. This year, our band earned second place in Class AAAA and came in 3rd overall, behind national champion Tarpon Springs and 3-time state champion Timber Creek. What a statement!

In addition to our football games, we still have several upcoming performances, including the FBA Marching MPA on November 6, FMBC Oviedo Regional on November 13, and FMBC State Championships on November 21.

PARENT MEETING

There will be a Parent Meeting on **Tuesday, October 26**, from **7:00—8:00 PM** in the Band Room. (This meeting was originally scheduled for Thursday but has been moved.)

On the agenda:

- BOA Debrief
- Marching MPA Planning

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

The volunteer sign up for our next game is now available. This and other sign ups can always be found at www.UHSband.com/parents.

DONATIONS NEEDED!

We are looking for donations of bottled water and Gatorade for our concession stand. These are necessary items on hot Florida days, but due to purchasing limits, we are not able to get fully stocked on our own. Please bring donations to the band office.

FORMALWEAR FITTINGS

Students in the Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, and Intermediate and Advanced Percussion classes who do not already own a dress or tuxedo will be fitted for formalwear during class on Thursday, October 21. Please make plans to attend or take measurements on your own.

HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES

Despite masking, disinfecting, and other precautions being taken here at school, our band students are in close proximity to each other, and it has been common in the past for bugs to spread around the band at this time of year. There have been a few alleged cases of Strep Throat and Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease, which are not especially serious but do spread easily. As we all know by now, the best way to prevent the spread of diseases like this is to wash and disinfect your hands frequently, clean your equipment regularly (our custodial team is still disinfecting high-contact surfaces twice a day), and to wear facial coverings and socially distance whenever possible. At this time, no band events have been cancelled, we just ask everyone to be careful.