

The Mouthpiece

Fall 2014 Band Alumni Society Newsletter



Register for Homecoming 2014

Kick off time for the Homecoming football game won't be finalized until two weeks before Homecoming, pending television scheduling.

Tuesday, Sept. 16 by Noon

Registrations INCLUDING a new jacket must be placed and payment IN HAND in BG (not just mailed).

Friday, Sept. 19

Registrations NOT including a new jacket are due

Online Registration and Payment

*Credit card payments now accepted at
www.bgsualumni.com/band.*

**Don't forget to register for
Alumni Concert Band
Sunday, October 5**

TENTATIVE HOMECOMING SCHEDULE (IF NOON KICKOFF)

Saturday, October 4th

6:00 a.m.	Registration Kobacker Lobby
6:30 a.m.	Indoor Music Rehearsal Choral Room
7:15 a.m.	Outdoor Rehearsal with FMB Practice Fields
7:45 a.m.	Breakfast break
9:15 a.m.	Meet at the Ice Arena
9:30 a.m.	March to The Doyt
9:45 a.m.	Team Walk
10:00 a.m.	FMB "Preflight"
11:00 a.m.	March into The Doyt
11:40 a.m.	Pregame: FMB and Alumni Band
Noon	Kick off— BEAT BUFFALO!
~ 1:30 p.m.	FMB Halftime Show
~ 3:30 p.m.	Game Ends
	Turn in music at The Doyt
	Collect personal belongings from the Choral Room

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Band Alumni!

As the summer begins to wind down and the fall temperatures begin to hit, it's clear that another academic year is set to begin. I hope this newsletter finds you all well!

First off, I would like to take a moment to congratulate all of the newest members of the Band Alumni Society - the BGSU Class of 2014. On behalf of the Band Alumni Board as well as all other band alumni - congratulations on your accomplishment and welcome to the organization! Please take a moment to make sure your contact information is up-to-date with the Office of Alumni & Development as well as with the Band Office to ensure you receive The Mouthpiece as well as communication about other BGSU news & events. Of course, all alumni are encouraged to follow the Band Alumni Society on Facebook ([facebook.com/bgalbumniband](https://www.facebook.com/bgalbumniband)) and Twitter (@[@bgalbumniband](https://twitter.com/bgalbumniband))!



Homecoming is just around the corner - only about a month or so away! - and I hope you will make the trip back to BG to join us on **October 4** as our beloved Falcons take on the Buffalo Bulls. Alumni Band Registration information, as well as information regarding this year's alumni band schedule, can be found throughout this newsletter. **And don't forget - you can register ONLINE at www.bgsualumni.com/band!** As a reminder, all alumni will need to have the new alumni band jacket for this year.

In addition to all the other Homecoming activities and events, this year is the 100th anniversary of the College of Musical Arts. To celebrate, we're adding a second day to our Homecoming reunion for an Alumni Concert Band Reunion! The Alumni Concert Band will rehearse and perform on Sunday, October 5 with the BGSU Wind Symphony. Additional information and the registration form can be found later in the newsletter.

As some of you may already know, this will be Dr. Carol Hayward's last season as Director of the Falcon Marching Band as she is retiring next spring. In her 12 years at BGSU, Dr. Hayward has made quite the impact on BGSU Bands - especially the Falcon Marching Band. The symphonic sound of the Falcon Marching Band has only gotten stronger during her time at the helm. I was in my second season when Dr. Hayward arrived on campus and I think you'll agree that she has succeeded wonderfully in maintaining the tradition of excellence associated with the FMB.

I would once again like to thank all of the members of the Band Alumni Society Board for their work and support. The members of the board come from various professional backgrounds, live all over the state (sometimes beyond!), and volunteer their time and energy to ensure our experience lives on for future alumni. At this time, we will be looking for (at least) one individual to join the Band Alumni Board. If you are interested in serving the organization as a member of the board for a three-year term, please contact me as soon as possible at presramsey@gmail.com.

Finally, this will be my last newsletter as president. My term will conclude at Homecoming, and Adam Landry will take the reins for the next two years. I would like to wish Adam all the best in this role and thank him for his willingness to always help out, including countless trips between the Athletic Department and Screen Printed Products to help with the new jacket project. Also, thank you to Dr. Moss and Dr. Hayward for always being open to new ideas and being great supporters of the Band Alumni Society. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to continue working with you both in this setting.

I hope to see many of you on October 4! Roll Along!

Preston Ramsey '08
presramsey@gmail.com

DR. CAROL HAYWARD

Dear BGSU Band Alumni,

I have the bittersweet duty to announce that Dr. Carol Hayward, the transformational leader of the Falcon Marching Band since 2003, has decided to retire at the end of this academic year. Dr. Hayward has been instrumental in the success of the FMB over the past 11 years. She has overseen a significant increase in membership and visibility for the band across campus, and the band continues to be one of the most exciting college marching bands in the entire country.

In honor of Carol's dedication to BGSU, please plan to join the faculty, current students and your fellow alumni for a very special reception following the Homecoming football game against Buffalo (game time TBA) on Saturday, October 4, in the Kobacker Lobby of Moore Musical Arts Center. This will be an opportunity to extend your best wishes to Carol and to visit with the FMB family.

RSVP's for this event are not necessary.

On behalf of the entire Faculty of the College of Musical Arts, thank you for your continued support of our programs and I look forward to seeing you at Homecoming.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Showell, Dean, College of Musical Arts
419-372-0382 | jashowe@bgsu.edu

How can I support BGSU Bands?

There are two funds dedicated to supporting BGSU Bands:

University Bands Development Fund
and
alumni support for the
Helen Kelly Service Above Self Award

To contribute to either of these funds, please make your check payable to **BGSU Foundation, Inc.** Be sure to write the name of the fund to which you'd like to designate your gift in the memo section of your check and send it to:

BGSU Foundation, Inc.
Mileti Alumni Center
136 N. Mercer Rd.
Bowling Green, OH 43403-0053

Contact BGSU's Office of Alumni & Development at [\(888\) 839-2586](tel:(888)839-2586) or alumni@bgsu.edu for more information about these gifting options.

Make a gift today at www.givetobgsu.com.

*The Band Alumni Society logo is
Embroidered on the left chest*



ALUMNI BAND UNIFORM

As you know, last year the Band Alumni Society Board updated the “uniform” for our annual Homecoming reunion. Even with this change taking place, the general reminder remains the same - the “uniform” for all alumni marchers (*with the exception of alumni twirlers*) is the orange alumni band jacket.

Everyone participating is **required** to wear the new jacket for Homecoming 2014. The deadline for new jacket orders for Homecoming 2014 is **Tuesday, September 16 at noon.**

We appreciate your patience as we complete the transition to our new “uniform.” If you have any questions regarding the new alumni band jacket, please contact **Preston Ramsey** at presramsey@gmail.com.

FROM THE BAND OFFICE

Dear Alums:

Preparations are well under way for the fall season, and I want to personally extend an invitation to you and your family to attend the homecoming activities—and there are *many*! This year marks the 100th anniversary of BGSU’s College of Music. This homecoming will be Dr. Carol Hayward’s last as Director of the Falcon Marching Band, as she is retiring next spring. You don’t have to go far to discover (if by some chance you didn’t already know!) the impact that Dr. Hayward has had on bands, the Falcon Marching Band and music education at BGSU. The sounds, the discipline, the excitement, the movement, the design, the impact of the FMB – all part of Carol’s vision when she began at BGSU 12 years ago. I think you’ll agree that she has succeeded beautifully on all counts and more. The performances of the FMB are absolutely outstanding, and you are guaranteed yet another on Homecoming this October 4. To remember Dr. Hayward’s first season with the FMB in 2003, the band will reprise the epic “Frontiers.” This monumental work was the first of what would be several original compositions for the Falcon Marching Band by Ryan Nowlin. This music has become a part of the fabric of the band’s tradition, and all who remember it or have heard about it will want to take the opportunity to experience it live once again!

We are due for an *Alumni Concert Band reunion*, and with this being the 100th anniversary of the CMA, and a very special homecoming for Dr. Hayward, we are combining all events on Homecoming week-end. Plan to join us on both Saturday October 4 and Sunday, October 5 for the festivities. The Homecoming game will be Saturday (time to be determined due to potential television coverage – more on that in this newsletter).

The *Alumni Concert Band* will rehearse and perform on Sunday, October 5 with the BGSU Wind Symphony. Rehearsal will begin at 12:00 noon, with a break (snacks provided) prior to performing with

the BGSU Wind Symphony at 3:00 pm on this day. It is important that you return the enclosed intent to perform information so that specific details and music can be sent to you via U.S. mail prior to the event. We hope to get many alumni back for this “sit-down band” performance, and you are welcome if you ever played in the University Band, the Concert Band, the Wind Symphony/Symphonic Band or the Falcon Marching Band. Make this 100th anniversary of the CMA and Dr. Hayward’s final homecoming the time that *YOU* make it back to zip code 43403! We are counting on you!

We are looking forward to seeing you for two days in September! Please call or write if questions: (419) 372-2186 or bgsubands@bgsu.edu.

See you soon,

Dr. Bruce Moss
Director of Bands

(419) 372-2186 | bgsubands@bgsu.edu

WANT TO PARTICIPATE BUT UNABLE TO MARCH?

If you want to join fellow Alumni Band members at Homecoming but don’t quite feel up to marching pre-game, you can still join us on **Oct. 4**.

The Band Alumni Society Board has created a new option for those who would like to still participate in the day’s activities but who are unable to march. ***Your schedule will be the same except for actually marching on the field: bring your instrument, register, attend the morning rehearsal, wear your orange jacket, and play in the stands during the game.*** If this sounds like an option for you, please use the “playing, non-marching player” option on the Registration Form (on page 7).

CALLING ALL COLORGUARD

Calling all BGCG Alumni!

Greetings Alumni of the BGCG! My name is Megan Stangelo ‘06 and I am the color guard instructor for the Falcon Marching Band. I am beginning my seventh season with the Falcon Guard, and I couldn’t be more thrilled. Coming off a great 2013 football season, the leadership and myself cannot wait to see what 2014 brings. With Homecoming just around the corner, I hope you are considering joining us for Alumni Band. The BGSU Colorguard Alumni also has a Facebook page, if you are not already a member, please join us!

I would love to see your smiling faces on October 4! Roll Along!

Megan Stangelo ‘06

ATTENTION TWIRLERS

Attention Twirlers:

We are hoping to make this year's Homecoming one of the most special ever. For those of you who marched under the direction of Dr. Carol Hayward, this is her last year with the Falcon Marching Band and we want to have as many twirlers on the field as possible to send her off with fond memories of charting the wonderful FMB twirlers! Even if Dr. H was not your band director, we hope you will come join in the fun and fill the whole front of the band with twirlers galore!

Please try to look up your fellow twirlers from your era and see if you can get them out. For those who may not be able participate on the field, we have been having those twirlers come out on the field when we gather for the Alma Mater. I hope you will consider meeting your friends and seeing former twirlers that you may have lost track of over the years. Please contact Sandy Stoots, band secretary, with your name, address, email, and a phone number if you are interested sshoots@bgsu.edu. I will send out a reminder to all who are interested, as sometimes by the time our info gets input over at the big alumni center, some do not get the mailing. Even if you cannot attend this year, we would like to get your contact information for future mailing!

We will wear either black shorts or black dance pants, and a t-shirt from your era—if you don't have one let us know, we have extra ones. We will be doing the standard fanfare, fight song, and Ay Zig ("Happy Days" for those the era before that. Once we are across field, we will do a short group routine with the present twirlers and then split off into solos, duets, etc. (or come to the front and ask for oxygen as I do). Next we do Star Spangled Banner and Alma Mater, which we would like all twirlers to come out on the field with us if you are pregnant, injured, or fear of being injured...

Twirlers will meet in the "drive-up" area of the music building at 6:30 a.m. Be sure to check in at the registration table before that, we will practice before we go to the field. It is helpful to know who is coming with field charting on that day. If you have questions, please call me at 419.957.1179 or email at kathysw9@gmail.com.

We hope to see the biggest group ever for the BGSU twirlers! Hope to see you then!

Kathy Siebenaler Wilson '74

BGSU HOMECOMING/ALUMNI CONCERT BAND REUNION

100th Anniversary of CMA

If you were ever in a "sit down" band at BGSU, please join us for an Alumni Concert Band Reunion and Concert. See the registration form at the end of this newsletter for additional information.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2014

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| 11:45 a.m. | Registration. Please enter through Kobacker lobby. |
| 12:15-1:45 | Rehearsal
(Break will follow – snacks in Green Room) |
| 3:00 | Performance with BGSU Wind Symphony
(Dark suit or dress, please) |

ALUMNI ATHLETIC BAND

Now that Falcon football has started, that means that **hockey** and **basketball** are right around the corner!

Once those sports' schedules are finalized, we will once again be putting together Alumni Athletic Bands for a couple of games.

Look for a separate email in the coming weeks for more information.

Jeff Rader '87 & '98
jrader64@gmail.com



Marching Band Registration Form - Homecoming 2014

Register/Pay Online with a Credit Card at www.bgsualumni.com/band
 Tuesday, Sept. 16 at Noon -- Registrations **INCLUDING** a new jacket must be placed and payment **IN HAND** in BG (not just mailed)
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Name: _____ Maiden: _____ Graduation Year: _____
 Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Instrument: _____ Part: I II III Bass Treble Clef **note - bring your own instrument*

Alumni Band Registration

Registration Fee Number of marchers _____ @ \$12.00 each \$ _____
 Registration Fee Number of playing, non-marchers (see related article) _____ @ \$12.00 each \$ _____
(Includes game admission) Same day registration is \$15.00 and game tickets will not be available.

Non-Marching/Playing Alumni and Family

Game Tickets (reserved admission) _____ @ \$10.00 each \$ _____
(A wristband is included allowing entry into the Alumni Band section of the stadium)
*** Additional at-cost tickets purchased are intended for persons accompanying registered marchers. Persons desiring game tickets only should contact the BGSU Ticket Office at 1-877-BGSU-TICKET. Forms requesting tickets only will not be accepted.*

NEW Alumni Band Orange Jacket (required for marchers and participating, non-marchers)

adidas CLIMALITE® team full-zip orange jacket, 100% woven polyester
 ___ Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large ___ 2X ___ 3X
 ___ Total # of Jackets @ \$50.00 each \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

REGISTRATION/PAYMENT questions can be directed to Amy Smith at (419) 372-7761 or email amys@bgsu.edu.
 BAND questions can be directed to Sandy Stoots at (419) 372-2186 or email bgsubands@bgsu.edu.
 No refunds.

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Payment Information | Total amount enclosed \$ _____

___ I have enclosed a check made payable to the **BGSU Foundation, Inc.**
 ___ Please charge my: ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ American Express ___ Discover

Name of registrant _____ Name on card if different _____

Account number _____ Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____

Signature (required) _____ Date _____

Please complete & print the registration form. Mail completed form and payment to:
Alumni Band | Miletic Alumni Center | BGSU | Bowling Green, OH 43403

Alumni Concert Band Homecoming Reunion

100th Anniversary of CMA

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 (Break will follow – snacks in Green Room)

3:00 Performance with BGSU Wind Symphony
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Please return by September 20 by one of the following means:

- Scan and email to: bgsubands@bgsu.edu
- Fax to 419/372-2210
- US Mail to: BGSU Bands, 1010 MMAC, BGSU, Bowling Green, OH 43403

There is no charge to participate in the Alumni Concert Band Homecoming Reunion.

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Name of Performer _____ Instrument _____

Preferred Part/Clef _____

Number of years playing in the BG Bands, and which groups: _____

Music will be sent on September 22:

How would you like to receive your music?: Postal Mail Email

Street _____ City, State, Zip Code _____

Email address _____ Phone _____

If you have any questions about the Alumni Concert Band Homecoming Reunion, please contact Sandy Stoots at **(419) 372-2168** or **bgsubands@bgsu.edu**.