



University of the Incarnate Word  
**Marching Cardinals**  
**Color Guard Audition Process**  
**Fall 2020**

Greetings!

Thank you for your interest in joining the Marching Cardinals Color Guard. Founded in 2016, the Color Guard at UIW has become one of the highlights of “The Pride of the University of the Incarnate Word” and real crowd favorite at our performances! Benefits of joining the band include developing lifelong friendships with classmates, tuition credits starting at \$1000, attending numerous athletic events and performances, and earning fine arts credits towards your degree. This letter outlines the process for auditioning for the Fall 2020 Color Guard during this unprecedented time of social distancing.

If selected for the Color Guard, make sure you register for **MUEN 1140: Marching Cardinals (CRN 52486)**. A more detailed Summer Band Camp schedule will be released in coming months as plans for the Fall 2020 semester are released by the university.

If you have any questions regarding the audition process, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Morton or myself. Again, best wishes and good luck!

Sincerely yours,

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## About our Color Guard Director



Ms. Amy Morton  
Color Guard Director  
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Ms. Amy Morton currently serves as the Color Guard Director for the Marching Cardinals where she oversees all aspects of the UIW Color Guard including choreography and instruction. Ms. Morton began her color guard career in the Suncoast Sound Drum and Bugle Corps in 1992 and went on to march five summers of drum corps, including the 1996 DCI Champion Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps. She also marched several years of World Class winter guard, including the Company Color Guard. Ms. Morton holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in dance performance at Sam Houston State University and has served as a technician and choreographer for highly esteemed programs across the nation including the Boston Crusaders and Spring High School. She is an avid caver and lives in Austin, TX.

## Requirements for Membership in the Color Guard

*All new members and returning members:*

- Must audition via video submission.
- Must attend all Summer Band Camp pre-season training events unless otherwise excused by the Director of Bands
- Must attend all performances which include football games and exhibition performances unless otherwise excused by the Director of Bands (see schedule below)
- Must meet all attendance requirements as outlined in the Marching Cardinals course outline and handbook
- Failure to comply by these requirements will disqualify you from membership and/or the tuition credit

## Fall 2020 Summer Band Camp and Performance Schedule

*\*\*\*All dates 2020 unless otherwise listed; Tentative schedule due to coronavirus pandemic\*\*\**

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|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| • SUN, August 16    | Dorm Move-In and Orientation Meeting  |
| • M-F, August 17-21 | Summer Band Camp                      |
| • SAT, August 22    | Summer Preview Concert                |
| • SAT, September 26 | GAME #1 vs. SHSU                      |
| • TUE, October 6    | EXHIBITION – SAISD Marching Festival  |
| • SAT, October 10   | GAME #2 vs. Presbyterian              |
| • SAT, October 17   | GAME #3 vs. SELU ***UIW Fall Break*** |
| • SAT, November 7   | GAME #4 vs. HBU                       |
| • SAT, November 14  | GAME #5 vs. SFA                       |

## Video Submission Guidelines and Other Information

- Videos can be recorded using a Smartphone, tablet, laptop, traditional video camera, etc.
- Videos should be in **PORTRAIT** mode and not in a **LOW-PROFILE** below the performer
- Video must be recorded far back enough that the directors can see the full body choreography and full tosses
- At the beginning of one of the videos, please clearly state your name, anticipated major, and whether you are a new member or returning member
- Audio recordings must be audible in the video
- All videos must be uploaded as **two (2)** separate **UNLISTED** video links in YouTube.
- Please send an email with the subject line **“YOUR FIRST NAME, LAST NAME – Fall 2020 UIW Color Guard Audition”** to [barichar@uiwtx.edu](mailto:barichar@uiwtx.edu) and [amorton28.am@gmail.com](mailto:amorton28.am@gmail.com)
- All videos must be submitted via email by **May 31, 2020 by 11:59 PM**
- Dr. Richardson will send results on or by **June 15, 2020**

## Video Resource Links

- **FLAG and DANCE: “Hey Baby”**
  - Instruction and Counts - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PqjMFjZ7\\_pl](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PqjMFjZ7_pl)
  - Full Demonstration - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZE3e2sgFlw>
- **FLAG: UIW Fight Song**
  - Instruction and Counts - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-\\_aN22o-lsg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-_aN22o-lsg)
  - Full Demonstration - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HxDBJmIxrDE>
- If you live locally and/or would like to borrow a FLAG from UIW, please contact Dr. Richardson to schedule an appointment on May 7, 2020 between 1-5 PM. His email is [barichar@uiwtx.edu](mailto:barichar@uiwtx.edu). You will be able to sign-out a flag from the Music Building at that time.
- Music Building Address:

University of the Incarnate Word  
Bennack Music Center  
4301 Broadway Ave  
San Antonio TX 78209

DIRECTIONS: Enter at Broadway and Burr Rd, across the street from the CVS and next to the large Motherhouse Chapel on the campus of UIW.