



Dear Prospective Members of the 2019 UIW Color Guard,

Before reading this letter, please fill out the 2019 Marching Cardinals Information Form so we can prepare for your arrival:

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Welcome and Introduction

I'm very pleased to go on this journey with you as a collegiate color guard team. I hope together we can achieve many goals as a color guard at this level including improving our team building skills, learning intrinsic self-discipline and having a great time while doing it. When you come in the first day, we will do some introductions and get right to work warming up, dancing and spinning flag.

The dance class will be a modern/contemporary style, but will also incorporate jazz as we delve into the choreography of our pop songs. We start with basic stretches and abdominal work, it would be a good idea to do some working out and strengthening exercises over the next couple of weeks so you aren't so sore after the first day.

New for 2019: For the first time in the four-year history of the Color Guard, we are auditioning everyone for positions in the Guard. There are several reasons for this: (1) tuition credits are becoming competitive across campus and there is a limit on how much the band can award to guard members; (2) the quality of the guard has improved greatly over the years and we need to make sure the members are able to perform the choreography and flag work on a limited time schedule; and (3) every prospective member, new and returning, needs to be evaluated to determine fit, ability, and receptiveness to teaching. Dr. Richardson and I have decided to “cap” the numbers in the guard and will find the right amount to fit the band’s size and composition.

If you have questions about the reasons for auditioning the guard, please contact Dr. Richardson at barichar@uiwtx.edu.

Audition Site

Incarnate Word High School Gymnasium
727 E Hildebrand Ave
San Antonio TX 78212

What do I wear?

Make sure you wear clothes you can dance and stretch in. No jeans. Hair pulled back and no big jewelry. Tennis shoes or dance shoes, suggested. Please wear deodorant and minimal perfume. For Flag block, we will provide all equipment for you.

Audition Camp Schedule

Saturday, June 1, 2019

Eat breakfast before arrival!

9:30-10:00A	Check-In at Incarnate Word HS Gym
10:00A-12:00A	Dance class + Fitness
12:00-1:30A	Lunch Provided
1:30-5:00P	Flag technique, learn <i>Fight Song</i> and <i>Grand Old Flag</i>
5:00-6:30P	Dinner on your own
6:30-8:30P	Choreography

Sunday, June 2, 2018

Eat breakfast before arrival!

10:00A-12:00P	Dance Warm up + Flag technique
12:00-1:30P	Lunch Provided
1:30-3:00P	Learn/Review Choreography
3:00-4:00P	Individual Practice/Preparation
4:00P	Auditions (schedule announced at lunch time)

What am I auditioning on?

- Fight song at tempo
- Flag choreography

Housing

Most of our auditioning members are from Bexar County and can stay at home for the auditions. If you are coming from outside of the San Antonio area, please contact Dr. Richardson (barichar@uiwtx.edu) and we will try to find a

student for you to stay with for Saturday night.

What will we be working on?

A list of technique exercises that we will be working on:

- Drop spins (right and left)
- Pole hits (or pull hits or cracker Jack's)
- Figure 8s (cones or carving)
- Silk toss - single and double
- Pop toss

I will assume you know nothing and adjust my teaching to match the average skill level of the room. If you really do know nothing it would be a good idea to try to learn drop spins or some tosses if you have access to a flag. YouTube is great for this. I'm very excited begin this season with you and I cannot wait to meet you all!

What to Bring With Me:

Bring a water jug, drinks, and snacks (water and fresh fruit, not Dr. Pepper and Doritos) so we can keep our bodies healthy to learn a lot over the weekend. If you have questions you can email me amorton28.am@gmail.com. Make sure you introduce yourself, tell me where you did guard before and ask me anything you need.

Have a great May, see you soon June 1 and 2!

Sincerely,
Amy Morton