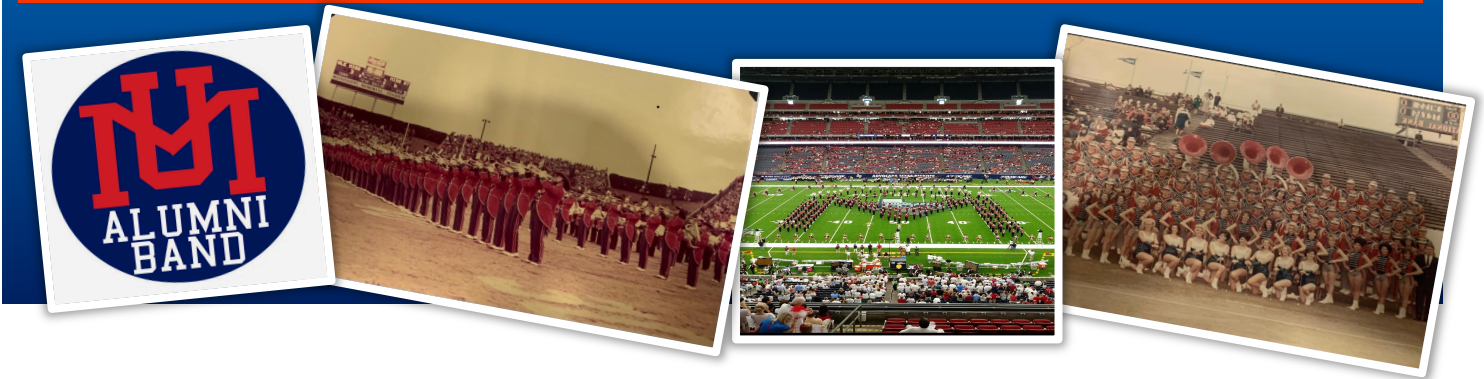


The Ole Miss Band Alumni Club



The Pride of The South Family

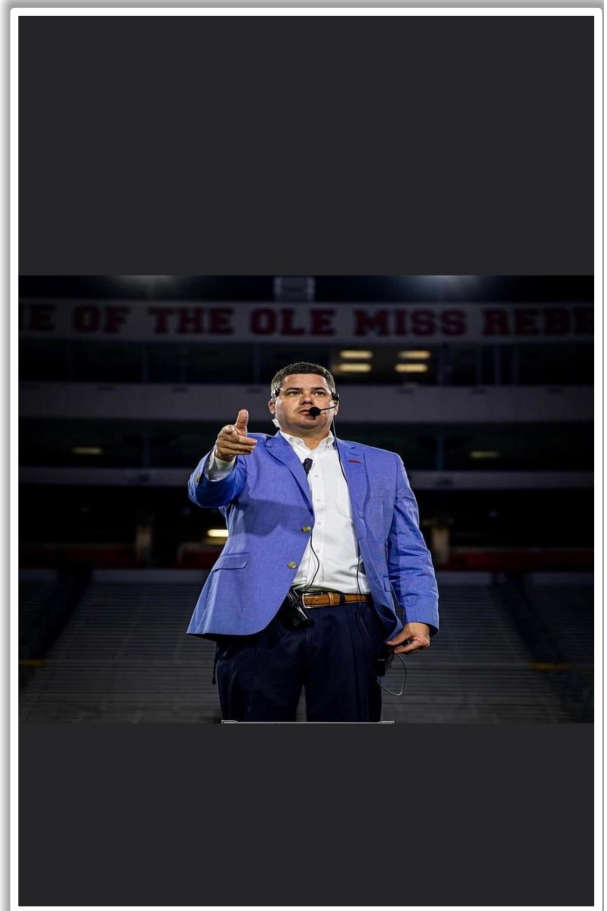
Dear Ole Miss Band Alumni friends,

We are writing this Newsletter to give you some updates on the exciting things happening within the Ole Miss Band Program. We are looking forward to planning reunion events, as well as finding creative opportunities to keep you involved. Please enjoy this letter, and be on the lookout for more updates in the future!

Join The Association

The best way to stay connected with the Ole Miss Band is to join the Ole Miss Band Alumni Club! The executive committee is planning exciting events in the near future. You will have the chance reunite with old friends, and to even play at Ole Miss sporting events. It does not matter how long it has been since you have worn the uniform, you are a valued member of The Ole Miss Band family. We hope you will consider joining the Ole Miss Alumni Band Association and participating in these exciting opportunities we have in store.

To learn more, visit the band website at <https://band.olemiss.edu>, and check out the alumni tab. You can also follow us on Instagram @olemissbandalumni or like our Facebook page: Ole Miss Alumni Band.



Randy Dale conducts the band at "Pride of the South Night" in Vaught-Hemingway. November 5th, 2020.

A Walk Down Memory Lane

The Ole Miss Alumni Band Association is working hard to record our history, but we need your help! If you have any photos or interesting stories from your time in the Ole Miss Band, please share them with us. We hope to include them in future newsletters, social media posts, and display them at reunions.

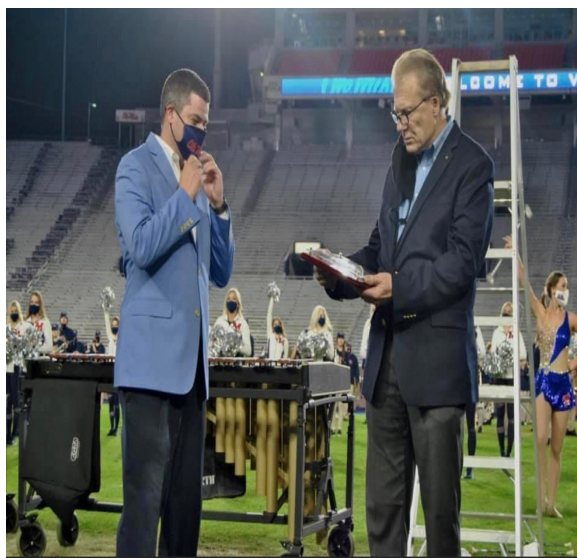
You can send all entries to

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Please include a description of the event, including a date and the people involved if possible.



The Pride Of The South 1949



Pride of the South Night

The Ole Miss Band was not able to perform on the field during football games due to the SEC Covid policy. However, this did not stop the Marching Band. To limit numbers, the band split its members into two groups. The two groups divided rehearsal time and performances. Throughout the season, Band One put together a Queen marching show and Band Two put together an Earth, Wind, and Fire Show. The bands got to showcase their work at The Pride of the South Night at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium. Many fans turned out, including Chancellor Glenn Boyce. The night was an awesome experience for the band in the face of the pandemic.

The night concluded by recognizing Mr. David Wilson, as he has served as director of bands for 30 years this Fall. His remarkable tenure was honored with a video on the jumbotron. One of his biggest contributions to the gameday experience was the creation of the Grove Show. Because of the Covid restrictions in place this season, the band was unable to perform in the Grove. However, the showcase night ended with Mr. Wilson conducting his Pep-rally that has become an Ole Miss tradition.

A Final Four Finish

Sophomore Feature Twirler Alexa Tamburlin finished in the top four at a nationwide contest put on by Collegiate Fantastic. The virtual tournament featured twirlers from major universities around the country. Additionally, Alexa was named the 2020 Marcus Guinn Spirit award winner. This award is given annually to a band student who displays a passion and dedication for representing Ole Miss. You can keep up with Alexa, McKenzie Cooke, and Sydney Raine through their Ole Miss Feature Twirlers Instagram page.

[@theolemissfeaturetwirlers](#)



Building The Future

The Pride of the South has launched a campaign to renovate our marching band practice facility. Highlights of this project include building a new director's tower and installing a turf practice field. Additionally, we will add seating around the field for fans and alumni to watch us rehearse. These additions will make our band facility among the best in the SEC and the nation. This is crucial for recruiting and elevating the program. Visit the Band Website for more information, and consider joining The Friends of The Pride of The South to get involved.

You can also purchase a T-Shirt through Red Cup Rebellion. All proceeds go to the practice field.

<https://badkickdrinkingshirts.com/products/rcr-bandaid-t-shirt>



Future Performances

We have a lot of exciting band performances in the near future that we have planned. Unfortunately, with COVID, dates and times are fluid at the moment. You can anticipate a full slate of Spring concerts from our Wind Ensemble, Symphonic, and Concert bands, as well as various other ensembles within the Music Department. We are also hopeful that we might have a pep-band presence at home basketball games and take a band to a potential bowl game if permitted. We will get exact information out as soon as we have it. In the meantime, we encourage you to follow our social media accounts and check our website for updates.

A Message to our Alumni From a Current Student

My name is Bo Cotten and I am a junior Trombone player from Germantown, TN. On behalf of the current students in the program, I would like to thank our alumni for everything that you do. Joining the Ole Miss Band has been a lifelong dream of mine. I grew up watching the Band. I was one of the many kids dangling from the green Grove stage trying to get a view of the Grove show when many of you were current students. Your dedication encouraged me to pursue music and pick up the trombone. You have built the foundation for the excellent Band program we enjoy today, and you continue to move us forward through your support. Every time you watch our Grove Show, Halftime Show, and our concerts, we notice you. Every time you complement our performances, we hear you. You motivate us and support us more than anybody else. Thank You.

I hope I will have the opportunity to meet many of you at Band functions and Alumni events in the future. I wish you and your families a safe and happy Holiday Season.

Forward Rebels,

Bo Cotten



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