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The last two years have been big for HMBAA. Some of you may have heard/seen through your donations that we temporarily (TEMPORARILY!) lost our status as a 501c3 corporation. This means we were at risk of no longer being allowed to collect donations, and that we could have owed the government quite a bit of money in back taxes. But thanks to the hard work and diligence of your HMBAA Board, we were able to avoid such a fate, and were officially retroactively reinstated as a 501c3 nonprofit corporation in the summer of 2014. To be clear - we have had no lapse in nonprofit status since our inception in 1966.

For those of you who choose to support us through organizations like the United Way and through matching gifts programs, please be sure to check with your administrator that our account has been updated. Haven't heard of a matching gift program? Companies like Boeing and Microsoft will often match a portion of your direct donations to an organization, thus doubling your contributions towards HMB scholarships. Don't have money to donate? No problem, many of these same companies will reimburse you for volunteering your time. That means you can sign up for a pep band to give your talents to HMBAA, then further your contribution by having HMBAA paid directly for your time. Check with your employee to see if they offer programs like this. We couldn't do it without you.

In fact, your donations supported over \$28,000 in scholarships this year at the 2014 Band Banquet. Each year we try to give more and more in scholarships to keep up with the increasing prices of tuition. While we weren't able to give as much this year, we did spread the wealth offering some form of scholarship to 44 band members!

Thank you for your amazing and ongoing support of the Husky Band and our Alumni family. Our board will continue to work hard to facilitate fundraising events and pep bands, and help you share your experiences and connect with other Husky Band alumni!

If you haven't already, please become a member of our website. We are using the site to keep everyone updated on the latest news including game day sign ups, pep bands, and all things HMBAA.



Director's Corner with Dr. McDavid

Dear Husky Band Family,

As I alluded to in the last Lyre, I am extremely excited that the Husky Band is hosting the first-ever **National Collegiate Alumni Band Symposium**, July 17th and 18th in Husky Stadium's Don James Center. We will have representatives from alumni bands from all over the country, including Canada, gathering to share how they run their respective programs. We'll also have roundtable discussions on such hot-button topics as recruitment and retention, reunion organization, fund-raising and university/athletic department relations. By virtue of the number of questions I am increasingly getting from my colleagues around the country regarding our alumni band program, it is apparent that HMBAA is gaining a reputation as being one of the most active and successful alumni band programs in the country. This event will give us the opportunity to help other alumni bands achieve the level of success that HMBAA has achieved as well as the invaluable opportunity to hear how other longstanding alumni band programs are doing things. The HMBAA Board will be actively involved but all former members of the Husky Band are more than welcome to attend any of the scheduled events, including a welcome reception for all attendees on the evening of July 16th. More information can be found on our website at www.huskymarchingband.org.

As I'm writing to all of you, the basketball band members and I are anxiously awaiting news as to what exotic location we'll be heading with the women's team for the NCAA Tournament. The students and I are excited as the women have not been to the tournament since 2007. Unfortunately, the men's team didn't qualify this year but we just returned from the Pac-12 men's tournament in Las Vegas and had a great time entertaining the fans (even though it was a short trip! ☺). For those of you who have not made the trip before, you should consider coming down as the move from LA's Staples Center to the MGM Grand on the Vegas strip has really lead to a big increase in tournament attendance across the conference. It was also just announced that the women's Pac-12 tournament will once again be returning to Seattle's Key Arena next year which makes it easier on the band members given that the tournaments usually occur while the students are preparing for final exams. Anyway, here's hoping that the women's team takes the band and cheer squad deep into March Madness!

It was wonderful to see many of you down in Tempe, AZ, for this last January's Cactus Bowl! Although the bowl only funded enough to take 2nd year members and above, those that made the trip proudly represented all of you and gave a great pregame and halftime show. As with most bowls, this one also held a "Battle of the Bands" event with this one being held at the Phoenix Zoo. We thoroughly enjoyed playing for both fan bases as well as taking time to enjoy the holiday lighting that adorned the entire park.

Lastly, I'd like to encourage all of you to consider joining with current members at the upcoming annual spring football game on Saturday, April 25th. If you're interested in sitting-in with the HMB, we have a pre-registration link up on our website which includes all pertinent information. We'll gladly provide copies of music for some of the more recent tunes that the band will be playing during the game as well as the well-known standards. Of course we'll also be able to sign-out instrument to those who play percussion or one of the larger horns. An added bonus for those who attend is that you'll likely get the chance to see who the new quarterback is potentially going to be next season!

Here's hoping your 2015 is off to a grand start and as always, thank you for your support!
Go Dawgs!

A word from our President

Dust off that horn! Break out those drum sticks! You are needed!

We are fortunate to have an increasing demand for pep bands that raise important scholarship funds for our varsity Husky Band members, but that means we need more alumni to volunteer to meet these expanding needs. If you've never played in an alumni band pep band, I urge you to join us. We have a great time at a wide variety of events and would welcome your involvement with open arms.

If you've never played in a pep band and are not sure how it works, it couldn't be simpler: we meet 15 minutes before the downbeat to talk about the songs we are going to play (or not play), I pass out any music or instruments needed, and we tune and perhaps go over a song to warm up. The typical pep band lasts only about 20 minutes. All are welcome at these very informal gatherings; my daughter and son-in-law often bring my grandkids (3 years old and 1 year old) who play Husky tambourines.

There are countless Husky fans that love our university and the Husky Marching Band. These people are very willing to support the HMB students. The minimum fee we charge for a pep band is \$500, which goes entirely to the HMBAA scholarship fund, and we often receive much more than that. Last year a donor gave \$1,000 just for one song: "Tequila!" We even received \$10,000 for a performance on beautiful San Juan Island. If we can get the volunteers to play for every pep band request we receive, the impact on the scholarship fund will be amazing. Email me directly at stansyantist@gmail.com if you have any questions or are interested in playing for a future pep band.

On another topic, I'm very optimistic that next season we will be able to restore some of our Alumni band traditions: our own place in the stadium for the Alumni band and spouses, and post-game music in front of the Nordstrom Tennis Center. Let's look forward to a great season of Husky Football and, most importantly, another fantastic year where HMBAA raises record scholarships for the HMB students!"

Go Dawgs!
Stan

Donate

To support HMBAA, click our pay pal link at <http://www.hmbaa.org/>
or please mail your tax-deductible donation to:
HMBAA c/o Husky Band
UW Graves Building, Box 354070
Seattle, WA 98195

Annual Dues and Lifetime Membership

Annual dues are \$25 and Lifetime Memberships are \$250, or \$300 with a jacket (\$10 off jacket). Both can be paid via the website or by mailing checks to our address!

Spring Game

Save the date for April 25 at high noon for the spring game. Alumni are welcome to play with the varsity band. If you want to play please go to <http://huskymarchingband.org/> to sign up so Brad knows you're coming. Sign ups will be available starting March 31.

Even if you don't want to play, feel free to stop by the band to say hello and catch up.

P5 and Torchlight Parade

Post-Pre-Parade Practice Picnic (P5)

When: Friday, July 24, 7pm

Where: E9 Parking Lot

Join the alumni and varsity bands to practice for the Seattle Torchlight Parade, followed by a delicious picnic. This will give you confidence and strength for the Torchlight Parade on Saturday. The food is great and the company even better, so don't miss this year's chance to be part of the Seattle's historic Seafair Parade.

Torchlight Parade

When: Saturday, July 25, Depart at 5PM, Parade at 7PM

Where: Seattle Center

Hear the crowds roar as you march by – be part of a Seattle tradition! Buses will depart for the Seattle Center at 5pm. Attire is your Touch of Class polo shirt, khaki slacks, white socks, and white shoes. Shirts are available for purchase for those who need a new TOC.

12th Annual Husky Band Alumni Golf Classic

Scramble Tournament

When: Sunday, August 23

Where: [Washington National Golf Club](#)

Registration & Practice: 12:30-1:25pm

Tee: 1:30pm—Shot Gun

Buffet: following conclusion of play, around 6:30pm

Fee: \$135 or \$120 w/paid HMBAA dues

Registration includes range balls, cart, dinner & auction
(Awards Dinner & Auction Only: \$35)

If you have questions about registration, would like to sponsor our tournament, or would like to donate items for our auction, please contact [Kris Van Gasken](#) (206.679.8742)

Alumni Band Symposium July 16-18

This year, the Husky Marching Band will be hosting the first alumni band symposium. Brad has invited members from alumni bands across the land to meet here in Seattle to learn more about each other, brainstorm new ways to get members involved, and share fundraising tips and tricks.

Beginning July 16, the 3-day symposium will kick off with an ice-breaker event for HMBAA members to meet with fellow alumni. The event will conclude with a joint parade in West Seattle on July 18.

For more information and to get involved in this symposium, contact HMBAA President Stan Yantis: stansyantis@gmail.com

2015 Calendar

Go to hmbaa.org to see details and sign up to participate for any of these upcoming events:

Spring Game	April 25	
Ellen Promo Pep band	April 26	
Alumni Band Symposium	July 16-18	
West Seattle Parade	July 18	
Torchlight Practice and P5	July 24	
Torchlight Parade	July 25	
Golf Tournament	August 10	
V/A Game	September 12	vs. Sacramento St.

Stay connected with HMBAA

Check our website regularly for the most current information. We have many ways to communicate and connect. Have feedback? Please tell us what you think. Join us and share through any one of our new communication tools:



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



<https://twitter.com/#!/hmbalumni>



<http://www.hmbaa.org/>



<http://www.youtube.com/user/HMBAlumniAssociation>

2015 HMBAA Board

President

Stan Yantis

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Stan is finishing his 35th year as a middle school band teacher. "it seems like just yesterday I was riding my bike to band practice at Husky Stadium. I would strap my trumpet on the back of that bike and fly from my parent's house on Queen Anne to the rehearsal. I don't know how Mr. B. learned my name so fast but I remember him saying over the speakers in the early fall of 1974 "Yantis you are sticking out like a pimple". Now that I think about it I might not have been the best marcher in the band. After Mr. Bissell retired I introduced him to my daughter Hilma at her first game in the stadium, (I was so proud of her in her Husky band uniform) and without missing a beat and a twinkle in his eye, he said" I hope you are a better trumpet player than your dad was."

Vice-President

Sheri Kittay

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Sherri is finishing her 22st year of teaching. Although she was only able to be in the HMB for two years, her memories are most definitely lasting a lifetime. Her brother convinced her to join. "Being a part of such a wonderful group for my first two years of college made my first years away from home much easier. I am very glad to be giving back to such a wonderful organization!"

Secretary

Katie Ahl

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Katie is a Piccolo player from '94-'98 and was lucky enough to go to 4 bowl games with HMB. She is currently a zookeeper at Woodland Park Zoo where she takes care of the many savanna animals every day. She credits HMB with losing my luggage, one interesting trip to Juarez, Mexico, and the best Spodie and Jell-o recipes around. PSA!!

Treasurer

Kristina Ciari

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Kristina is a proud 'Sun Bowl Rookie' having been in band during the notable Neuheisel/Gilbertson/Willingham years. Now a responsible adult, Kristina often misses the days when she could make a shirt out of purple saran wrap, take a swig from the famed Clarinet SOTB Bucket, and play to her heart's content at a Friday rally. Kristina is spearheading the Lyre revamp and working to improve communications from HMBAA.

Membership & Media Liaison

Melodie Madison

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Melodie played mellophone in Husky Band from '05-'08 and her career coincided entirely with that of the infamous Tyrone Willingham. While the football team was unfortunate, she was blessed to witness national titles in cross country, volleyball, softball, and men's rowing, as well as a Sweet 16 in men's basketball. Husky Band stands as the defining mark of her childhood and she's proud to now be serving as a member of the board.

At Large Board Members

Andrew Gustafson

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Andrew started his HMB career auspiciously with a trumpet audition which prompted the section leader to say, "Let's just keep you on 3rd Trumpet. Forever. Actually, you should think about trying out for another section, ANY other section. Like the Cheer Squad." Turns out it was easier to throw chicks than hit the high notes. Andrew was a 4 yr member and 1 yr Captain of the UW Cheer program. He cofounded and coached the Seattle Sonics Pro Stunt Team and has coached all-star, high school, and collegiate cheer teams. He is honored and proud to serve on the boards for both HMBAA and Seafair, and looks forward to seeing all his former teammates at the HMBAA Homecoming Reunion.

2015 HMBAA Board

At Large Board Members

Mike Roling

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Mike Roling was a member of the UW Drumline from 1996-2001 and Drumline Section Leader of the 2000-2001 Rose Bowl. Born and raised in the Pasadena area, Mike fulfilled a lifelong dream when he played in the Rose Bowl, kicking off the band's pre-game show. Mike graduated from UW with 2 Bachelors Degrees in Percussion Performance and Arts and Sciences and holds an MBA from Seattle University. In 2004, he helped start the Seahawks Blue Thunder Drumline. Mike is currently an active member of the Seattle Rock Orchestra. Mike lives in Burien, married to HMB Mellophone Alum, Carrie Lawson.

Derrick Van Kirk

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After graduating in 2010 from the University of Washington, Derrick decided to return to play tenor saxophone in the Husky Marching Band during the 2011 football season. He joined the HMBAA board in 2013. Band played a huge role in his life and he is excited to support current band students through serving on the HMBAA board. He currently works for Boeing as a manufacturing planner. He lives with his wife and very fluffy cat the Capitol Hill neighborhood of Seattle.

Michael Johnson

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Michael was a member of the UW Cheer team during the 2009/2010 school year. He graduated with a Bachelors of Science degree in Biochemistry in July of 2010 and has looked forward to the time when he give back to the university. He is excited to be finally contributing his first year as a HMBAA board member and is looking forward to the 2015 reunion!



GO DAWGS!!!