



Marching Illini

College of Fine and Applied Arts
Harding Band Building
1103 South Sixth Street
Champaign, IL 61820

February 23, 2023

Dear Faculty or Instructor of Record,

This letter is to confirm that the individuals listed below are active members of the Fighting Illini Athletic Bands, an academic class in the School of Music and the College of Fine & Applied Arts. The individuals listed provide support for the Men's basketball teams at all home games, B1G Tournaments, and any post season tournaments.

The following students will be serving as ambassadors for the University of Illinois at the Men's Big Ten Tournament starting March 8-12, 2023. This event will be hosted in Chicago, IL at the United Center. Members will be departing as early as Wednesday March 8, but the exact time has not been set due to future games not yet played. The students will stay an additional day with each win by the team. If the team loses, the band will travel back to Champaign, usually the day of that game.

Please use this letter and information when considering excusing absences from class, rescheduling exams, or other class-related items. Please refer to [Article 1, Part 5f](#) for expectations regarding official University events. The members of the Fighting Illini Athletic Bands understand it is ultimately your discretion whether any accommodations will be made. This letter is provided to simply inform you of the legitimacy of this official University sponsored event. Do not hesitate to contact me with further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Barry L. Houser'.

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First Name	Last Name	Instrument
Ryan	Berry	Trumpet
Allison	Biernacki	Alto Saxophone
Sam	Burch	Trumpet
Matthew	Currey	Mellophone
Kathryn	Currey	Trombone
Ela	Eames	Trumpet
Richard	Engel	Drum Set
Sam	Guagliardo	Baritone
Jackie	Jelderks	Trumpet
Charlie	Knetl	Sousaphone
Ben	Kossack	Trombone
Andrew	Koster	Trombone
Tyler	Lange	Sousaphone
Kendall	McFarlin	Trumpet
Conor	McPheron	Clarinet
David	Messerschmidt	Trumpet
Phillip	Murphy	Sousaphone
Ellie	Pierzina	Piccolo Flute
Brayden	Reisberg	Tenor Saxophone



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Juliana	Saghi	Trumpet
Jason	Scheer	Baritone
Lauren	Schissler	Trumpet
Evan	Schmitz	Trombone
Daniel	Small	Trombone
Colin	Stanhope	Trumpet
Nathan	Stearns	Mellophone
Rylan	Turner	Mellophone
Mark	VandeWiele	Alto Saxophone
Chris	Wurl	Bass Trombone