# PANTHER MARCHING BAND LIVE IN CONCERT

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**Sunday, November 1**
**4:00pm / Dvorak Concert Hall**
**$10 General Admission**
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## 2027 AUDITION DATES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2027
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2027
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2027

## MUSIC ENSEMBLES

- *Wind Symphony*
- *Concert Band*
- *Symphonic Band*
- *Panther Marching Band*
- *Jazz Ensemble*
- *Jazz Lab Band*
- *Jazz Combos*
- *Percussion Ensemble*
- *Symphony Orchestra*
- *Concert Choir*
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PANTHER MARCHING BAND

Hello to our PMB Family, Friends, and Fans!

Welcome to the 2026 Panther Marching Band LIVE in Concert production! We are thrilled to showcase our fall season pregame show along with the halftime music from our shows. As always, we thank Conor Baltz, Dennis Malak, and the rest of the Doudna Crew for their work in helping us put this production together!

This has been quite an interesting season. Due to a variety of factors, our pre-season camp was shortened by three full days, resulting in about 25 hours less rehearsal time going into the fall performance season. We also have had to relocate from our paved field at 9th Street to what we call the PAWSitive Panther Pastures south of the EIU pond. We have new uniforms coming in this fall thanks to President Jay Gatrell; however, due to an unexpected delay, they still have not arrived. As a result, we have been performing in an alternate uniform due to an anticipated increase in the size of the PMB this fall. The semester is back-loaded this year as we are entering Week 11 of classes tomorrow and still have two football games and seven basketball games to perform at in the final five weeks of the semester. We have faced adversity after adversity, yet these students show up to every rehearsal with smiles on their faces, ready to work. To say I'm proud of them would be a vast understatement!

When you read the student biographies in the program book, you'll note how often the students comment on the family vibe created within the PMB and the lifelong friendships they have made. Over the years, I've been invited to numerous wedding celebrations of PMB alumni. It's very gratifying to see these relationships grow and flourish, in large part because of our PMB Core Values we promote and follow each day. The Drum Majors, Section Leaders, and I strive to set the best example possible and own up to when we fail. Taking responsibility for our actions is something that our students have observed this semester and carry it forward in their lives. These PMB Core Values guide our members toward meaningful relationships and direction, not just in PMB rehearsals and performances, but also in their daily lives.

We are extremely excited to perform music from our first three halftime shows. We invite you back to our games on November 7 to hear and experience West Side Story with our PMB Members for a Day, and on November 21 for our Senior Show, which highlights our seniors' favorite music from their four years in PMB. Additionally, we have numerous basketball games coming up featuring a wide variety of new and traditional basketball tunes. We hope to see you there! Thank you for attending today and for your continued support! Enjoy!

Sincerely,



David Boggs
Assistant Director of Bands
Director of Athletic Bands
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# CONCERT PROGRAM

## PRE-GAME SHOW

RUN-ON CADENCE ..... Traditional
EIU FANFARE ..... arr. Al Horney and Barry Houser
EASTERN STATE MARCH ..... E.W. Boyd / arr. Al Horney / rev. Benjamin Druffel
HOT TIME ..... Metz and Hayden / arr. J. Corey Francis
WAR CHANT ..... J. Corey Francis
EIU FIGHT SONG ..... E.W. Boyd / arr. Al Horney
ALMA MATER (FOR US AROSE) ..... Friederich Koch and Isabel McKinney / arr. Al Horney
SALUTE TO AMERICA ..... arr. Al Horney

## COLOR GUARD FEATURE

ONE LAST LOOK ..... choreographed to the song Landslide by The Chicks
Isabella Hopman, Choreographer and Soloist

## COLOR GUARD FEATURE

LITTLE BUG ..... performed by The Army, The Navy
Cecilia Vermillion and Ryann Furlow, Choreographers and Performers

## MARCH TO THE STADIUM

TAKE IT BACK JACK ..... Pat Rheingruber
PANTHER BREAKDOWN ..... Dan Brickner
Featuring the Drum Line under the direction of Cheyenne Brickner

## AMERICAN SALUTE

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL ..... arr. Nick Baratta
VETERAN'S SALUTE ..... arr. Jay Dawson and Ralph Hardimon
SALUTE TO FREEDOM ..... arr. Andy Clark

## STANDS TUNES

GREAT BALLS OF FIRE ..... Otis Blackwell and Jack Hammer / arr. Nick Baratta
SHOUT IT OUT ..... Dallas Austin, Jasper Cameron, Wldon Dean Parks, Hal Davis, and Donald E. Fletcher / arr. Doug Adams
SWEET HOME CHICAGO ..... Robert Johnson / arr. Andy Clark

## INTERMISSION – HALF TIME

## SALUTE TO JAZZ – AMERICA'S MUSIC

LIL' LIZA JANE ..... Traditional / arr. Robert W. Smith
Featuring Caison Whitaker, vocalist

SWEET GEORGIA BROWN ..... Ben Bernie, Maceo Pinkard, and Kenneth Casey / arr. Matt Conaway and Jack Holt

SING, SING, SING ..... Louis Prima / arr. Brian Scott
Annie Ford, Trumpet Soloist

## COLOR GUARD FEATURE

CHASING SHADOWS ..... performed by Coldrain
Featuring Faythe Hudson, Choreographer and Feature Twirler

## COLOR GUARD FEATURE

OSCAR WINNING TEARS ..... performed by RAYE
Featuring Kelsie Pelphrey, Abby McCann, Isabella Woo, and Jayla Reynolds, Choreographers and Performers

## DRUMLINE FEATURE

CARLOS WHO ..... Dan Brickner

HOTEL ROOM SERVICE ..... Braden Kiser
Featuring the Drum Line under the direction of Cheyenne Brickner

## SING AMERICA, SING!

PARTY IN THE U.S.A. ..... Claude Kelly, Lukasz Gottwald and Jessica Cornish / arr. Victor Lopez
Willow McCoy and Kairi Rossi, Vocalists

TAKE ME HOME, COUNTRY ROADS ..... John Denver, Bill Danoff and Taffy Nivert / arr Matt Connaway and Jack Holt
Atlas Akers and Aidan Gomez, Euphonium Soloists

GOD BLESS THE U.S.A. ..... Lee Greenwood / arr. Robert W. Smith and Anthony Falcone
Larry Cox, Vocalist

## SENIOR RECOGNITIONS

Autumn Baker, Chris Dietzel, Kate Faurot, Isaac Gingerich, Ella Hopman, Nathan Kohn, Zach Kursell, Lila Lowell, Abby McCann, Cassey Melton, Zach Parks, Jessie Roell, Ava Stonehouse and Trevor Vincent

## POST GAME

EIU FIGHT SONG ..... E.W. Boyd / arr. Al Horney

ALMA MATER (FOR US AROSE) ..... Friederich Koch and Isabel McKinney / arr. Al Horney

# 2026 EIU PANTHER MARCHING BAND



### DAVID BOGGS, PANTHER MARCHING BAND DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BANDS

Prior to coming to Eastern, David Boggs served as the Director of Athletic Bands at McKendree University for 20 years. He was the Director of the Marching Bearcat Band and Pep Bands, served as the Director of the Music in Our Schools Program, and coordinated many aspects of music student recruitment. He was one of the chief architects in designing the music education, music business, and jazz performance degree programs. He pioneered the Young People's Concerts (three different series of concerts) and oversaw the Preview of Champions and Small Band Marching Band Festivals. He also managed a multitude of additional music education-based clinics, concerts, and events, including the DCI St. Louis Show, the Midwest Percussion Camp, and Phantom Regiment Summer Music Camps. Prior work experience includes Director of Bands at Rolling Meadows and Newton High Schools. He worked in the music departments of Indiana University and Purdue University, served as the Corps Director for Music City Drum and Bugle Corps, and was on the staff of Cadets Drum and Bugle Corps and Music City Drum Corps. Past marching experience included being a former marching member of The Cavaliers Drum Corps. He was also a clinician for the Smith-Walbridge Drum Major Camp for ten years.



### CHEYENNE BRICKNER, DRUMLINE

Cheyenne Brickner graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Music Performance. She was on the Panther Marching Band drumline for 4 years and a Graduate Assistant for 2 years. For over a decade, Cheyenne has been a marching percussion instructor, visual technician, and clinician to 8 different high schools across Illinois. These include Effingham, Rantoul, and Evanston. She also worked as a Percussion Assistant for Eastern Music Camp where she taught masterclasses, sectionals, and the World Percussion class for 4 years, and was the World Percussion Teaching Assistant at the International Music Camp in North Dakota. Cheyenne is currently a professor at Lake Land College and the drumline instructor for Eastern Illinois' Panther Marching Band. She continues to be a freelance educator and performer in the Central Illinois area.



### KRISTIE FINLEY, COLOR GUARD INSTRUCTOR

Originally from the Chicago Suburbs, Kristie started her color guard career at Alan B. Shepard High School in Palos Heights, IL. She started as a coach at Worth Jr. High after high school in 2001. She attended EIU in 2002 and marched with the Panther Marching Band and was the color guard section leader her senior year. She was also in EIU's winter guard, Blue Horizon, when she attended EIU. After finishing her bachelors in Elementary Education, she started coaching at East Richland High School and the Panther Marching Band's Color Guard in the 2008 and 2009 seasons. She continued to coach at East Richland until 2014. In the fall of 2015, she was hired at Newton Community High School to coach the Newton Marching Eagle Color Guard where she is still the head coach. Kristie, along with Joshua, are the current coaches of EIU's Winter Guard. Kristie resides in rural Jasper County, IL with her husband Jeffrey and five daughters: Micah, Maura, Marleigh, Madden and Mykelti. During the school year, Kristie is the fifth to eighth grade English teacher at St. Thomas the Apostle School in Newton, IL. and she is also the assistant director for the NCHS Theater Program where she focuses on dance and lighting. She is currently enrolled at EIU for her Masters in Curriculum and Instruction and is slated to graduate in fall 2024.



**NAME:** Kaitlyn Faurot
**INSTRUMENT:** Drum Major / Clarinet
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Senior
**HOMETOWN:** Braidwood, IL
**MAJOR:** Computer and Information Technology
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because the community makes me feel at home! Everyone knows each other and it's so easy to make connections and close friendships with people.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I love everyone here! Genuinely, the people here are my second family. I've met so many wonderful people, some of my best friends, and the love of my life with this band!



**NAME:** Gracie Manning
**INSTRUMENT:** Drum Major / Flute
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore
**HOMETOWN:** Oreana, IL
**MAJOR:** Instrumental Music Education
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because it felt like home the moment I stepped on campus.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I love each of the members not just because they are in PMB, but because they are all good humans. As a drum major I couldn't ask for a better band to perform with. PMB has also taught me so much about life and how to be successful in my adulthood.



**NAME:** Zachary Parks
**INSTRUMENT:** Drum Major / Tenor Saxophone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Senior
**HOMETOWN:** Granite City, IL
**MAJOR:** Computer and Information Technology
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** My assistant band director, Jaida Brockman, was an alumni of EIU, and the campus felt like home away from home.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** The band feels like family to me.



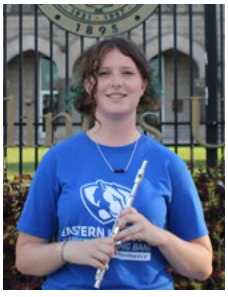
**NAME:** Kim Castillo
**INSTRUMENT:** Piccolo
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Junior
**HOMETOWN:** Rantoul, IL
**MAJOR:** Health Science- Generalist Option
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I love the community and diversity EIU has. EIU is so spirited and has so many people to guide you and help. That's the good thing of being a small campus. You get to connect more with people and the community more than going to a bigger school.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** The community of people who love to make music and football games.



**NAME:** Claudia Coats
**INSTRUMENT:** Flute
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore
**HOMETOWN:** St. Jacob, IL
**MAJOR:** Criminology/Criminal Justice and Sociology
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because the atmosphere and the people here are amazing and the campus is beautiful.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** What I love most about the PMB is how everyone is so accepting of everyone else and willing to work together to be something bigger than themselves.
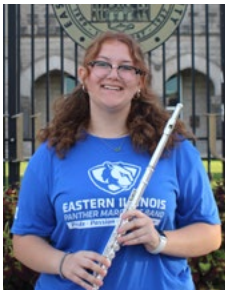


**NAME:** Samantha Gumbel
**INSTRUMENT:** Piccolo
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Pesotum, IL
**MAJOR:** (Pre) Nursing
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU for its positive atmosphere and the amount it helps out in its community.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I like how the community in PMB is. It's like a giant community between everyone and we all help each other when needed.



**NAME:** Caitlyn Hoots
**INSTRUMENT:** Flute
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Arthur, IL
**MAJOR:** Liberal Arts
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I'm currently a student at Lake Land College, and I plan to transfer to EIU soon to study film production!

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I've always loved the welcoming atmosphere and family dynamic among the band.



**NAME:** Lillian Hopper
**INSTRUMENT:** Flute
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Belleville, IL
**MAJOR:** Teacher Licensure: Instrumental and Performance: Instrumental
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose to attend EIU because of the flute professor Dr. Johnson and the small community.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** The people and the football games



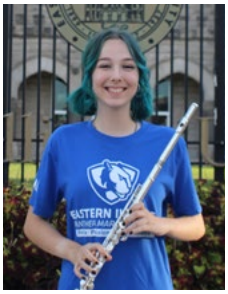
**NAME:** Cassandra Laudadio
**INSTRUMENT:** Flute
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Midlothian, IL
**MAJOR:** Early Childhood Education
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** EIU has an amazing Education program where I can succeed in my field of interest. Everyone is also very friendly and welcoming here.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I like how welcoming and helpful everyone is. We are all like one big family.



**NAME:** Maya McCool
**INSTRUMENT:** Flute
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore
**HOMETOWN:** Hoopeston, IL
**MAJOR:** Elementary Education
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because of the sense of community I felt when I stepped onto the campus. The moment I had my first tour I knew this school was going to be where I ended up!

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I love the people in PMB. The energy everyone brings and the positive attitudes really help keep us all going. I have made my best friends from this amazing program!!



**NAME:** Sydney Mcgillivary
**INSTRUMENT:** Flute
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Albion, IL
**MAJOR:** Communication Disorders and Sciences
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU for its amazing speech-pathology program as well as its' smaller campus size and classes. I also really enjoyed PMB Member for a Day my senior year of high school.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I like the close relationship of my section as well as just the friendships I've made through it.



**NAME:** Payton Mooney
**INSTRUMENT:** Flute
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Jerseyville, IL
**MAJOR:** Neuroscience
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** The community is small but very connected.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** To me, PMB feels like one big family that's always there to support you.



**NAME:** Caison Whitaker
**INSTRUMENT:** Flute
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Paris, IL
**MAJOR:** Music Education
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because of the community and the fact this place feels like a family!

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I really liked meeting all the new people!



**NAME:** Kaycee Wyatt
**INSTRUMENT:** Piccolo
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore
**HOMETOWN:** New Baden, IL
**MAJOR:** Accounting
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I love the small school! Everyone is so welcoming and helpful!

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** All the friends I have made!



**NAME:** Autumn Baker
**INSTRUMENT:** Clarinet
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Senior
**HOMETOWN:** Chrisman, IL
**MAJOR:** History major with a Teaching licensure
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because of the beautiful campus and its great teaching program!

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I love the music we get to play. Mostly I enjoy the friends and community that we have built during my time here.



**NAME:** Jaiden Beckwith
**INSTRUMENT:** Clarinet
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Junior
**HOMETOWN:** Sullivan, IL
**MAJOR:** History
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because of the easy to navigate campus, the distance from home, and the Panther Marching Band.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** My favorite thing about PMB is all the friends I've made throughout the years. I'm so lucky to have such amazing people by my side in this community.



**NAME:** Ahmarai Chavez
**INSTRUMENT:** Clarinet
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore
**HOMETOWN:** Kankakee, IL
**MAJOR:** Elementary Education
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I loved the campus as well as the environment within Doudna!

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I love all of the friendships I have made in the past two years! I've made some of my best friends while being a part of PMB!



**NAME:** Willow McCoy
**INSTRUMENT:** Clarinet
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Jerseyville, IL
**MAJOR:** Neuroscience-BS
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I became familiar with EIU due to the drum major camps for Smith Walbridge. Attending those made me appreciate campus and look into the college more. Now, I like EIU because of the amazing opportunities I've been given and the friends I've made.

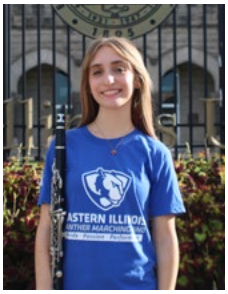
**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I love the emphasis on community. Everybody loves everybody and it's a great atmosphere. I also love playing my instrument with an incredible band.



**NAME:** Shae Mendonça
**INSTRUMENT:** Clarinet
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore
**HOMETOWN:** Carmi, IL
**MAJOR:** Nutrition
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I knew from the moment I visited EIU that the community would be amazing. Everyone here is so incredibly welcoming and friendly, whether it's someone striking up a conversation in the elevator or holding the door for you at the library. I've met numerous talented, kind individuals, many of which I know will be lifelong friends!
**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** PMB is a place where I can act silly and be myself without fear of judgment or criticism. We're all united to enjoy music and marching and to have fun!



**NAME:** Kara Puffenberger
**INSTRUMENT:** Clarinet
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore
**HOMETOWN:** Barry, IL
**MAJOR:** Elementary Education
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** EIU just felt like home the first time I came here. In the back of my head it was always the school I knew I would end up.
**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** PMB is the most fun I've had playing my instrument. I have made many amazing friends and found a deeper love for music.



**NAME:** Kairi Rossi
**INSTRUMENT:** Clarinet
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Gilman, IL
**MAJOR:** Theatre
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because it reminded me of my hometown!
**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I like PMB because it gives me a sense of belonging.



**NAME:** John Tanner
**INSTRUMENT:** Clarinet
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Marion, IL
**MAJOR:** Music Education
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** For the music and education programs.
**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I like the variation of experiences and shows we put on.



**NAME:** Rachel Zarko
**INSTRUMENT:** Clarinet
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Junior
**HOMETOWN:** Newark, IL
**MAJOR:** Criminology and Sociology
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I transferred to EIU because I loved the idea of going somewhere that valued community and school pride. I wanted that small but not small school environment somewhere I felt like I could thrive in.
**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I love how PMB is a family. Everyone has been so kind since I've joined, everyone genuinely wants the best for each other. I love playing my instrument and being able to stay in a welcoming community makes it even better!

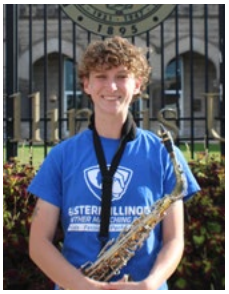


**NAME:** Andrew Bledsoe
**INSTRUMENT:** Alto Saxophone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Chatham, IL
**MAJOR:** B.A. Music for Teacher Licensure
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** While I already had experience with EIU, coming to Smith Wallbridge Drum Major Clinics for 2 years in high school, as well as my high school marching band coming to Eastern for our marching band camp, what really made me want to come was the people. Whether it be the staff or the students, during all my visits I was made to feel extremely welcomed and wanted.
**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I like the community that it brings. Coming as a freshman, I was fairly nervous about meeting people and being in a new environment, but the PMB environment allowed for me to create connections instantly.



**NAME:** Hannah Frank
**INSTRUMENT:** Alto Saxophone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** First Year Transfer
**HOMETOWN:** Mahomet, IL
**MAJOR:** Psychology
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** My parents attended EIU, which made the university feel special. I was also drawn to the smaller campus because I felt it would allow me to build closer relationships with my classmates and professors.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** What I love most about PMB is that every member genuinely wants to be there. It is a place where we all share at least one common interest: music.



**NAME:** Lila Lowell
**INSTRUMENT:** Alto Saxophone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Senior
**HOMETOWN:** Bloomington, IL
**MAJOR:** Communication Disorders & Sciences
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I immediately felt at home on campus. As I learned more about EIU and my major, I fell in love with the community, the dedication to growth, and all of the hands-on opportunities available to students.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I chose EIU because I immediately felt at home on campus. As I learned more about EIU and my major, I fell in love with the community, the dedication to growth, and all of the hands-on opportunities available to students.



**NAME:** Grayson Martinez
**INSTRUMENT:** Alto Saxophone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore
**HOMETOWN:** Aurora, IL
**MAJOR:** Political Science
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I picked EIU because I liked the vibes.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I like PMB'n it on the field!



**NAME:** Coulby Nichols
**INSTRUMENT:** Alto Saxophone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Newman, IL
**MAJOR:** Psychology
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** EIU offers a large number of majors and minors, their band program is familiar and electrifying, and its community lets me feel close to home.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** PMB has brought such a sense of companionship and community. Even to people that you don't directly interact with, there's a shared understanding and experience, along with a general sense of passion for music that everyone shares. I think I would be a lot less fulfilled without PMB. I love our community.



**NAME:** Aerin D. Booker
**INSTRUMENT:** Tenor Saxophone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Calumet City, IL
**MAJOR:** Finance
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** Affordability and distance from home

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I like the people and energy.

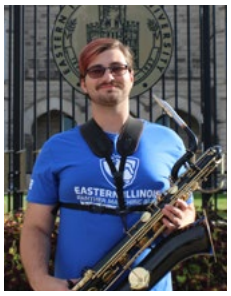


**NAME:** Chris Dietzel
**INSTRUMENT:** Tenor Saxophone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Senior
**HOMETOWN:** New Athens, IL
**MAJOR:** Computer and information technology
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I loved the campus so much.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** Being close with my section members and feeling like family.



**NAME:** Nathan Kohn
**INSTRUMENT:** Tenor Saxophone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Senior
**HOMETOWN:** Clifton, IL
**MAJOR:** Communications Disorders and Sciences
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I went to American Legion Boy's State and saw the beautiful campus. The CDS department sent a professor to talk to me in person after a scholarship interview which no other college I toured did. The program here is fantastic and at an affordable price. The campus is also small enough I didn't think I would be lost and it's close enough to home I can go back on the weekends and far enough that I can be my own person.
**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** The CDS program here is incredible and I feel prepared for my field of work. I've also met my girlfriend here and some of my best friends.



**NAME:** Zack Kursell
**INSTRUMENT:** Tenor Saxophone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Senior
**HOMETOWN:** Sullivan, IL
**MAJOR:** Accounting
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** It is a perfect size campus to not feel overwhelming, close to home, and recommended by friends and family.
**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I've met a lot of good people in PMB. It has been a very welcoming atmosphere where everyone lifts each other up.



**NAME:** Cole Waelbroeck
**INSTRUMENT:** Baritone Saxophone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Junior
**HOMETOWN:** West Terre Haute, IN
**MAJOR:** CIT
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU almost solely because the Panther Marching Band made such an impression on me in high school that I chose it over my hometown university.
**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** What I like most about PMB is all of the traditions that we have and the relationships that I get to have with the people next to me. With so many people that are not music majors, the passion that everyone has for music goes beyond academics.



**NAME:** Zeke Walters
**INSTRUMENT:** Baritone Saxophone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore
**HOMETOWN:** Fisher , IL
**MAJOR:** Music Education
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I enjoy being a part of a welcoming community and getting to know everyone within the community.
**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I enjoy how much I get to know others not just on the side of music, but also on the side of who they are as a person



**NAME:** Elise Fleming
**INSTRUMENT:** Trumpet
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore
**HOMETOWN:** Sullivan, IL
**MAJOR:** Psychology
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** It has a beautiful campus and is close to home!
**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** It's a great place to make friends and game day is always fun.



**NAME:** Annie Ford
**INSTRUMENT:** Trumpet
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Flossmoor, IL
**MAJOR:** Music Teacher Licensure
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I choose EIU because of the tight knit community feeling within the school, and the professors wanting to help students grow and succeed.
**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I feel like I have a friend in every section in PMB, and I like how everyone wants to work together to make something great.



**NAME:** Madison Johnson
**INSTRUMENT:** Trumpet
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore
**HOMETOWN:** Justice, IL
**MAJOR:** Early Childhood Education
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** EIU was one of the only colleges I had an interest in, but choosing to stay here was the easiest decision because of this band and my organizations I'm a part of here!

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** My sections!!!



**NAME:** Jesse Osborne
**INSTRUMENT:** Trumpet
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Greenup, IL
**MAJOR:** Music Education Licensure
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** EIU is small enough to be local, but still feels big, EIU gives you the feeling of knowing everybody, and nobody. That is why I chose it.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** PMB treats everybody like family.



**NAME:** Jessica Roell
**INSTRUMENT:** Trumpet
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Senior
**HOMETOWN:** Cincinnati, OH
**MAJOR:** Public Relations, Interpersonal Communication
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** Everyone was so attentive and genuine during my visits, and I loved that the smaller feel would allow me to form strong relationships with classmates and professors.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** The thing I like most about PMB is how much pride and energy we bring wherever we go. The school spirit we bring is contagious and I love getting to be a part of that.



**NAME:** Jean Schottland
**INSTRUMENT:** Trumpet
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Junior
**HOMETOWN:** Bloomington, IL
**MAJOR:** Environmental Biology
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because of the beautiful campus and the programs they offer. I love the smaller class sizes and have met so many amazing professors.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I love the connections I've built with other band members. PMB introduced me to people I will be friends with for the rest of my life.



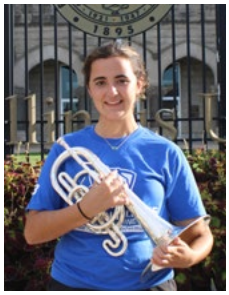
**NAME:** Ava Stonehouse
**INSTRUMENT:** Trumpet
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Senior
**HOMETOWN:** Rock Island, IL
**MAJOR:** Early Childhood education
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I was really excited about the opportunity I was given to join PMB and be part of a new band family. EIU felt like the perfect place for me to grow as a student, a future teacher, and a musician.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** What I like most about PMB is the family and connection it creates between tons of kids experiencing college. I love being surrounded by people who share the same passion for music and getting to make memories at football games and performances and rehearsals together. PMB has brought me some of my best friends.



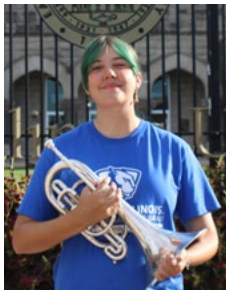
**NAME:** Carson Swinford
**INSTRUMENT:** Trumpet
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Sullivan, IL
**MAJOR:** Welding
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** It would give me a chance to further enjoy band and performances as I did in high school.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** Socializing with friends, performing for games, and the march to the stadium.



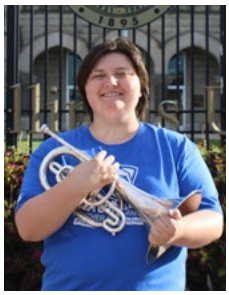
**NAME:** Sophie Barnhart
**INSTRUMENT:** Mellophone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore
**HOMETOWN:** Cobden, IL
**MAJOR:** Secondary History Education with a Minor in Political Science
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** The campus felt like home. My experiences while here have made me continue to choose it.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I love how close our section is. We have become a little family in such a short time. Rehearsing with the band is one of the favorite parts of my day. If it wasn't for PMB I wouldn't have made as many friendships in my freshman year. I can't wait to continue being in PMB throughout college.



**NAME:** Lyryk Fulfer
**INSTRUMENT:** Mellophone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore
**HOMETOWN:** West Terre Haute, IN
**MAJOR:** Accounting
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because I love the campus and I saw how close the music department was and how welcoming everyone was.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I love the people. I've met so many incredible people and some of my best friends in PMB!



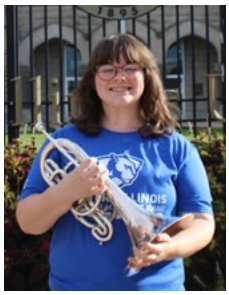
**NAME:** Izzy Hill
**INSTRUMENT:** Mellophone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Robinson, IL
**MAJOR:** Geoscience Geology Option
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** Close to home and it had geology.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** The connections.



**NAME:** Cassey Melton
**INSTRUMENT:** Mellophone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Senior
**HOMETOWN:** Charleston, IL
**MAJOR:** 2D Studio Art
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** It has a wonderful arts program with plenty of resources and materials with professors who want to help you grow. The overall community surrounding EIU is so welcoming and supportive.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I love the personal community and connection that comes with PMB. Everyone has chosen to be here in marching band and to genuinely enjoy it. There is always a positive vibe every practice or rehearsal with people always willing to help out.



**NAME:** Maci Reed
**INSTRUMENT:** Mellophone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore
**HOMETOWN:** Neoga, IL
**MAJOR:** Music Performance
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because the affordability, faculty, and music department.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** The positive atmosphere created amongst the ensemble.



**NAME:** Lila Balding
**INSTRUMENT:** Trombone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Olney, IL
**MAJOR:** Music Education
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I wanted to go somewhere I would feel accepted and appreciated. Before attending EIU I knew they had a good music program and now I am living it first-hand.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** The best part of PMB is the crowd and being able to express yourself as a performer.



**NAME:** James Connett
**INSTRUMENT:** Trombone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Mattoon, IL
**MAJOR:** Music Education- Instrumental
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because I knew the program I wanted was excellent and it was close to home.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** My favorite thing about PMB is the variety of music we get to play.



**NAME:** Phineus McCloskey
**INSTRUMENT:** Trombone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Junior
**HOMETOWN:** Chicago, IL
**MAJOR:** Music Audio and Technology
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because of the welcoming campus community.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** The positivity and the kindness.



**NAME:** Aaron Minder
**INSTRUMENT:** Trombone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Junior
**HOMETOWN:** Springfield, IL
**MAJOR:** Science w/ Teacher Licensure
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I wanted a college close to home, and I like the color blue. I knew EIU was affordable and had a solid teaching program as well.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I enjoy the community aspect of PMB. Being a part of PMB is a great way to settle in and find your footing in college.



**NAME:** Chase Nixon
**INSTRUMENT:** Trombone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Tuscola, IL
**MAJOR:** Music Education (Vocal)
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because it is an affordable college that is close to home. It's a small campus helps me get around easily without getting lost.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** The immediate welcoming from other members on day one. People really make you feel like you belong and really help strive to make you better.



**NAME:** Sam Powell
**INSTRUMENT:** Trombone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Junior
**HOMETOWN:** Bloomington, IL
**MAJOR:** Business Administration
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I picked EIU because I liked the campus, the class sizes. I also liked the opportunities available on campus.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I love the relationships that I developed and how PMB feels like a family.



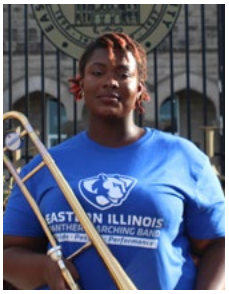
**NAME:** Ashton Powers
**INSTRUMENT:** Trombone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore
**HOMETOWN:** Orland Park, IL
**MAJOR:** Engineering Technology
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because even if it's not the most prestigious University, the students, teachers, and staff care about you and your wellbeing.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** The thing I love about PMB is marching and performing in front of crowds who love us and cheer for us. You will have Football players singing along, fans cheering, and high schoolers screaming their lungs off just for us.



**NAME:** Alex Steenhoek
**INSTRUMENT:** Trombone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Urbandale, IL
**MAJOR:** Engineering Technology
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because of the small campus size, the STEP Program, the Engineering Technology Program, PMB, and the nearby Christian Campus House.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I enjoy performing on the field in front of the audience.



**NAME:** Alia Young
**INSTRUMENT:** Trombone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore
**HOMETOWN:** Rantoul, IL
**MAJOR:** Music Education and Instrumental
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I was fascinated by the music department and how welcoming they were.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I love playing in front of a large crowd, hearing them cheer for us. It makes me happy.



**NAME:** Atlas Akers
**INSTRUMENT:** Euphonium
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Junior
**HOMETOWN:** Canonsburg, IL
**MAJOR:** Music Teacher Licensure: Instrumental
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** The staff at EIU was very welcoming and encouraging. I felt like they actually wanted me to come to school here when I visited campus as a prospective student.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I love being a part of a marching band and improving my own individual musicianship. PMB offers an opportunity to play music in a way completely unlike concert settings, which I think has been good for my personal musical growth.



**NAME:** Carson Alexander
**INSTRUMENT:** Euphonium
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Centralia, IL
**MAJOR:** Music Education
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because it was the only university that really stood out to me.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I like the friends I've made and the community I'm involved in.



**NAME:** Aidan Gomez
**INSTRUMENT:** Euphonium
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Junior
**HOMETOWN:** Olney, IL
**MAJOR:** Music Education
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because of its education program's reputation and the opportunities available for me as a musician.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** Every year I'm in PMB, I have gained new knowledge, experiences, and opportunities that I didn't have the year before to better myself.



**NAME:** Linley Russell
**INSTRUMENT:** Baritone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore
**HOMETOWN:** Belleville, IL
**MAJOR:** Psychology
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I used to come here for competitions in high school and really loved the campus. My high school band director recommended it as well. I also really enjoy my major's program.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** It feels like family. I think it was the main reason I actually talk to people now since we're always with each other.



**NAME:** Jaycob Serbin
**INSTRUMENT:** Euphonium
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore
**HOMETOWN:** Paris, IL
**MAJOR:** Instrumental Performance
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I came to EIU because of how close it is to home, passing by it all the time I always wondered what it would be like to go here.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I love getting the chance to work with my fellow musicians and being able to build relationships with them.



**NAME:** Ethan Züber
**INSTRUMENT:** Sousaphone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Olney, IL
**MAJOR:** Music Education
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** The strong music program.
**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** The energy.



**NAME:** Ethan Ennis
**INSTRUMENT:** Sousaphone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore
**HOMETOWN:** Charleston, IL
**MAJOR:** Audio Recording Technology
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I was a big fan of the music program!

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I enjoy seeing all the smiles I get to put on other's faces.



**NAME:** Amari Jenkins
**INSTRUMENT:** Sousaphone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Champaign, IL
**MAJOR:** Music Education
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I got the chance to talk to my professors and a few of my bandmates before I got here. It made me feel valued.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I love the community aspect of it more than anything. Getting to be around so many people like me is great. Being a part of something so special is a great feeling.



**NAME:** Karson Landsaw
**INSTRUMENT:** Sousaphone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore
**HOMETOWN:** Paris, IL
**MAJOR:** Instrumental Performance
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU due to the professors and the price.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** We are a family.



**NAME:** Parker Carpenter
**INSTRUMENT:** Sousaphone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Junior
**HOMETOWN:** Granite City, IL
**MAJOR:** Environmental/Physical Geography
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because of the welcoming staff and beautiful campus. I don't feel like just a number here.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I like the community PMB creates. You feel like you have a place you belong, even before the school year starts. It's a really nice thing to have.



**NAME:** Alex Schneider
**INSTRUMENT:** Sousaphone
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Olney, IL
**MAJOR:** Music Education and Instrumental
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** Both of my directors went here and it is close to home

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** The community of people who love to make music and football games



**NAME:** David Acevedo
**INSTRUMENT:** Cymbals
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore
**HOMETOWN:** Kankakee, IL
**MAJOR:** Psychology
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because of the beautiful campus here. I love nature and there are so many pretty trees and plants to look at, especially in the fall.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I love being able to perform with and meet so many great people.



**NAME:** Noah Alka
**INSTRUMENT:** Bass Drum
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Mount Carmel, IL
**MAJOR:** TV and Video Production
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** Both my high school marching band and theater teacher as well as my college vocal coach are EIU alumni which helped put me on the path of learning here.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** Being able to meet the other members of drumline here has been a major blessing.



**NAME:** Alex Conner
**INSTRUMENT:** Drumline
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** New Canton, IL
**MAJOR:** Kinesiology with a Pre-Physical Therapy Track
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because of the friendly environment, campus, and the great programs they offer.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I enjoy the performances more than anything. Getting out and playing in front of all those people is very fun to me.



**NAME:** Victoria Duckworth
**INSTRUMENT:** Cymbals
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** 1st year Graduate
**HOMETOWN:** Carmi, IL
**MAJOR:** Clinical Counseling
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose Eastern because, unlike other universities, they continued to reach out and make me feel like a student instead of an admittance statistic.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I love that PMB has always served as my family away from home.



**NAME:** Isaac Gingerich
**INSTRUMENT:** Bass Drum
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Senior
**HOMETOWN:** Dunlap, IL
**MAJOR:** Engineering Technology
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because it was the size of campus that I was looking for. I also loved how everything was close enough to walk within 10 minutes and the people here were super fun.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** War chant and all the friends I made.



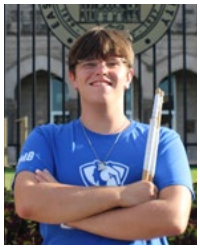
**NAME:** Healy Hurst
**INSTRUMENT:** Snare Drum
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Junior
**HOMETOWN:** Palos Hills, IL
**MAJOR:** Chemistry
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** EIU immediately had a homey feel. It was friendly, quiet in the right ways, and loud in the right ways! It spoke to me like no other campus did.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** The ideas of spreading core values and positivity throughout the band is something that really is appealing to me, and the sense of community it builds. Music can be a wonderful thing to do by oneself but in a marching band, we all move together and that means believing in mutual values together, as well.



**NAME:** Chase Milan
**INSTRUMENT:** Snare Drum
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** West Dundee, IL
**MAJOR:** Music Education
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because when I visited, I liked the percussion professor, and I liked how the classes worked for my major.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I like the community and the friends I made in drumline.



**NAME:** Clark Parmenter
**INSTRUMENT:** Percussion
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Vandalia, IL
**MAJOR:** Bachelor of Music-Teacher Licensure
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because of my pre-existing connections, familiarity, and great impression of the School of Music.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I enjoy having a role to play in a full drumline.



**NAME:** Aidan Reed
**INSTRUMENT:** Drumline
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Marion, IL
**MAJOR:** Music Performance
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because it has the best music program in the area. EIU is also very caring about their student's success.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** Performing for big crowds of people.



**NAME:** Katie Shamhart
**INSTRUMENT:** Snare Drum
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Junior
**HOMETOWN:** Newton, IL
**MAJOR:** Elementary Education
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because of its reputation for an excellent teacher education program and the feeling of "home" I got every time I toured campus.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I really enjoy how supportive everyone is, especially in my section and instrument community. We push each other and ourselves to be better than the day before and have developed close relationships throughout the band.



**NAME:** Dominika Targosz
**INSTRUMENT:** Cymbals
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Senior
**HOMETOWN:** Mount Prospect, IL
**MAJOR:** Instrumental Music Performance (Viola)
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because I fell in love with its beautiful campus and loved that it was close enough to home while still giving me a new experience.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** My favorite thing about PMB is getting to make music with such an amazing group of people, as well as it allowing me to continue my marching career after only marching two years in high school.



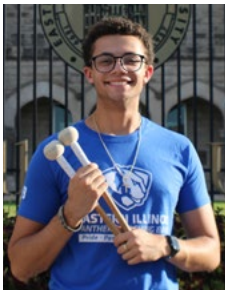
**NAME:** Trevor Vincent
**INSTRUMENT:** Tenor Drum
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Senior
**HOMETOWN:** West Chicago, IL
**MAJOR:** Graphic Design
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because of the small community, which made it easy to find a place on campus.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** The thing I like most about PMB is the time we have and the friendships that I have made!



**NAME:** Emmersyn Walton
**INSTRUMENT:** Drumline
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Decatur, IL
**MAJOR:** Instrumental Music Education
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because I loved the campus.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I love the friendships I have formed.



**NAME:** Jordan Wiley
**INSTRUMENT:** Bass Drum
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Centralia, IL
**MAJOR:** Biological Sciences
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** It's a good community here where I can still participate in the arts in my spare time even though it's not my major.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** The friendships I've made and the spirit we get to bring to campus.



**NAME:** Justin Zellers
**INSTRUMENT:** Snare Drum
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Farmer City, IL
**MAJOR:** Engineering Technology
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I came to EIU during one of the PMB Festivals and enjoyed being around the campus and the environment that PMB brought to the performance, and I felt that this school would be a fit for me.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** The family and friendly environment that it brings to my day. I can always rely on my fellow PMB members whenever I need someone to talk to, or someone to hang out with.



**NAME:** Arlana Bradford
**INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Danville, IL
**MAJOR:** Psychology
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I knew it was a place that I could be proud to call home and somewhere I could fit in.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** The work ethic of everyone in the group.



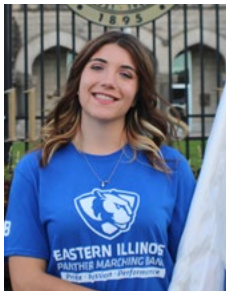
**NAME:** Elizabeth Brinker
**INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Granite City, IL
**MAJOR:** Undeclared
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** It felt like home the moment I stepped onto campus.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** The sense of community.



**NAME:** Abbygail Cheesman
**INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore
**HOMETOWN:** Oblong, IL
**MAJOR:** Early Childhood Education
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because my high school band director went here and really loved it, he informed me about the wonderful teaching program and the strong community.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I really enjoy being a part of the family that PMB has created for me and the strong connections I have been lucky enough to create.



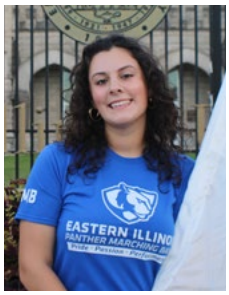
**NAME:** Kaeylan Dickerson
**INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore
**HOMETOWN:** Dunlap, IL
**MAJOR:** Biological Sciences
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I came here to be in the band and branch out.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I like the family it has given me.



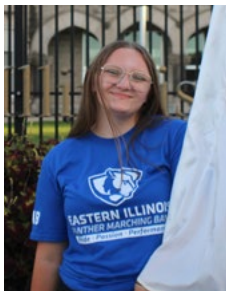
**NAME:** Zoe Forney
**INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Rome, IL
**MAJOR:** Biological Sciences
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I loved the campus and the welcoming feeling from everyone. I didn't want a huge school and it's nice to be able to recognize so many people across campus.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I enjoy the community and friendships it gives you. It helps you get yourself out there and meet new people. I love guard and I'll always love spinning.



**NAME:** Bianca Fugnitti
**INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore
**HOMETOWN:** Springfield, IL
**MAJOR:** Nursing
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** Eastern Illinois University was an affordable option that allowed me to earn a quality education without taking on excessive financial burden. Additionally, EIU has a color guard program, which was very important to me because it gives me the opportunity to continue participating in an activity I am passionate about while pursuing my academic goals.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** Everyone is supportive, and it feels like a family. I also appreciate that the band genuinely values and respects the guard as an important part of the program.



**NAME:** Elizabeth Funari-Sohn
**INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Lake Villa, IL
**MAJOR:** Television Video Production
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I like the smaller campus and the fact your professors actually get to know you one on one.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** The friendships/community I'm surrounded by.



**NAME:** Ryann Furlow
**INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Naperville, IL
**MAJOR:** Physical Education
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because of my major and the marching band. Being able to meet Mr. Boggs and Kristie was my deciding factor that THIS is where I wanted to go.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** Meeting so many wonderful people and knowing that every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday I have a family to go home to.



**NAME:** Claretta Mae Hipsher
**INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Vandalia, IL
**MAJOR:** Psychology
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** It was one of my top three, and had the most favorable guard out of my options.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** We get stuff done and figured out.



**NAME:** Isabella Hopman
**INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Senior
**HOMETOWN:** Minooka, IL
**MAJOR:** Elementary Education
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU for its amazing education program and how beautiful the campus is.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I love being apart of PMB, and how I've gotten to see this guard program grow so much these past few year. I will forever be grateful for the family and opportunities that PMB has given me.



**NAME:** Caydence Krainock
**INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore
**HOMETOWN:** Catlin, IL
**MAJOR:** Psychology
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because of its affordability and the opportunities they offer.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I love that PMB is a community within its own. You can find a good level of comfortability when you talk to any member.



**NAME:** Abby McCann
**INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Junior
**HOMETOWN:** Newton, IL
**MAJOR:** Psychology with Pre-Medicine Track
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because it was close to home but still a feeling of independence.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I love the close-knit family aspect of it. I have found some of the best people I've ever met in PMB. I have made life-long friendships.



**NAME:** Madison Parks
**INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Mattoon, IL
**MAJOR:** EST-041
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because I wanted to be a part of a band that feels like family. I love to perform and when I came to EIU for the first time I knew I belonged here.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** The diversity and getting to know people from all over. I love getting to know and interact with those around me, and this is the perfect place to do that.



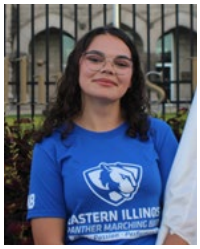
**NAME:** Kelsie Pelphrey
**INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Junior
**HOMETOWN:** Chillicothe, IL
**MAJOR:** Art Education
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because of affordability, how good the art ed program was, and because of the winter guard program.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** The community and energy I feel on campus. Everyone has been super kind and welcoming since participating in winter guard and actually transferring. Not to mention all of my professors are great and I have learned so much during my time here.



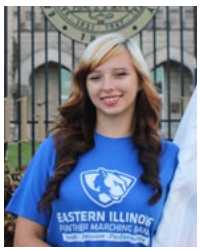
**NAME:** Jayla Reynolds
**INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore
**HOMETOWN:** Belleville, IL
**MAJOR:** Education
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** The community.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I love my PMB Members.



**NAME:** Ava Smith
**INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Indianapolis, IN
**MAJOR:** Psychology and Criminology/Criminal Justice
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because I liked the campus size and was interested in the psych program!

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I really like performing at football games! Poms might be my favorite part, simply because I didn't have them at my high school.



**NAME:** Cecilia Vermillion
**INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore
**HOMETOWN:** Mahomet, IL
**MAJOR:** Criminology and Criminal Justice
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I liked the look of the campus and everyone here is so kind!

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** I love the community it brings, and I get to keep doing the thing I love



**NAME:** Anna Wells
**INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Mackinaw, IL
**MAJOR:** Early childhood special education
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** Because they have an amazing education program.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** The friendships I have made.



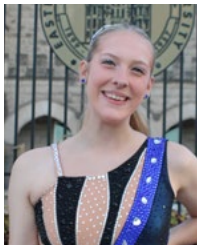
**NAME:** Kyi Williams
**INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Granite City, IL
**MAJOR:** Computer Engineering
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** It's was one of the cheaper colleges that did something with marching band.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** The community.



**NAME:** Isabella Woo
**INSTRUMENT:** Color Guard
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** West Terre Haute, IN
**MAJOR:** Business Administration
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** I chose EIU because of the newly established winter guard program! I also loved the campus size and how connected everyone felt.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** The thing I like the most about PMB is just how much like a family everyone is, I can always come to my team if I need help.



**NAME:** Faythe Hudson
**INSTRUMENT:** Baton Twirler
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Sophomore
**HOMETOWN:** Winthrop Harbor, IL
**MAJOR:** History
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** EIU gave me the chance to step out on my own and truly flourish, without losing the comfort of being close to home.
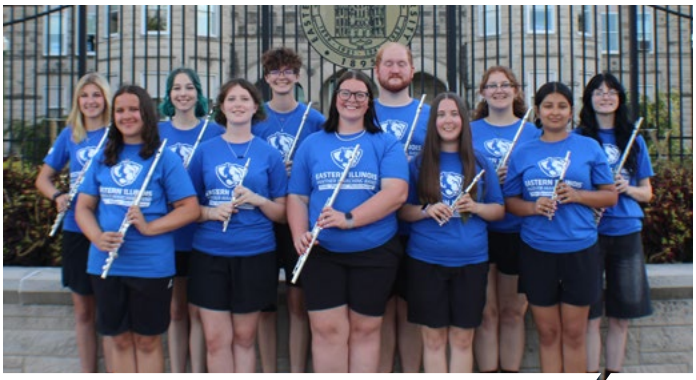
**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** PMB means so much to me. It's the place where I connected deeply with my peers and created friendships with people who have become some of the most important humans in my life.



**NAME:** Alani Martinez-Young
**INSTRUMENT:** Photography / Media
**YEAR IN SCHOOL:** Freshman
**HOMETOWN:** Troy, IL
**MAJOR:** Fine Arts 2D
**WHY I CAME TO EIU:** A lot of schools overlook the arts, as if they are less than. When I visited EIU for the first time, I could easily see the complete opposite.

**WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT PMB OR MY FAVORITE PMB MEMORY:** Simply being part of something so big. I get to see the behind the scenes and work that goes into making the Panther Marching Band. Not only that but the people that make it.

# 2026 EIU PANTHER MARCHING BAND SECTIONS



FLUTES



CLARINETS



ALTO SAXOPHONES & MELLOPHONES



TENOR AND BARITONE SAXOPHONES



TRUMPETS



TROMBONES



EUPHONIUMS



SOUSAPHONES



DRUMLINE



COLOR GUARD & FEATURE TWIRLER



DRUM MAJORS

# EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

EIU IS CONSISTENTLY RANKED AMONG THE BEST VALUE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES IN THE NATION.

## 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

my.eiu.edu

# COST TO ATTEND EASTERN

| BASED ON 2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR | UNDERGRADUATE |
|---|---|
| TUITION | $10,690 |
| STUDENT FEES | $3,961.50 |
| TEXTBOOK RENTAL | $262.50 |
| FOOD & HOUSING | $13,670* |
| **TOTAL** | **$28,584** |

**Based on 30 hours of enrollment and the all-access meal plan for incoming students.*
*NOTE: Tuition is based on $356.34 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 $56 million in scholarships and awards were given to EIU students during the 2025-26 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: 3.75 - 4.0 - $16,000**
($4,000 awarded annually)

#### DISTINGUISHED MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

**GPA: 3.5 - 3.74 - $14,000**
($3,500 awarded annually)

#### ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

**GPA: 3.0 - 3.49 - $12,000**
($3,000 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:

**$60,000 TO $120,000 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

# ABOUT THE PANTHER MARCHING BAND



Being a member of the Panther Marching Band Family at Eastern Illinois is a special and unique experience! Even before you start your first day of Band Camp, you'll be building lasting friendships with people just like you while supporting your Panther athletic teams by doing what you do best! We hope you come and visit and learn what the Panther Marching Band Family experience is all about!

## PANTHER MARCHING BAND

The Panther Marching Band (PMB) is the most visible performing ensemble on the Eastern Illinois University campus. The PMB performs at all home football games, is the host and featured performing ensemble at the Panther Marching Band Festival and hosts our new Illinois Small Band Marching Band Championship! The PMB typically performs in exhibitions at one or more high school marching band competitions as well as other community events. Check out our PMB Member for a Day on November 7, 2026 and learn what it's like to be a member of our PMB Family first-hand.

## PMB DRUMLINE

The PMB Drumline consists of students from a diverse set of backgrounds and experiences. Many members come from competitive high school programs. The drumline is responsible for providing the 'grooves' up in the stands and leading the football team to the stadium as part of Panther Prowl on game days. You'll love being a part of the PMB Drumline!

## COLOR GUARD

Our Color Guard is made up of a group of talented students who have the opportunity to create and design some of their own routines during the fall season's PMB Concert! They're featured at every home football game, so come to a game to check out this integral and entertaining part of the Panther Marching Band!

## WINTER GUARD

The EIU Winter Guard is our newest program offered as an offshoot of the Panther Marching Band. The Winter Guard started three years ago and performs at EIU basketball games. In 2025, the Winter Guard performed in exhibition as a non-competitive unit in several MWCGC events in the Chicagoland area. Last year, the EIU Winter Guard began competing in both the MWCGC and MCCGA circuits, and we will continue in both this coming spring. Our hope is to expand to include WGI competitions in 2028. The guard includes EIU members and community college and college students from other institutions. The guard rehearses every Sunday from December until early April and competes 5-6 weekends each season. Scholarships are available to EIU students. Auditions take place each fall.

## BASKETBALL PEP BAND

The Basketball Pep Band plays an important role at our basketball games. With over 65 selections to choose from in our pep band books, this ensemble plays all styles of up-tempo music ranging from pop to rock to jazz. Check out the band at one of our Member for a Day events in the spring!

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# 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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**APPLY TO EIU - IT'S FAST, FREE, AND MOBILE FRIENDLY.**
**NO ESSAYS OR TEST SCORES REQUIRED.**

**eiu.edu/apply**

# SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

## THE PANTHER MARCHING BAND IS GRATEFUL FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING OFFICES

Eastern Illinois University School of Music

Eastern Illinois University Department of Intercollegiate Athletics

Eastern Illinois University Facilities Planning and Management

Eastern Illinois University Marketing and Creative Services

Eastern Illinois University Grounds Department

Doudna Fine Arts Center

Campus Scheduling

University Police Department

Danny Gourley Fischer

Academic Advising Team

## THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE ASSISTED THE PMB THIS FALL

Michael Cornebise, Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Christopher Mitchell, Interim Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Shellie Gregorich, Chair, School of Music

Dr. Alicia Neal, Director of Bands

Stacy Butler, Department of Music

Cheyenne Brickner, PMB Drum Line Instructor

Kristie Finley, PMB Color Guard Choreographer

Brittany Johnson Kroeger, Pink Panthers

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Phi Mu Alpha

## TODAY'S PERFORMANCE WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE OUTSTANDING MUSICAL AND EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING STUDIO FACULTY:

Rebecca Johnson, Flute

Annie Mason, Bassoon

Magie Beck, Clarinet

Mark Lynch, Saxophone

Ben Gerkins, Trumpet

Molly Frederick, Horn

Connor Frederick, Trombone and Jazz

George Alberti, Euphonium/Tuba

Jamie V. Ryan, Percussion

**A very special thanks to Alani Peters for sharing her outstanding skills with the PMB this fall. Your work has been fantastic!**

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# 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. The 2027 camp will be held Aug. 15-22, 2027.

**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 2026 Member For a Day on November 7, 2026, or contact PMB Director David G. Boggs today at dgboggs@eiu.edu.

**APPLY TODAY AT MY.EIU.EDU.** | **eiu.edu/marching_band**



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# *PANTHER MARCHING BAND*

**PANTHER MARCHING BAND MEMBERS PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN OUR CAMPUS COMMUNITY, BOTH IN AND OUT OF PMB.**

- 1 PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR
- 13 JACK AND SANDRA PINE HONORS COLLEGE
- 10 GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLARS
- 23 DISTINGUISHED MERIT SCHOLARS
- 27 MERIT SCHOLARS
- 24 MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS
- 28 MUSIC MAJORS
- 10 MUSIC MINORS
- 22 OTHER ACADEMIC, SERVICE AND TALENTS SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED
- 26% OF OUR STUDENTS ARE MUSIC MAJORS. 74% ARE NON-MUSIC MAJORS.

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