

Big Purple

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

2024

WELCOME TO THE 2024 BIG PURPLE!



PARTICIPATION SCHOLARSHIPS

New Heads - \$1670

2nd year - \$1770

3rd year - \$1870

4th year - \$1970

A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS

Greetings and YBP from Abilene! We are excited to see everyone back on campus in just a few weeks as we begin to prepare for our 2024 season! So many things are going to make this a special year! Our 2024 show will be absolutely out of this world (Pun Intended)! Our trip to outer space will include music from the movie *Interstellar* composed by Hans Zimmer, David Bowie's *Space Oddity*, *Learn to Fly* by the Foo Fighters, and Van Morrison's *Moondance*. This will be an exciting show for us and our fans alike! Speaking of our fans, we look forward to each of our wonderful performance opportunities this fall. One thing to note is that our schedule has slightly changed as compared to what was handed out at the end of the year. Conference realignment has meant that we now have one less home game than originally anticipated. This does not change the date for Homecoming, Parent's Weekend, etc. Our last home game performance will be Saturday, November 2. If you are either in our near town on July 16, we would love to see you at Wildcat Stadium as we host DCI Abilene! Eight World Class corps will be featured. We are still in need of a few volunteers for the show so please contact us ASAP if you are interested in helping out!



Please get the word out about the family that is the ACU Bands, our great participation scholarships for Marching Band (the envy of many university bands!) and our great organization. Enrollment is up this fall, but that does not mean we do not still have space for more people in our Big Purple family! The social and spiritual ties we form every year are such a blessing, and this year they will be unique and wonderful. We can't wait to see all of you and get started! Have a great rest of the summer and **YBP** - that's Yay Big Purple for you New Heads!



-Dr. Steven Ward
Director of Orchestra and Bands
-Dr. Dan Harbaugh
Associate Director of Bands

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Check out the calendar online! Go to [the band page](#) on The ACU website and click on the calendar link. This is always the best calendar for you to check. You can also subscribe to it through Google Calendar. Please go online and fill out the [BIG PURPLE FORM](#) right away if you haven't done that yet so we can have your NEW apparel waiting for you! Make sure you are registered for band! As you get your schedules put together and enrolled for classes, please communicate with us if you have class conflict issues.

-MPEI 210.01 (1 hr P.E. credit)

- MPEI 301.01 (0 credit)

- MPEI 311.01 (1 hr credit)

Rehearsals are

MW 11:15-12:45; F 11:50-12:45.

ALL band members

receive 150 chapel points!

Summer Band:

- Check-in (for everyone) will be Friday, August 16th.
- Meals (at the Bean) will be available from Sat the 17th regular meal plans begin Tues the 20th.
- Freshmen & New Heads - we have worked with the Wildcat Week organizers to make it as easy as possible for you. You can participate in both!
- Officers and leaders - The required training and work sessions are August 14-16. If you are moving into the dorm that is Sun Aug 11th OR Wed Aug 13th (let us know!)

RESIDENCE HALL INFORMATION FOR ALL BAND MEMBERS

ALL band members who will be living in residence halls need to participate in early move-in Friday, August 16th. The residence halls will be open from 1:00pm-5:00pm. We will have Old Heads and Band Officers available to help you move things into your room. Fill out the Big Purple Form by RIGHT AWAY so that Residence Life office has the information they need. We can't wait to have everyone on campus! Questions about moving into the residence halls? Call/text Laura Dickson at 325-518-7359 or email: laura.dickson@acu.edu

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OFFICERS AND LEADERS:

OFFICERS:

President: **Lydia Copland**
Vice President: **Patrick Slafko**
Secretary: **Amy Stephens**
Hist./SM/Photographer: **Ashlynn Smith**
Hist./SM/Photographer: **Autum Olivas**
Chaplain: **Macey Bridgeman**
Fossil Rep: **Matthew Darby**
Senior Rep: **Royal Carnes**
Junior Rep: **Creed Ezell**
Sophomore Rep: **Hawke Ratliff**
Freshman Rep: **TBD**
Drum Major: **Kierra Bacon**
Drum Major: **Matthew Darby**
Drum Major: **Karissa Ward**
Librarian: **Lauren Graves**
Band Ops/Truck Driver: **Jason Miller**
Band Operations: **Laura Evans**
Band Operations: **Lydia Copeland**

SECTION LEADERS:

Flute & Piccolo: **Abigail Shields**
Clarinet: **Ryan Gussert**
Saxophone: **Cierra Zamora**
Trumpet: **Royal Carnes**
Horn/Mello: **Laura Gill**
Low Brass: **Anahi Romero**
Low Brass: **Brandon Cheever**
Low Brass: **Steven-Daniel Meyer**
Percussion/Battery: **Creed Ezell**
Percussion Battery: **Megan Denton**
Colorguard Captain: **Kylie McLeod**

Band President

LYDIA COPELAND

Hey Band!

My name is Lydia Copeland and this upcoming year I will be your Big Purple Band President. I can't wait to be back on-campus with our returning members as we welcome the New Heads (Freshmen and new members). New Heads, we are so excited to get to meet you and welcome you into the Big Purple family. The other officers and I are committed to make this year as amazing as it can be! Get ready for a wonderfully crazy year! Make sure you fill out the Big Purple Form and check our Band Calendar regularly for updates on all our fun events, rehearsals, and performances. We're praying for you all as we prepare for this school year! YBP!

Lydia Copeland, President



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AUDITION INFO & OTHER ENSEMBLES



PERCUSSION

Percussionists will audition for placement in either the marching drum line or front ensemble. Percussion auditions will begin Friday, August 16th, 7:00-9:30 pm. Everyone who auditions will be placed! Audition materials and information can be found at [Percussion Audition Information](#).

For more information regarding auditions, please contact:
Dr. Allen Teel, Percussion Email: teela@acu.edu o 325.674.2030

COLORGUARD

The colorguard is present at all rehearsals and performances, including football games, parades, etc. Check out our webpages: [Big Purple Colorguard](#) and [Winter guard Acuity](#). Auditions (basic fundamentals)

Prep clinic Friday Aug. 16th - 7:00-9:30 pm

Auditions Saturday Aug. 17th - 9:00-11:30 am

For more information regarding auditions, please contact:

Zach McKennon, Guard Instructor

Email: zachmckennon@gmail.com m 325.514.8563



JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Auditions for Jazz Ensemble and Combos take place the first week of classes. For audition guidelines and updates check out Jazz Ensemble on our website. Directed by Dr. Mike Rogers, the Jazz Ensemble is one of the great traditions and fun ensembles at ACU! If you have any questions, please contact:

Dr. Mike Rogers, Director of Jazz Studies and Coordinator of Music Theory
Email: michael.rogers@acu.edu o 325.674.2044

ORCHESTRA

The Civic Orchestra of Abilene is a cooperative effort between ACU, HSU, and McM. It is a full symphony orchestra and a fantastic experience! Auditions are by submitted video due the first week of classes. Visit the website for more information or contact Dr. Ward.

Civic Orchestra of Abilene

Email: steven.ward@civicorchabilene.org o 325.674.2028

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For certain performances, we use an alternate uniform (Big Purple polo and black shorts or black pants). Instead of using one particular brand of shorts/pants for all members, we allow students to provide their own. This is the best way to ensure members have shorts/pants that look and fit the best for their particular body type.

We wear our Polos tucked-in. If your shorts/pants have belt loops you are required to wear a belt.

Shorts: Style - plain with no holes or markings. **Men's length** at the knee, with the bottom of the shorts no higher than 2 inches above the kneecap, and no lower than the center of the knee cap. **Women's length** must have an inseam of 7-9 inches (mid thigh or lower). A flat front (non-pleated), non-cuffed short, like a chino short. No cargo shorts or shorts with protruding pockets are allowed.

Pants: The pants should be plain and black (non-faded/no patterns). **No leggings.**

Please bring your shorts/pants with you to summer band—you will need them for the Gameday 101 performance and Opening Ceremony. Examples are shown on the right.

Instrument rental:
Marching and concert instruments are available for rental. This information, along with other forms to fill out, is given at check in 5p-6:30p, Friday, August 16th



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STUDENT LEADERSHIP MANDATORY SESSIONS:

Sun Aug 11 and Tues Aug 13th

1pm - 3pm Leadership dorm move-in Dorms

Wed Aug 14

12pm - 1:30pm Lunch & Opening leaders meeting WPAC

2pm - 5pm Leadership training WPAC

5pm-6:30pm Dinner WPAC

6:30pm Training/Work Session WPAC

Thu Aug 15

Check online calander for specific schedule

Fri Aug 16

8:30am-11am Work Session WPAC

11:30am Lunch WPAC

1pm - 5pm Move-in res halls - ALL BAND MEMBERS Dorms

ALL BAND MEMBERS:

Fri Aug 16

1pm-5pm Move-in res halls - New Heads! Dorms

5:30pm-6:30pm ALL! Sign-In & Get Gear WPAC

7pm-9:30pm Colorguard meet/prep clinic WPAC

7pm - 9:30pm Percussion Meet/auditions WPAC

8pm-10pm Games/Snacks/meet & greet WPAC

Sat Aug 17

8am - 9am Breakfast (Bean) [Bean](#)

9am - 11:30am Colorguard Auditions WPAC

9am - 10:15am Marching Rehearsal (perc. inside) Stompin' Grounds

10:15am-11:30am Inside Rehearsal Fry/WPAC

11:30am - 1pm Lunch (Bean) Bean

1pm - 3pm Rehearsal WPAC

3pm - 4pm Break

4pm - 6pm Rehearsal WPAC

6pm - 6:30pm Devotional WPAC

6:30pm - 8pm Dinner (Bean open for all) Bean

Sun Aug 18

9am - 10am Breakfast (Bean) Bean

10:15am - 11am Devotional/Communion (optional) WPAC

11am - 12pm Lunch (Bean) Bean

1pm - 3:30pm Rehearsal WPAC

4pm - 6pm Rehearsal FRY

6:30pm - 9:30pm Dinner and Games at Gatti's [Gatti's](#)

Mon Aug 19

8am - 11am
11am-12pm
2pm - 5:30pm
5:30pm - 6:30pm
7pm - 10pm

Marching Rehearsal
Lunch (Bean)
Rehearsal
Dinner (Bean)
Sonic!!

Stompin' Grounds
Bean
WPAC
Bean
[Sonic](#)

Tue Aug 20: *Tropical Tuesday*

7am - 8am
8am - 11am
1:30pm - 5pm
5pm - 7pm
9:15pm - 10:30pm

Breakfast snacks
Marching Rehearsal
Rehearsal
Uniform Fitting: Seniors
Candlelight Devo (WEEK, Optional)

WPAC Lobby
Stompin' Grounds
WPAC
WPAC
[Bauechamp Ampitheatre](#)

Wed Aug 21: **CHARACTER DAY**

8am - 10:15am
10:15am - 12:15pm
1:30pm - 4pm
7:30pm - 8:30pm

Marching Rehearsal
Uniform Fitting: Juniors
Rehearsal
Gameday 101 Performance

Stompin' Grounds
WPAC
WPAC
[Wildcat Stadium](#)

Thu Aug 22: **TIE DYE THURSDAY**

8am - 10am
10:15am - 12pm
1:30pm - 3:45pm
8pm - 10:30pm

Marching Rehearsal
Uniform Fitting: Sophomores - tent
Rehearsal
Miniature Golf and Games

Stompin' Grounds
WPAC
WPAC
[Play Faire Park](#)

Fri Aug 23: *Purple Friday!*

8am - 11am
2:30pm - 5pm
6pm - 8pm

Marching Rehearsal
Rehearsal
New Head Dinner - Elect Officer

Stompin' Grounds
WPAC
WPAC Lobby

Sat Aug 24: **SECTION DAY**

8am - 11am
11am - 2pm
3:30pm - 5pm

Marching Rehearsal
Uniform Fitting: Freshman
Opening Assembly Reh

Stompin' Grounds
WPAC
[Moody Collesium](#)

Sun Aug 25

Day Off!!

Mon Aug 26

10am - 12pm

Opening Assembly

Moody Collesium

Please make sure you follow [the online calendar](#) for the most up to date information about our schedule!
This is a public calendar so add it to your calendars! If you are enrolled, it is easily seen in Canvas as well!