



Dear Member of the 2019 Marching Cardinals,

Greetings and welcome to the 11th version of *The Pride of the University of the Incarnate Word – the Marching Cardinals!*

On behalf of the Staff and Student Leadership of the Marching Cardinals, I would like to welcome you all to a collegiate family like none other. The Marching Cardinals has established an outstanding reputation on campus for its exciting and highly entertaining shows, as well as creating a spirited environment for Cardinal Football game days. *Your commitment* to this tradition of excellence will make this season the best yet for the Marching Cardinals!

Please take a moment to carefully go over **ALL** the material in the packet. Some of the highlights to take specific note of include:

REQUIRED FORMS

ALL FORMS ARE DUE AT REGISTRATION ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019.

1. **The Marching Cardinals Information Form (MCIF)** is an important form that confirms numbers for drill writing purposes, and provides information for early dorm check-in. **This form is online.**

<https://forms.gle/3d8iyRfEoqcK6Wn68>

In addition, please fill out the the following forms online:

1. **Medical Form**
2. **Trip Release Agreement**

SUMMER BAND CAMP INFORMATION

Official 2019 Summer Band Camp Dates:

Leadership Report Date – August 16, 2019

Drum Line and Color Guard Report Date – August 16, 2019

Woodwinds and Brass Report Date – August 18, 2019

Camp will be held on the UIW campus each day except for Sunday, August 25, 2019.

First class day is Monday, August 26, 2019.

Be physically ready and mentally fired-up and have all of the equipment that you need. It is important that Summer Band Camp is the time for the band to focus on band, so you must have any administrative issues (financial aid, residence hall, registration, etc.) resolved prior to camp. If you need help, ask now.

Items needed for Summer Band Camp:

- Athletic shoes (running-type shoes are best, not “Chucks”, “Vans”, or sandals)
- Loose fitting clothing (no jeans or pants)
- Smartphone and charger
- Hat or visor
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Water jug (must provide your own!)
- *Working* Instrument, mouthpiece, and lyre
- Valve oil, reeds, etc. (we do not provide these things!!!!)
- Money for meals – we provide some meals but not all!!!!

EARLY RESIDENCE HALL MOVE-IN

Early Residence Hall Move-In is Friday, **August 16 from 10:00-12:00 PM** for Leadership, Drum Line, and Color Guard. Everyone else will move in early on **August 18 from 2:00-4:00 PM**. This is the only time that representatives from Residence Life will be there to issue keys and assist with move-in. Please email Manny Esquivel with any and all housing questions: at meesquiv@uiwtx.edu.

*****IF YOU ARE LIVING IN ON-CAMPUS HOUSING, YOU MUST REPORT ON THE APPROPRIATE DAY & TIME.*****

ULTIMATE DRILL BOOK – APP

We learn drill via the “Ultimate Drill Book” App (UDBApp). Please download the appropriate Android or iPhone app from the App Store. The band will provide you with a lanyard and license to download the correct file for band. Please bring your Smartphone to rehearsal charged and ready to learn drill.

FLIP FOLDERS AND LYRES

The UIW Band provides all flip folders and a few lyres for select instruments. All instruments except for Percussion and Sousaphones are required to use flip folders while memorizing music. Please purchase your own lyre, if possible.

FALL SCHEDULE

Please check the band website and *Blackboard* for this season’s rehearsal and performance schedule. Make sure you have requested releases from work and other obligations for the dates posted. These are required to meet requirements for your tuition credit and class grade.

WEBPAGES AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Finally, I ask that you all bookmark and check the University of the Incarnate Word Bands website often, as it will be updated throughout the summer. The main page is listed below - follow the links for marching band to find out more!

http://www.uiw.edu/music/ensemblepages/cardinal_band.html

Also, be sure to follow us on *Facebook* and *Instagram* for lots of special announcements!

<https://www.facebook.com/UIWBands>

CONCLUSION

Let's have a great season, and I look forward to meeting you all in the near future! I'll be on campus regularly starting in August, so if you are in town, please stop by and come say hi!

Best wishes for a wonderful summer – *Go Cards!*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brett Richardson", with a large, stylized flourish above the name.

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