

49TH ANNUAL
**PANTHER
MARCHING
BAND
FESTIVAL**

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
O'BRIEN STADIUM



EASTERN ILLINOIS™
PANTHER MARCHING BAND



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MUSIC ENSEMBLES

- Wind Symphony
- Concert Band
- Symphonic Band
- Panther Marching Band
- Jazz Ensemble
- Jazz Lab Band
- Jazz Combos
- Percussion Ensemble
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- University Mixed Chorus
- Musical Theatre Opera
- Camerata Singers
- Basketball Pep Band

SCHOOL OF MUSIC

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2027 AUDITION DATES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2027

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2027

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2027



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A MESSAGE FROM JAY

PRESIDENT, EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Welcome to O'Brien Stadium and EIU's annual Panther Marching Band Festival!

Every year, we welcome back to campus the region's most outstanding young musicians, their families and friends as Charleston gets to enjoy the sights and sounds of your hard work. While you're on campus, I invite you to visit our amazing Doudna Fine Arts Center. Doudna is home to our fine and performing arts programs including plays, concerts, student recitals, and galleries, as well as the Panther Marching Band.

Whether you're interested in pursuing a degree in music performance, music education, or one of more than 60 other undergraduate majors, you'll find that EIU is a human-scale campus with 8,800 students, more than 175 student organizations, and a faculty who invests in and cares for you. So—I encourage you to visit anytime, schedule a campus tour, and apply to be a member of the EIU community.

And, when you join the Panther Family, I look forward to playing sousaphone with you at the games and other campus events from time to time!

A MESSAGE FROM DB

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BANDS AND DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC BANDS

Welcome to the 49th Annual Eastern Illinois University Panther Marching Band Festival! We are incredibly excited to be able to host the PMB Festival again this year! I have had the pleasure of attending this festival as a participating high school director, as a spectator, as an adjudicator and now, as the festival host. One element has remained constant regardless of the role I was in. EIU has always been, and continues to be, an outstanding educational institution with a fantastic music program and one of the most hospitable universities I have ever visited! I hope that you will observe the same dedication to education and music and experience the same hospitality I have encountered every time I have stepped foot on this campus!

We look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our talented and hard-working band students today as their efforts culminate in fantastic marching band performances! Many, many hours of hard work and dedication have gone into the preparation of these shows and we are happy that our high school bands are here on the EIU campus today to demonstrate their skills.

We hope you enjoy EIU hospitality and experience being a part of the Panther Family! Thanks for taking the time out of your busy schedules to support our young artists and their endeavors in the marching arts! Have a great Panther Day!

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Situated on 320 acres, EIU was founded in 1895 and originated as a teachers college, which speaks to our strong commitment and passion to the field of education. If you talk to students, alumni, faculty, and staff of Eastern Illinois University, before long you'll start to notice a common theme: family. When you attend Eastern, you're doing more than just going to classes. You become part of a family that supports each other, in good times and bad. Panther Pride doesn't just have to do with athletics or wearing a blue shirt, it has to do with supporting each other – academically, personally, spiritually and sometimes even financially. Our impact can be local or global, but there is no doubt we have reason to be proud of being in this family that has produced some of the most impressive thinkers, workers, and leaders the state of Illinois has ever seen.

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC

We have a thriving department with outstanding faculty, facilities, and most importantly, students! All music students work closely with a dedicated faculty of highly-skilled professional musicians and educators who are committed to providing the utmost in personal attention for every student. As a result, we have an outstanding record for job placements, and our graduates are respected leaders in all fields of music.

The School of Music enrolls approximately 150 undergraduate and graduate students and is an accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Music. All undergraduate programs share a common set of core courses, which include applied study on your primary instrument or voice, ensembles, music theory, music history, and piano. From here each program branches out to provide specialization in an area of interest. All music majors take weekly hour-long lessons on their primary instrument or voice with a music faculty member, and all students participate in ensembles every semester, many play in more than one. Students frequently collaborate with one another in and out of the classroom, developing a spirit of cooperation and a shared love of music.

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BANDS

The EIU Bands have been serving the University and its students since 1927 through a variety of ensemble experiences including 3 concert bands—Wind Symphony, Concert Band, Symphonic Band—Basketball Pep Band, and the Panther Marching Band as well as 2 jazz big bands and 3 jazz combos. Students of all majors are welcome and encouraged to participate in the various EIU bands. If you like to play a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument, we have a place for you in one of the bands at EIU!

EIU PANTHER MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL CLASSIFICATIONS AND ADJUDICATION PROCESS

CLASSIFICATION

Classification is based on a hybrid system which varies from year to year depending on the natural breaks that occur when band and school enrollments are listed smallest to largest. Schools first determine which classification format they want to enter: Festival (none this year), Scholastic (9 bands) or Open (17 bands). Ensembles are then divided by the natural breaks in band size. IHSA School Classifications are used to divide ensembles into five different classifications (D, C, B, A, AA). This year, the IHSA classification and band size is then averaged together in a 83:1 ratio due to the five IHSA classes and six EIU classes. All classifications are set to ensure the fairest possible average between both IHSA classification and musician size classification.

ADJUDICATION

A panel of 9 judges will adjudicate the Festival:

- **Music Performance Ensemble:** John Clemons – Pressbox
- **Music Performance Individual:** Amanda Brigham – Sideline
- **Music General Effect 1:** Mike Davis – Pressbox
- **Music General Effect 2:** Mike Madonia – Pressbox
- **Visual Performance Ensemble:** Jeff Fiedler – Pressbox
- **Visual Performance Individual:** John Timmins – Sideline
- **Visual General Effect:** Lori Valanzuela – Pressbox
- **Percussion:** Chris DeBerry – Sideline
- **Color Guard:** Brayton Mendenhall – Pressbox

In 2024 we changed our adjudication system for the 'Open Class' band to align more with the Bands of America system. The BOA system places 60% of the weight on the music scores and 40% on the visual scores. The color guard and percussion scores do not factor into the overall band competitive score other than the caption awards. Here is the breakdown of the overall scoring system:

- 20 points** – Music Performance Ensemble
- 20 points** – Music Performance Individual
(Both scores above are averaged to 20 points total or 20% of the final score)
- 20 points** – Visual Performance Ensemble
- 20 points** – Visual Performance Individual
(Both scores above are averaged to 20 points total or 20% of the final score)
- 20 points** – Music General Effect 1
(This score will reflect 20% of the final score)
- 20 points** – Music General Effect 2
(This score will reflect 20% of the final score)
- 20 points** – Visual General Effect
(This score will reflect 20% of the final score)

For those bands who have chosen the 'Scholastic Class' option, Music General Effect 2 adjudicator transfers to the Music Performance Ensemble caption, Music General Effect 1 adjudicator provides comments only regarding the Music General Effect (no scores) and the Visual General Effect adjudicator transfers to the Visual Performance Ensemble caption. The total scoring systems is as follows:

- 20 points** – Music Performance Ensemble 1
- 20 points** – Music Performance Ensemble 2
(GE Music 2 adjudicator takes the role of Music Performance Ensemble 2)
- 20 points** – Music Performance Individual
(All three scores above total 60% of the final score)
- 20 points** – Visual Performance Ensemble 1
- 20 points** – Visual Performance Ensemble 2
(GE Visual adjudicator takes the role of Visual Performance Ensemble 2)
(Both scores above are averaged to 20 points total or 20% of the final score)
- 20 points** – Visual Performance Individual
(This score will reflect 20% of the final score)
- 0 points** – Music General Effect 2
(The Music GE 1 adjudicator will provide comments only regarding music GE)

WHAT AWARDS ARE OFFERED AT THE PMB FESTIVAL?

The following awards will be given in each competitive class:

- Class ranking trophy for each band in each class.
- Outstanding Music for the highest combined Music Performance scores in each class.
- Outstanding Visual for the highest combined Visual Performance scores in each class.
- Outstanding General Effect for the highest combined GE scores in each class.
- Outstanding Percussion and Outstanding Color Guard in each class.
- Grand Champion for the highest placing Scholastic Class band in the Class 1A-3A grouping and in Class 4A-6A grouping.
- Grand Champion for the highest placing Open Class band in the Class 1A-3A grouping and in the Class 4A-6A grouping.

PANTHER MARCHING BAND MEMBER FOR A DAY

**NOVEMBER 7, 2026
10:30 AM - 5 PM**

The Panther Marching Band invites all high school students, grades 9-12 to spend a day as part of the PMB Family!

This is a fun and exciting opportunity to experience the game-day rehearsal, performance and atmosphere of a college marching band. Students spend the entire day with the PMB from our morning dress rehearsal; to our pre-game tailgate performance; to halftime; and to our postgame

tradition at the Alumni Clock Tower. This free event will culminate with a GREAT day of memories!

**REGISTER ONLINE BY WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 5, 2026.**

Go to go.eiu.edu/bandday to view a sample schedule and register today!

BANDS



A MARCHING BAND COMPETITION IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM A SPORTING EVENT OR CONCERT.

There are different rules that we ask our audience to abide by, to help each band and audience member get the best experience possible. We have provided a small list of Do's and Don'ts that will help ensure the enjoyment of all and will help the competition run as smooth as possible.

- + Do get to the show early to get a good seat. Sit as high and centered in the bleachers as possible, so you can get the full effect.
- + Don't save a large number of seats for fans that are coming later. Seating is "First-Come-First-Served".
- + Do wear your school colors proudly!
- + Don't talk during ANY band's performance!
- + Do share and converse with those around you (even those from other schools) between bands.
- + Don't move around during a band's performance. Wait until a performance has concluded, and the band is marching off the field to leave the stands.
- + Do find the positives in each band's performance, and applaud their efforts.
- + Don't make negative comments while within ear-shot of other audience members. You never know who is sitting around you—it could be staff members, parents, or siblings of the performers on the field. If you must point out flaws, wait until the drive home!
- + Do applaud often. If the music moves you to show appreciation, show it! The performers will feed off that energy, and will, in turn, give a better performance!
- + Don't comment negatively on anyone's placement. Every band has worked hard and put in countless hours preparing for the performance you just experienced.
- + Do enjoy the wonderful time and experiences you will have today.

REMEMBER

The adjudicators are professionals who are doing their best to judge a very subjective activity.

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2026 EIU PANTHER MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

10:46 AM	Mattoon High School	2:58 PM	Douglas MacArthur High School
11:00 AM	Okaw Valley High School	3:12 PM	Taylorville High School
11:14 AM	Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School	3:26 PM	Rochester High School
11:28 AM	Fieldcrest High School	3:40 PM	Robinson High School
11:42 AM	BREAK	3:54 PM	Richland County High School
11:56 AM	Blue Ridge High School	4:08 PM	BREAK
12:10 PM	LeRoy High School	4:22 PM	Paris High School
12:24 PM	Hoopeston High School	4:36 PM	Newton Community High School
12:38 PM	LUNCH BREAK	4:50 PM	Mt. Zion High School
12:52 PM	LUNCH BREAK	5:04 PM	BREAK
1:06 PM	Cumberland High School	5:18 PM	Alton High School
1:20 PM	Sparta High School	5:32 PM	Granite City High School
1:34 PM	Heritage High School	5:46 PM	Belleville Township High School
1:48 PM	St. Joseph-Ogden High School	6:00 PM	Champaign Central High School
2:02 PM	Centralia High School	6:14 PM	EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EXHIBITION
2:16 PM	Olympia High School	6:35 PM	AWARDS CEREMONY
2:30 PM	Wesclin High School		
2:44 PM	BREAK		

CHECK OUT TODAY'S FULL
FESTIVAL PROGRAM.



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FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE EIU
PANTHER MARCHING BAND.



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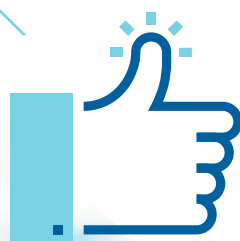
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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

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TUITION RATE

The Guaranteed Tuition Rate Program ensures your first-year tuition rate at EIU will remain the same for four continuous academic years. Even if tuition costs rise during your time at EIU, yours will not.



GET A PERSONALIZED ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST
AND CONNECT WITH YOUR COUNSELOR AT

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COST TO ATTEND EASTERN

BASED ON 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR	UNDERGRADUATE
TUITION	\$10,429.50
STUDENT FEES	\$3,961.50
TEXTBOOK RENTAL	\$262.50
FOOD & HOUSING	\$13,020*
TOTAL	\$27,673.50

**Based on 30 hours of enrollment and the all-access meal plan for incoming students.
NOTE: Tuition is based on \$347.65 per credit hour.*



EIU COST CALCULATOR

To get a personalized net-cost estimate, visit eiu.edu/cost.

See just how affordable Eastern could be for you!



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Over \$48 million in scholarships and awards were given to EIU students during the 2024-25 school year (more than \$12,000 per student on average).

SANDRA & JACK PINE HONORS SCHOLARSHIPS

PEMBERTON PRESIDENTIAL & PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS AWARD

For exceptionally strong incoming first-year students, the Pine Honors College offers competitive full-ride and full-tuition scholarships.

GPA Requirement: 3.75

AUTOMATIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

HIGH ACHIEVING MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

GPA: 3.85 - 4.0 - \$16,000

(\$4,000 awarded annually)

DISTINGUISHED MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

GPA: 3.6 - 3.84 - \$12,000

(\$3,000 awarded annually)

ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

GPA: 3.0 - 3.59 - \$8,000

(\$2,000 awarded annually)

OTHER AUTOMATIC AWARDS

SUCCESS & ENGAGEMENT AWARD

Students who do not meet the above GPA requirements, but showcase leadership and involvement - **\$4,000**

(\$1,000 awarded annually)



PANTHER PROMISE TUITION WAIVER

Students from households with an annual income ranging from: **\$55,000 TO \$100,000 WILL RECEIVE UP TO \$2,500** towards tuition for up to eight semesters.

EIU PROMISE PROGRAM

EIU will reduce the cost of your remaining tuition and required fees to \$0 if you meet the following criteria:

YOUR FAMILY'S ANNUAL INCOME IS \$80,000 OR LESS

- You have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- You are an Illinois resident
- You have your financial aid packaged and complete by June 1
- You meet all other AIM HIGH Grant requirements

DON'T FORGET YOUR FAFSA!

Students should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after it opens.

If you're an Illinois resident who isn't otherwise eligible for federal financial aid, you can submit the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid.

OUR SCHOOL CODE: 001674

www.studentaid.gov

10:30 AM – NATIONAL ANTHEM

10:46 AM – 5A OPEN CLASS (PERFORMING OUT OF CLASS)

SCHOOL / BAND NAME	Mattoon High School Pride Of The Green Wave Marching Band
SCHOOL COLORS	Green and Gold
PRINCIPAL	Richard Stuart
DIRECTOR	Justin Hunt
BAND STAFF	Courtney Hayes – Color Guard Director Allison Lawrence – Color Guard Director Kris Jacobs – Percussion Instructor Chris Keniley – Percussion Instructor
DRUM MAJOR	Chloe Bennett and Madison Heaton
SHOW TITLE	Medusa
MUSIC TITLES	Movement 1 – The Curse Movement 2 – Perseus Movement 3 – The Gorgon’s Lair Movement 4 – The Battle

11:00 AM – 1A SCHOLASTIC CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME	Okaw Valley High School Marching Band
SCHOOL COLORS	Blue, Black and White
PRINCIPAL	Matt Shoaff
DIRECTOR	Ben Haushalter
BAND STAFF	Kayla Fleshner – Woodwind Tech Ava Harshman – Percussion Tech Sydney Hagerman – Color Guard Instructor
DRUM MAJOR	Maggie Patient
SHOW TITLE	Bring On The Funk
MUSIC TITLES	Play That Funky Music, September, and Funkytown

11:14 AM – 1A SCHOLASTIC CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME	Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School Marching Knights
SCHOOL COLORS	Red and Gold
PRINCIPAL	Steffanie Seegmiller
DIRECTOR	Joseph Kroeck
DRUM MAJOR	Dustin Hodge
SHOW TITLE	That 70’S Show
MUSIC TITLES	Vehicle, I’ll Be There, and September

11:28 AM – 1A SCHOLASTIC CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME	Fieldcrest High School Marching Knights
SCHOOL COLORS	Navy and Silver
PRINCIPAL	Emory Burdett
DIRECTOR	Rusty Russell
BAND STAFF	Joanne Pesavento – Color Guard Instructor
DRUM MAJOR	Jordyn Vaughn
SHOW TITLE	Metal Mayhem
MUSIC TITLES	Crazy Train, Enter Sandman, and Stairway To Heaven

11:42 AM – BREAK**11:56 AM - 1A OPEN CLASS**

SCHOOL / BAND NAME	Blue Ridge High School Marching Knights
SCHOOL COLORS	Royal Blue and Silver
PRINCIPAL	Brian Easter
DIRECTOR	Christopher Mitchell
ASSISTAND DIRECTOR	Angela Mitchell
BAND STAFF	Adam Turpen – Percussion Instructor Jacalyn Meisner – Color Guard Instructor Grace Evkett – Co-Op Director
DRUM MAJOR	Addie Browning and Gideon Craft
SHOW TITLE	Continuum
MUSIC TITLES	Roundabout, Comfortably Numb, Fly By Night / Tom Sawyer, and Don't Fear The Reaper

12:10 PM – 1A OPEN CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME	Leroy High School Marching Panthers
SCHOOL COLORS	Maroon and Gold
PRINCIPAL	Kelsey Winterland
DIRECTOR	Bridgett Wells
BAND STAFF	Logan Sparling – Drumline Instructor Ashlie Marcy – Color Guard Instructor
DRUM MAJOR	Macy Dean
SHOW TITLE	Pop Divas
MUSIC TITLES	Call Me Maybe, Party In The USA, Firework, Bad Romance, and We Found Love

TOP TEN REASONS TO GO TO EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY



If you have any questions, contact the Office of Admissions at 217-581-2223 or email admissions@eiu.edu.

1. YOU'LL GET A GREAT EDUCATION THAT'S ALSO AFFORDABLE

We have the lowest cost of attendance of any Illinois public university, and the average student receives over \$12,000 in financial aid.

2. YOU'LL LEARN FROM OUR BEST

At EIU, our classes are led by faculty, not teaching assistants like at bigger universities. Our faculty members have years of experience teaching and are experts in their fields.

3. YOUR TEACHERS WILL KNOW YOU

With a student-to-faculty ratio of only 14 to 1, teachers will know you by name and will have time outside class to help you meet your academic and post-graduation goals.

4. YOU CAN THRIVE LIVING ON CAMPUS

Living on campus is convenient, safe, supportive and fun. 97% of students feel secure in the residence halls. Plus, you'll have easy access to dining halls, friends, campus resources, staff, and faculty. We often hear from students that living on campus was the reason they enjoyed their experience at EIU more.

5. YOU'LL FIT IN

EIU offers more than 130+ student clubs and organizations and a thriving student life community, so you'll be sure to make connections and friends.

6. YOU'LL SAVE \$1200 A YEAR WITH TEXTBOOK RENTAL

Plus you won't have to deal with the hassle of hunting down and then reselling textbooks every semester.

7. YOU'LL BE SUPPORTED HERE

EIU offers programs designed to support your success. With help from Freshman & Transfer Connection, Career Services, tutoring, the Counseling Center, Office of Leadership & Engagement, Accessibility & Accommodations and more, you'll be sure to find everything you need to make the most of your college experience.

8. YOU'LL HAVE PANTHER PRIDE

EIU participates in Division 1 athletics, so you'll be challenged if you're on the team and entertained if you're in the bleachers.

9. YOU'LL BE WELL-PREPARED

Choose from 98 majors and 107 minors to start. After graduation, 91% of our students got jobs in professional positions or were accepted into graduate programs within 6 months of graduation.

10. YOU WON'T REGRET IT

Our alumni satisfaction rate is 98% after 1 year and 99% after 9 years.



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12:24 PM – 1A OPEN CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME	Hoopeston Area High School Marching Band
SCHOOL COLORS	Blue, Red and White
PRINCIPAL	Kimberly Hutzel
DIRECTOR	Sophie Small
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	Kayden Gonzalez
BAND STAFF	Jay Shoot – Percussion Coordinator Libby Hart – Color Guard Instructor
DRUM MAJOR	Olive Clayton and Caleb Clark
SHOW TITLE	Out Of The Blue
MUSIC TITLES	Rhapsody In Blue, True Colors, and Mr. Blue Sky

12:38 PM – LUNCH BREAK

1:06 PM – 2A SCHOLASTIC CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME	Cumberland High School Marching Pirates
SCHOOL COLORS	Light Blue and Gold
PRINCIPAL	Daniel Huffman
DIRECTOR	Blake Ozier
BAND STAFF	Jenny Miller – Color Guard Director
DRUM MAJOR	Jonah Tibbs and Stevi Nichols
SHOW TITLE	Angels And Demons
MUSIC TITLES	Angels And Demons Parts 1-4

1:20 PM – 2A SCHOLASTIC CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME	Sparta High School Marching Bulldogs
SCHOOL COLORS	Blue and White
PRINCIPAL	Jackie Smith
DIRECTOR	Keith Shasteen
BAND STAFF	Ashley Reagan – Color Guard Instructor Lauren Reagan – Color Guard Instructor
DRUM MAJOR	Lanyssa Richardson
SHOW TITLE	Angels and Demons
MUSIC TITLES	The Battle Eternal, The Dark Brigade, Voices Of Light, and Dark Versus Light

1:34 PM – 2A SCHOLASTIC CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME	Heritage High School Marching Band
SCHOOL COLORS	Navy, Red and Silver
PRINCIPAL	Michael Gourley
DIRECTOR	Justin Lee

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
DRUM MAJOR
SHOW TITLE
MUSIC TITLES

Eric Verplaeste
 Colby Schrock and Reagan Stierwalt
 Sky Full Of Stars
 Prelude Of Stars, Eine Kleine Nachtmusik, Stairway To Heaven,
 and Sky Full Of Stars

1:48 PM – 3A OPEN CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME
SCHOOL COLORS
PRINCIPAL
DIRECTOR
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
BAND STAFF

St. Joseph-Ogden High School Marching Spartans
 Maroon, Columbia Blue, White
 Gary Page
 Nathan Waterson
 Kaitlyn Kowalski
 Sara Zittler – Band Tech
 Jonathan Carley – Band Tech
 Emily Bird – Band Tech
 Dee Ramsay – Color Guard Instructor
 Kristi Kaplan – Color Guard Choreographer
 Alyssa Robinson
 There's Something Under The Bed
 Brahms Lullaby, Dies Irae, Danse Macabre,
 and Hall Of The Mountain King

DRUM MAJOR
SHOW TITLE
MUSIC TITLES

2:02 PM – 3A OPEN CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME
SCHOOL COLORS
PRINCIPAL
DIRECTOR
BAND STAFF

Centralia High School Marching Showcase
 Red and White
 Reid Shipley
 Stephanie Aarons – Dennison
 Madie Ruez – Marching Assistant
 Mikey Beal – Percussion Instructor
 Kirstin Altom – Color Guard Instructor
 Alex Rademacher – Visual Coordinator
 Reed Mays – Staff
 Connor Lorence – Staff
 Matthew Rau
 Outside The Box
 Unstoppable, Arrival Of The Birds, The Gnome and Baba Yaga

DRUM MAJOR
SHOW TITLE
MUSIC TITLES

2:16 PM – 3A OPEN CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME
SCHOOL COLORS
PRINCIPAL
DIRECTORS
BAND STAFF

Olympia High School Marching Spartans
 Navy Blue and Columbia Blue
 Jonathan Cox
 Kevin Greene and Joanie Hitt
 Emma Munson – Color Guard Instructor



EASTERN ILLINOIS
PANTHER MARCHING BAND

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT PMB



The Panther Marching Band is the sound and spirit of Eastern Illinois University, and is one of its largest, most visible, and exciting organizations.

+ WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF JOINING THE BAND?

Marching band is a great way to make lots of friends quickly. Participation in the band and guard makes you part of a powerful spirit organization on campus and provides you the opportunity for leadership development as well as personal growth.

+ DO I HAVE TO BE A MUSIC MAJOR TO BE A MEMBER?

No. Approximately 75% of the Panther Marching Band is comprised of non-music majors, representing every academic discipline offered at Eastern. We welcome diversity, and enjoy members who are there because they love making music and supporting EIU!

+ DOES MEMBERSHIP TAKE A LOT OF TIME?

No. In fact, it probably takes much less time than your high school marching band. Rehearsals are held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 4-6 PM, and for 90 minutes on game day.

+ WHEN IS PRESEASON CAMP HELD?

Preseason Camp is held the week before classes begin in the fall. There will be several Saturday summer workout sessions for drumline and color guard throughout the summer.

+ ARE THERE AUDITIONS?

There is no audition for the wind players. Students interested in drum line and color guard are required to audition.

+ HOW DO I LEARN MORE ABOUT PMB?

Check out our website, join us at Member For a Day on Nov. 7, 2026, or contact PMB Director David G. Boggs today at dgboggs@eiu.edu.

DRUM MAJOR
SHOW TITLE
MUSIC TITLES

Bella Galanos and Madeline Walker
Unlocked
Skyfall and Original Music By Wes Anderson

2:30 PM – 3A OPEN CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME
SCHOOL COLORS
PRINCIPAL
DIRECTOR
BAND STAFF

Wesclin High School Marching Warriors
Orange and Black
Jamey Rahm
Collin Johnson
Megan Washburn – Winds Instructor
Ben Mccullough – Front Ensemble Instructor
Tommy Carroll – Drumline Instructor
Kennedy Reynolds – Color Guard Instructor
Ashlyn Tessereau – Choreographer

DRUM MAJOR
SHOW TITLE
MUSIC TITLES

Emma Page
Radioactive
Original Music By John Fannin

2:44 PM – BREAK

2:58 PM – 4A SCHOLASTIC CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME
SCHOOL COLORS
PRINCIPAL
DIRECTOR
BAND STAFF

Douglas Macarthur High School Marching Generals
Royal Blue, Silver and White
Cordell Ingram
Sarah Boline
Emmersyn Walton – Marching and Percussion Instructor
Sarah Boline – Music and Drill
Chancey Parker – Color Guard Choreographer

DRUM MAJOR
SHOW TITLE
MUSIC TITLES

Natalie Dashiell, Alyssia Jefford and Caiden Rearden
Epic: The Will Of The Gods
Survive, Warrior Of The Mind, Ruthlessness, and Thunderbringer

3:12 PM – 4A SCHOLASTIC CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME
SCHOOL COLORS
PRINCIPAL
DIRECTOR
BAND STAFF
DRUM MAJOR
SHOW TITLE
MUSIC TITLES

Taylorville High School Marching Tornado Band
Purple and Gold
Matt Hutchison
Cliff Jourdan
Darin Holthaus – Percussion Assistant
Chase Clayton
Between Light And Shadow
The Battle Eternal, The Dark Brigade, Voices Of Light,
and Dark Versus Light

3:26 PM – 4A SCHOLASTIC CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME	Rochester High School Marching Rockets
SCHOOL COLORS	Navy and Orange
PRINCIPAL	David Hawkins
DIRECTOR	Chris Gunn
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	Tawney Roberts
BAND STAFF	Julia Howard – Color Guard Coordinator
DRUM MAJOR	Lorelei Black and Leah Kerwin
SHOW TITLE	Rockets Red Glare
MUSIC TITLES	Main Street America, Trooper's Battle Hymn, America the Beautiful, and Trooper's Salute

3:40 PM – 4A OPEN CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME	Robinson High School Marching Maroons
SCHOOL COLORS	Maroon and Black
PRINCIPAL	Jamie Schultz
DIRECTOR	Jenna Decker
BAND STAFF	Chris Jansen – Visuals and Winds Instructor Allison Cooke – Front Ensemble Instructor Rebecca Trivett – Color Guard Instructor
DRUM MAJOR	Anna Osborn and Jayden Smith
SHOW TITLE	Eden
MUSIC TITLES	Uninvited and Original Music By Alex Yoder

3:54 PM – 4A OPEN CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME	Richland County High School Marching Tigers
SCHOOL COLORS	Orange and Black
PRINCIPAL	Jeff Thompson
DIRECTOR	Christopher Jones
BAND STAFF	Candice Henton – Music Department Manager Caitlin Ochs – Front Ensemble Instructor Garrett Coffey – Front Ensemble Instructor Jay Vaal – Drumline Instructor Nicole Coulter – Color Guard Instructor
DRUM MAJOR	Hadley Heath
SHOW TITLE	Reckoning On The High Seas
MUSIC TITLES	Pirates!

4:08 PM BREAK

WHY JOIN OUR PMB FAMILY!

WHAT DO OUR STUDENTS SAY ABOUT THE PANTHER MARCHING BAND?



PMB has also challenged me as a performer and pushes me to be my best every day!

Ella Hopman
Color Guard / Winter Guard



With the band, I'm focused, I'm energized, and I'm bringing my all for my favorite people. Everyone in PMB is like my favorite coworker and my family all in one.

Kate Faurot
Clarinet / Drum Major



PMB is a great community that brings people together through music, energy, and a strong sense of teamwork.

Issaac Gingerich
Drum Line

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THE FOLLOWING PMB MEMBERS ARE ALUMNI FROM BANDS VISITING HERE TODAY!

ARTHUR LOVINGTON ATWOOD HAMMOND HIGH SCHOOL

Caitlyn Hoots

BELLEVILLE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL WEST

Lilly Hopper, Jayla Reynolds, Linley Russell

CENTRALIA HIGH SCHOOL

Jordan Wiley, Carson Alexander

CUMBERLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Jesse Osborne

GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL

Elizabeth Brinker, Lilly Marlin, Kyi Williams, Zachary Parks

MATTOON HIGH SCHOOL

Claire Kersch, Matthew Cox, Madi Parks, James Connett

NEWTON HIGH SCHOOL

Katie Shamhart, Abby McCann

PARIS HIGH SCHOOL

Karson Landsaw, Jaycob Serbin, MacKenzy Tibbs, Caison Whitaker

RICHLAND COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Ethan Zuber, Lila Balding, Aidan Gomez, Alez Scheider

ROBINSON HIGH SCHOOL

Izzy Hill

WESCLIN HIGH SCHOOL

Kaycee Wyattt

PARTICIPATION IN MARCHING BAND HELPS STUDENTS BECOME SO MUCH MORE THAN BETTER MUSICIANS.

Using data and scales from the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), Dr. David Healy from Boston College compared the college engagement of members of 20 different college marching bands with data from the same colleges from non-marching band members. Comparing data from marching band members and non-marching band members, he found the following:

- + College marching band students are more likely than non-band students to work with faculty members on activities other than coursework including committees, orientation, and student life activities.
- + College marching band students are more likely than their non-band peers to participate in a community-based project (e.g. service learning) as part of a course.
- + College marching band students are more likely than their non-band peers to have serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity as well as students who are very different in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values
- + College marching band students are also more likely than their non-band peers to examine the strengths and weaknesses of their own views on a topic or issue, try to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective, and learn something that changed the way they understand an issue or concept.

4:22 PM – 5A OPEN CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME

SCHOOL COLORS

PRINCIPAL

DIRECTORS

BAND STAFF

Paris High School Beacon Brigade

Orange and Black

Denise Young

Dr. Kevin Pruiett and Jessica Hendrickson

Allison Cooke – Percussion Instructor

Garrett Clark – Drumline Instructor

Zach Casad – Color Guard Instructor

Haleigh Casad – Color Guard Instructor

Karsyn Asbury – Staff

Aaron Garver – Staff

DRUM MAJOR

SHOW TITLE

MUSIC TITLES

Adelyn Trapp, Allison Craig and Max Hays

Prince Of Thieves

Prince Of Thieves (Main Title) and Everything I Do (I Do It For You)

4:36 PM – 5A OPEN CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME

SCHOOL COLORS

PRINCIPAL

DIRECTOR

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

BAND STAFF

Newton Community High School Marching Eagles

Navy Blue and Orange

Beth Probst

Brian Ridlen

Jeffrey Finley

Jordan Hartigan – Percussion Instructor

Kristie Finley – Color Guard Instructor

Josh Milliman – Color Guard Instructor

Elise Wright – Color Guard Instructor

Emma Nadler – Visual Instructor

Emily Ross – Visual Instructor

Allie Herman and Nora Street

DRUM MAJOR

SHOW TITLE

MUSIC TITLES

Redemption

How Great Thou Art, The Doxology, Ave Maria,
and Elsa's Procession To The Cathedral

4:50 PM – 5A OPEN CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME

SCHOOL COLORS

PRINCIPAL

DIRECTOR

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

BAND STAFF

Mt. Zion High School Marching Braves

Red and Black

Justin Johnson

Patrick Ward

Jen Himanga

Kaream Williams – Front Ensemble Instructor

Roxanna Bakir – Front Ensemble Instructor

Chris Weirman – Drumline Instructor

Tori Clyburn – Color Guard Instructor

DRUM MAJOR
SHOW TITLE
MUSIC TITLES

Madelyn Jaeger
Enchanted
Out There, Celebration, I See The Light, and A Million Dreams

5:04 PM – BREAK

5:18 PM – 6A OPEN CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME
SCHOOL COLORS
PRINCIPAL
DIRECTOR
BAND STAFF

Alton High School Marching 100
Red and Gray
Stacie Franke
Matt Chesner and Chuck Williard
Jarod Garcia – Visual Caption Head and High Brass Tech
Emily Goff – Flute Tech
Erica Kennington-Nosce – Clarinet Tech
Logan Webster – Saxophone Tech
Ariel Willard – Mellophone and Visual Tech
Ian Santiago – Front Ensemble and Sound Tech
Ry Montgomery – Battery Tech
Hailey Baum, Bella Paynic and Jacob Caito
Aurora Awakes
Aurora Awakes and A Sky Full Of Stars

DRUM MAJOR
SHOW TITLE
MUSIC TITLES

5:34 PM – 6A OPEN CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME
SCHOOL COLORS
PRINCIPAL
DIRECTOR
BAND STAFF

Granite City High School Marching Warriors
Black and Red
Tim McChristian
Wyatt Roberds, Jaida Brockman and Denny McFarland
Dylan Beasley – Winds
Ari Collins – Winds
Colin Lakatos – Winds
Katelynn Russell – Winds
Jenna Watkins – Winds
Marvin Battle – Percussion
Sullivan Ashby – Percussion
Kenny Goeke – Percussion
Annie Hale – Percussion
Chris Koester – Percussion
Zach Timonen – Percussion
Charlie Bourrage – Color Guard
Jacob Cowley – Color Guard
Robin Moore-Bender – Color Guard
Mallory Moyers – Color Guard
Emma Wojda – Color Guard

DRUM MAJOR
SHOW TITLE
MUSIC TITLES

Ashley Aburto, Kamryn Bronbauer, and Lydia Randazzo
The Long Road Home
Nature Of Daylight, Somewhere Over The Rainbow, Dies Irae, The Sorcerer's Apprentice, In The Hall Of The Mountain King, New World Symphony, and Night On Bald Mountain

5:46 PM – 6A OPEN CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME
SCHOOL COLORS
PRINCIPAL
DIRECTOR
BAND STAFF

Belleville Township High School West Marching Maroons
Maroon and White
Dr. Malcolm Hill
Michael Pond-Jones and Scott Wilson
Robin Bender – Production Coordinator
Jakeb Schlich – Percussion Director
Luke Geppert – Percussion Director
Robin Bender – Color Guard Director
Chris Grissom – Color Guard
Michael O'Neill – Color Guard
Brooklyn Shirley – Color Guard
Daniel Ortega – Visual Staff
Colin Kenny and Janyla Rowell
The Bride
Clair De Lune, Requiem, and Toccata and Fugue

DRUM MAJOR
SHOW TITLE
MUSIC TITLES

6:00 PM – 6A OPEN CLASS

SCHOOL / BAND NAME
SCHOOL COLORS
PRINCIPAL
DIRECTOR
BAND STAFF

Champaign Central High School Marching Maroons
Maroon, White, Black and Silver
Dr. Angela Ward
John Currey, Jennifer Currey, and Ann Marie Morrisette
Tamara Persad – Percussion
Justin Siegmund – Color Guard
Jose Hernandez-Perez, Kai Marshall, and Will Shim
La Bella Luna
Waxing, La Bella Luna, and Waning

DRUM MAJOR
SHOW TITLE
MUSIC TITLES

6:14 PM – EXHIBITION PERFORMANCE

SCHOOL / BAND NAME
SCHOOL COLORS
PRESIDENT
DIRECTOR
BAND STAFF

Eastern Illinois University Marching Panthers
Blue, Gray and White
Dr. Jay Gatrell
David G. Boggs
Cheyenne Brickner – Drumline Instructor
Kristie Finley – Color Guard Instructor / Choreographer
Zora Boggs – Color Guard Instructor

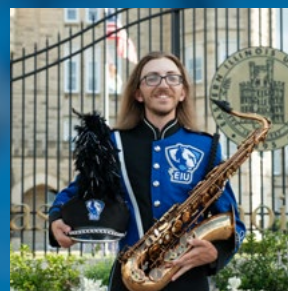
DRUM MAJORS
SHOW TITLE
MUSIC TITLES

Kate Faurot, Gracie Manning, and Zach Parks
PMB Traditional Pre-Game Show / Sing America, Sing!
EIU Fanfare / Eastern State March
EIU Fight Song / EIU Alma Mater
Hot Time
War Chant
Salute to America
Party In The USA
Country Roads, Take Me Home
God Bless The USA!

FROM OUR MEMBERS

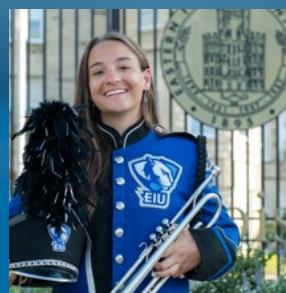
The family dynamic of the PMB is unmatched anywhere you go.

Zach Parks
Tenor Saxophone / Drum Major



PMB is a program that focuses on excellence, while also providing a safe space for us to learn and grow as musicians and as people.

Jessie Roell
Trumpet



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EIU WIND SYMPHONY

The Wind Symphony is the “flagship” ensemble of the band program, consisting of approximately 50 of our finest brass, woodwind and percussion performers by audition. They perform significant literature for winds that is drawn from the major masterworks of the repertoire for the modern wind band, including chamber literature. They are also actively involved in the commissioning of new works for wind band as well as exploring new approaches to programming/performing.

EIU CONCERT BAND

The Concert Band is a non-auditioned ensemble of approximately 45-50 musicians, both music and non-music majors, dedicated to broadening the artistic level and interest of its members while performing the music of artistic and historical significance. The ensemble performs 2-3 concerts in the fall and spring.

EASTERN SYMPHONIC BAND

The Eastern Symphonic Band consists of approximately 45-50 woodwind, brass, and percussion players. This ensemble only meets one night per week, so the time commitment is minimal. Made up of mostly non-music majors, a few community members, and some music education majors playing secondary instruments, this group provides a wonderful performance outlet for non-music majors with a minimal time commitment.

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY PANTHER BASKETBALL BAND

Comprised of both music majors and non-majors, supports the Panther Basketball teams through spirited and quality entertainment. There is no audition to participate. Rehearsals begin in October for this ensemble and performance responsibilities continue through the first half of spring semester.

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY PANTHER MARCHING BAND

The Panther Marching Band is the most visible of all the bands at Eastern. It meets in the fall semester and is open to all students. This exciting musical showcase traditionally performs for all home football games, one away game, high schools, contests, and pep rallies. Members of the PMB enjoy a unique sense of recognition and respect on campus. Participation is open to all wind and percussion instrumentalists and standard auxiliary units, including drum majors and guard. The style of the band is unique to college bands in that it is a blend of contemporary and traditional music arrangements and drill design. The PMB utilizes a multiple show concept including a traditional pre-game show as well as two to three different half-time shows throughout the season.

For more information on any of the bands, please visit eiu.edu/music or call the University Bands Office at (217) 581-2312.

UPCOMING MARCHING BAND EVENTS AT EIU

PANTHER MARCHING BAND CONCERT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

4:00 PM

Come join us at our fall concert featuring music from the 2026 fall season. Also featured are the members of the PMB Color Guard and Drumline along with some special musical segments from the PMB Hornline. You won't want to miss this exciting display of 'Sight and Sound' as the PMB takes the stage in Dvorak Hall! Tickets are available through the Doudna Box Office.

PANTHER MARCHING BAND MEMBER FOR A DAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026

10:30 AM-5:00 PM

The Panther Marching Band invites all high school students, grades 9-12 to spend a day as part of the PMB Family! This is a fun and exciting opportunity to experience the game-day rehearsal, performance and atmosphere of a college marching band. Students spend the entire day with the PMB from our

morning dress rehearsal; to our pre-game tailgate performance; to halftime; and to our postgame tradition at the Alumni Clock Tower. This free event will culminate with a GREAT day of memories!

Register by Wednesday, November 4, 2026. Go to eiu.edu/marching_band/band_day.php to view a sample schedule and register.

PANTHER PEP BAND MEMBER FOR A DAY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026

12:00-5:00 PM

Come join the Basketball Pep Band for a game at Groniger Arena! You'll get to hang out with our members and join in all the fun performing for the fans and players at the game! Participants can purchase an official PMB member T-shirt and will receive a free game day meal. Stay tuned for more information about this fantastic event!

Registration information will be coming soon!

CONNECT WITH US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EIU PANTHER MARCHING BAND

Go to go.eiu.edu/bandwindow or text PMB to 217-408-0517 to get up-to-speed with all things PMB.

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Country Catering will host concession areas just under the home stands for your convenience. Their menu is listed below. Prices are average for stadiums. Many fast food options are also available in the University Union Food Court and on Route 16 (Lincoln Avenue) just north of the stadium.

CONCESSION STAND

HOT DOG	\$4.00
CHEESE DOG	\$4.50
NACHO AND CHEESE	\$4.00
W/EXTRA CHEESE	\$4.50
POPCORN	\$2.50
CHIPS	\$1.50
CANDY	\$2.50
SODA	\$3.00 \$5.00
GATORADE	\$4.00
WATER	\$2.50
COFFEE	\$2.00
TACO IN A BAG	\$6.00

COOK OUT (TENT)

HAMBURGER	\$6.00
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*HAMBURGER MEAL	\$10.50
*CHEESEBURGER MEAL	\$11.00
*BRATWURST MEAL	\$10.50
CHIPS	\$1.50
SODA	\$4.00
GATORADE	\$4.00
WATER	\$2.00

**Meal Includes Chips and Drink.*

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39TH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2026
8:30 AM - 5:15 PM

Join us on the EIU campus for rehearsals, masterclasses, a faculty recital and a culminating concert.

To be considered for participation, students must submit a brief online application and video audition. The video audition procedure is identical to the ILMEA All-State audition procedure, and using the same audition video is encouraged.

For students who do not audition for ILMEA All-State, alternative audition

material will be provided on the website listed below.

Video submissions and online applications are due by 10 PM on Monday, November 2. Go to go.eiu.edu/hshonorband to view the sample schedule and learn more about the application and audition process. Questions should be directed to Dr. Alicia Neal at amneal2@eiu.edu.

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