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THE RED LOBSTER



BAND OF THE YEAR

ZERO QUARTER BEGINS AT 6:00 PM

DIVISION I BANDS

NORTH CAROLINA A&T
BLUE & GOLD
MARCHING MACHINE

VS

FLORIDA A&M
MARCHING 100

DIVISION II BANDS

VIRGINIA STATE
TROJAN
EXPLOSION

VS

MILES COLLEGE
PURPLE MARCHING
MACHINE

METRO ATLANTA HIGH SCHOOLS

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JOHN T. GRANT, JR.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the second annual Red Lobster Band of The Year national championship! This year's matchup features the top two bands from Division II: Virginia State University's Trojan Explosion competing against Miles College Purple Marching machine. In Division I, we have Florida A&M's Marching 100 facing off with the reigning national champion, North Carolina A&T State University's Blue and Gold Marching Machine. These dedicated directors and their talented student musicians have worked all season and earned the opportunity to showcase their skills on this national stage vying for the coveted championship trophy.

ESPN Events is delighted to present this championship event, airing live and simulcast on ESPN+ and ESPN3. Each of these premier band programs secured their spot in Atlanta through exceptional halftime performances, meticulously judged by experts in the field of marching bands. The committees for this event were once again co-chaired by Dr. Julian White, director of bands emeritus of Florida A&M, and Professor Dowell Taylor, director of bands emeritus of Jackson State.

This year we welcome our event's new title sponsor Red Lobster. We thank their CEO, Damola Adamolekun for his vision and leadership and commitment to HBCU marching bands and their influence as storyteller, cultural icons, and creators of unforgettable experiences.

We also want to extend our sincere gratitude to our event sponsors: Cricket Wireless, CareSource, Home Depot, and Amazon for their support and commitment to this event.

Lastly, a huge thank you to you, the fans, who are the backbone of the marching band experience.

March On!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John T. Grant".

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BAND OF THE YEAR SELECTION COMMITTEE



Dowell Taylor	Jackson State University	Chair
Dr. Julian E. White	Florida A&M University	Chair
Dr. Reginald McDonald	Tennessee State University	Current
Melvin Miles	Morgan State University	Current
Dr. Greg Drane	Penn State University	Current
Richard Lee	Texas Southern University	Current
Gabriel Arnold	Savannah State University	Current
Brian Snell	Florida Memorial University	Current
James Oliver	Alabama State University	Current
Torre Goodson	Clark Atlanta University	Current
Danielle Stamper	Texas Southern University	Current
Eddie Morris	South Carolina State University	Current



The Division I trophy is named after the long time Florida A&M Director of Bands Dr. William P. Foster.

The Division II trophy is named after Nathaniel Clark Smith. Smith was a famous composer solicited by President Teddy Roosevelt to lead the band at Tuskegee Institute in 1905.

For the presentation of the trophies, representing his late father is Anthony Foster



NORTH CAROLINA A&T UNIVERSITY

***SCHOOL***

North Carolina Agricultural
and Technical University

LOCATION | Greensboro, NC

FOUNDED | 1891

ENROLLMENT | 13,883

NICKNAME | Aggies

COLORS | Blue and Gold

WEBSITE

www.ncat.edu

SCHOOL CHANCELLOR

James R. Martin, II



THE BLUE & GOLD MARCHING MACHINE NC A&T STATE UNIVERSITY

As one of the premier bands in the nation, the Blue and Gold Marching Machine is synonymous with high stepping performances, precise drills, powerful, yet melodic sounds, and energy! As the premier band of North Carolina and ranking high among the top HBCU Marching Bands, the Blue & Gold Marching Machine of NC A&T State University is a force to be reckoned with!

Under the leadership of visionary, Dr. Kenneth Ruff, "The Blue and Gold Machine" brings crowds of fans to their feet year after year. The hard work of band members has led to numerous recognitions such as winners of the Honda Battle of The Bands, official band of the Carolina Panthers NFL franchise, the lead band for the 2012 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City, participants in the 2024 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California, and winners of the 2023 ESPN Band of the Year.

The band performs at a variety of school and community functions and consists of approximately 250 members from very diverse majors and concentrations. The band is an auditioned group. The audition is open to all students of the university who wish to participate. The Marching Machine performs different genres of music and incorporates all styles of marching and maneuvering. The unit is a source of pride for the university and the community.

Honors & Awards

- Participate in the 2024 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena California
- 2023 ESPN Division I Band of the Year
- Participated in 2023 Bands of America as guest performance
- Selected as a Conn-Selmer Partner School
- Voted as the No. 1 Band in the nation by HBCUsports.com
- Recognized in Urban Sports News as one of 2004 HBCU 10 Best Bands 2004
- Recognized by Sports Illustrated as a Top 10 Band in the Nation 1993





DR. KENNETH RUFF

***DIRECTOR OF BANDS
NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY***

Kenneth Ruff is the Director of University Bands at North Carolina A&T State University. His Band duties include directing the Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and Pep Band. Additional duties within the Music Program at A&T include directing the University Flute Choir, Saxophone Choir, Clarinet Choir, and teaching Applied Flute, Clarinet, and Saxophone lessons. Ruff is responsible for the organization and planning of the band program.

Ruff holds a bachelor's degree in Music Education and Masters Degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from North Carolina A&T State University. He also holds a master's degree in Music Education, a Specialist degree in Education, and a doctorate in Education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Prior to becoming the Director of University Bands at North Carolina A&T State University, Ruff served as an Assistant Principal at Eastern Guilford High School in the Guilford County School System. He also served as an Assistant Director of Bands for North Carolina A&T State University on a part-time basis. Ruff served as Director of Bands at Eastern Guilford High School and McLeansville Middle School and an Associate Director of Bands at John Motley Morehead High School and Holmes Middle School in Eden, North Carolina.

Professional affiliations include the North Carolina Association of School Administrators, Guilford County Association of Educators, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, North Carolina Association of Educators, Historically Black Colleges and Universities National Band Directors Consortium, Music Educators National Conference, Central District Bandmasters Association, and the Rockingham County Bandmasters Association.

Ruff has served as an adjudicator for high school marching band competitions on the east coast. He has served as a clinician and director for the Rockingham County, Cumberland County, Lee County, and Guilford County All-County Bands and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro Summer Music Camp. Ruff has also been selected to Who's Who Among America's Teachers and received an Outstanding Achievement Award from the School of Education at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and The William C. Friday Lifetime Achievement Award for the University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments.

Ruff is a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Professional Fraternity of Music, Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Fraternity.

BAND STAFF

Dr. Kenneth G. Ruff, Director of Bands

Thomas G. Warner, Jr., Assistant Director of Bands/Music Lecturer

Aaron J. Campbell, Assistant Director of Bands/Chief Arranger

Christopher J. Hayes, Assistant Director of Bands-Low Brass





FLORIDA A&M **UNIVERSITY**

**SCHOOL**

Florida A&M University

LOCATION

Tallahassee, FL

FOUNDED | 1887

ENROLLMENT | 10,028

NICKNAME | Rattlers

COLORS | Orange and Green

WEBSITE

www.famu.edu

SCHOOL PRESIDENT

Timothy L. Beard, Ph.D.



THE MARCHING 100 FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY

Known for their energetic performances, and melodious sound, The ROAR is the newest HBCU (Historically Black College and University) marching band in the United States located in the epicenter of musical excellence, Miami Gardens, Florida. Unveiled in 2020 amidst the challenges of a global pandemic, The ROAR quickly emerged as a beacon of hope, captivating both the local community and the nation at large.

Under the visionary leadership of the esteemed Dr. Richard Beckford, a legendary educator and arranger boasting over three decades of experience, The ROAR has transcended traditional expectations. Dr. Beckford, a luminary in building stellar band programs and cultivating successful leaders, answered the call to join the FMU Family, aligning with University President Dr. Jaffus Hardrick's ambitious vision of ascending to excellence.

In its inaugural year, The ROAR Marching Band achieved unparalleled success, securing ESPN's coveted #1 Rank for Division II HBCU marching bands nationwide. This remarkable feat underscored the band's commitment to excellence and set the stage for a series of triumphs. The international stage beckoned, and The ROAR proudly represented the United States as the first college band to grace France's iconic B'andafolies week-long festival, garnering acclaim as an international fan favorite.

Beyond the music, The ROAR has etched its name in history with prestigious performances for luminaries such as President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, as well as captivating audiences at major sports events for the Miami Heat, Florida Marlins, and Florida Panthers. Their artistry extends beyond live performances, with notable appearances in music videos and a cinematic debut in the 2023 release "Bobby's Kids."

Beyond the stage, The ROAR's meteoric rise is mirrored in their online presence, amassing millions of impressions through social media channels, YouTube, and their website. As one of the most watched bands of the decade, The ROAR's captivating performances transcend the traditional, ushering in a new era of musical excellence and solidifying their status as cultural trailblazers.





DR. SHELBY CHIPMAN

**DIRECTOR OF BANDS
FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY**

Shelby Chipman, Ph.D. is professor of music and director of bands at Florida A&M University (FAMU.) He received his Bachelor of Science degrees in Computer Science and Music Education from FAMU, completed his master's degree in music education from the University of Illinois, and received his Ph.D. in Music Education from Florida State University, where his dissertation study focused on At-Risk Music Students and how middle & high school band programs encouraged students to stay in school. Dr. Chipman's responsibilities include marching & pep bands, wind symphony, symphonic band, conducting, instrumental methods, and string ensemble. Since his appointment as Director of Bands in 2016, the FAMU Wind Symphony has been invited to perform at numerous festivals and conventions, to include the FMEA Professional Development Conference in Tampa, FL, Carnegie Hall in New York City, and the 2023 CB DNA National Conference in Athens, GA. The Incomparable Marching 100 also performed in the LeBron James Chosen One's basketball tournament in Los Angeles, CA. The FAMU Incomparable Marching 100 performed for the 2021 "We Are One" Presidential Inauguration" performance, and the 2019 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, CA and numerous other events.

Dr. Chipman has become an advocate of new music and the FAMU band program has participated in commissioning projects and premieres. He is active as an adjudicator, clinician, and guest conductor through the United States. In 2019, Dr. Chipman was elected to membership in the prestigious American Bandmasters Association. He is a member of the College Band Directors National Association, Florida Bandmasters Association, (former district chair), National Band Association, National Association for Music Education, Florida Music Education Association, Phi Beta Mu, Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity, and Phi Mu Alpha/Sigma Alpha Iota Music organizations, to name a few. Dr. Chipman was appointed a member of the Midwest Clinic advisory board. Dr. Chipman is a faculty member of Music for All National Music Festivals. He is a Conn-Selmer Educational Clinician, and the Immediate Past-President of Florida Music Education Association (FMEA). Dr. Chipman is also a member of the John Phillip Sousa Foundation's Sudler Trophy committee, which selects the most outstanding collegiate marching band in the country. He's an active adjudicator of concert bands and presents clinics throughout the country. Dr. Chipman also conducts the Big Bend Community Orchestra here in Tallahassee.

Prior to his appointment at FAMU, Dr. Chipman was director of bands at Miami Central high school, where he was selected the 1994 teacher of the year, and his bands consistently earned Superior ratings during evaluations. His symphonic band performed in the Bands of America National Concert Festival in Indianapolis, IN and his marching band performed in the 1997 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. Dr. Chipman is married to Detrick LaShawn and together they have one son, Israel. "As educators, it is our responsibility to encourage students to maintain their focus in school. We must be diligent in bringing out the best in students, each day we open our classroom doors."

BAND STAFF

Dr. Shelby Chipman, Director of Bands

Mr. Lindsey B. Sarjeant, Arranger

Dr. Shaylor James, Assistant Director of Bands and Director of Percussion

Dr. Longineu Parsons, Director of Trumpets

Dr. Sylvester Young, Assistant Director of Bands

Dr. Nicholas Thomas, Assistant Director of Bands and Director of Woodwinds

Mr. Robert Griffin, Director of Trombones

Mr. Darryl Baker, Assistant Director of Bands

Mr. Ralph JeanPaul, Assistant Director of Bands and Director of Lower Brass

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***SCHOOL***

Virginia State University

LOCATION

Petersburg, VA

FOUNDED | 1882

ENROLLMENT | 4648

NICKNAME | Trojans

COLORS | Orange and Blue

WEBSITE

www.vsu.edu

SCHOOL PRESIDENT

Makola M. Abdullah



THE TROJAN EXPLOSION MARCHING BAND VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

The Virginia State University Trojan Explosion Marching Band is comprised of talented instrumentalists, Essence of Troy Dancers, Satin Divas Flags, Troy Elegance Twirlers, and the Commanders of Troy Drum Majors. The marching band is the largest student organization at Virginia State University. Known as "The Best Band in the CIAA," the Trojan Explosion has performed on highly acclaimed stages up and down the East Coast.

Some of the band's most notable performances are ten performances at the Honda Battle of the Bands, BET's College Hill, NBC's Today Show, the first drumline to perform at the White House, and the White House Black History Program. Our former band members have become successful in various fields, including music, education, medicine, entertainment, real estate, law, law enforcement, the military, and business.

Notable Performances

Performance at White House Black History Program
Ten Consecutive Honda Battle of the Bands Performances
1st Drumline to Perform at the White House
Countless Battle of the Bands
Virginia Gubernatorial Parades
HBCU Bowl Classics
BET's College Hill
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DR. TAYLOR L. WHITEHEAD

**DIRECTOR OF BANDS
VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Dr. Taylor L. Whitehead, a native of Meherrin, Virginia, currently serves as the Director of Marching and Pep Bands at Virginia State University. Dr. Whitehead received his Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Virginia State University, a Master of Music Education from Norfolk State University, and a Doctor of Music Education from Liberty University. From 1997-2018, he served as the Band Director at Warren County High School in Warrenton, North Carolina. Under his leadership, the Warren County High School "Dynamic Marching Machine" became one of the most successful show-style marching bands in North Carolina and throughout the nation. Between 2006 and 2017, the Warren County Band won nine National High Stepping Drumline Championships, seven Class A National High Stepping Band Championships, two National Danceline Championships, two National Auxiliary Championships, five Class A State High Stepping Band Championships, as well as over one hundred 1st Place Drumline Trophies.

In 2013, Dr. Whitehead returned to his alma mater to serve part-time as the Assistant Band Director at Virginia State University. In 2018, he became the full-time Assistant Band Director at VSU. He was named Interim Director of Bands in 2022. In addition to working with the band program, he is a Department of Music faculty member. Dr. Whitehead is very active in several collegiate organizations, including the HBCU Band Directors' Consortium, where he is an Executive Board Member, and the Intercollegiate Music Association. He also serves on the Board of Directors for The Cadets Drum and Bugle Corps. He has served as President of the North Carolina Show-style Band Director's Association and advisor to the National Board for High Stepping Nationals and the Grand Board for Tuba Phi Tuba Brass Fellowship. He was named the 2011 Warren County High School Teacher of the Year and the Spectacular Magazine "Man of the Year" in Education for 2013. In 2023, the Petersburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated selected Dr. Whitehead as their Trailblazer of the Year for Educational Development. Dr. Whitehead is also an Amazon best-selling author as one of the co-authors of The HBCU Experience, The HBCU Band Alumni Edition.

Dr. Whitehead is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated, Kappa Kappa Psi National Band Fraternity, Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Service Sorority, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Tuba Phi Tuba Brass Fellowship, Mu Phi Sigma National Percussion Fraternity, Phi Delta Kappa International Association, and Omega Nu Lambda.

BAND STAFF

Dr. Taylor L. Whitehead, Director of Marching & Pep Bands

Matthew Raton, Operations Director

Parris Bowles, Instructional Assistant & Media Team

Salena Scott, Essence of Troy Dancers Coach

Sherika Williams, Essence of Troy Dancers Assistant Coach

Perry Evans, Satin Divas Flag Coach

Ruth Maclin, Troy Elegance Twirlers Coach

Deshon Rollins, Troy Elegance Assistant Coach & Choreographer

David Chambliss, Percussion Instructor

Elisha Powell, Percussion Instructor

Maurice Bowles, Drum Major Coordinator

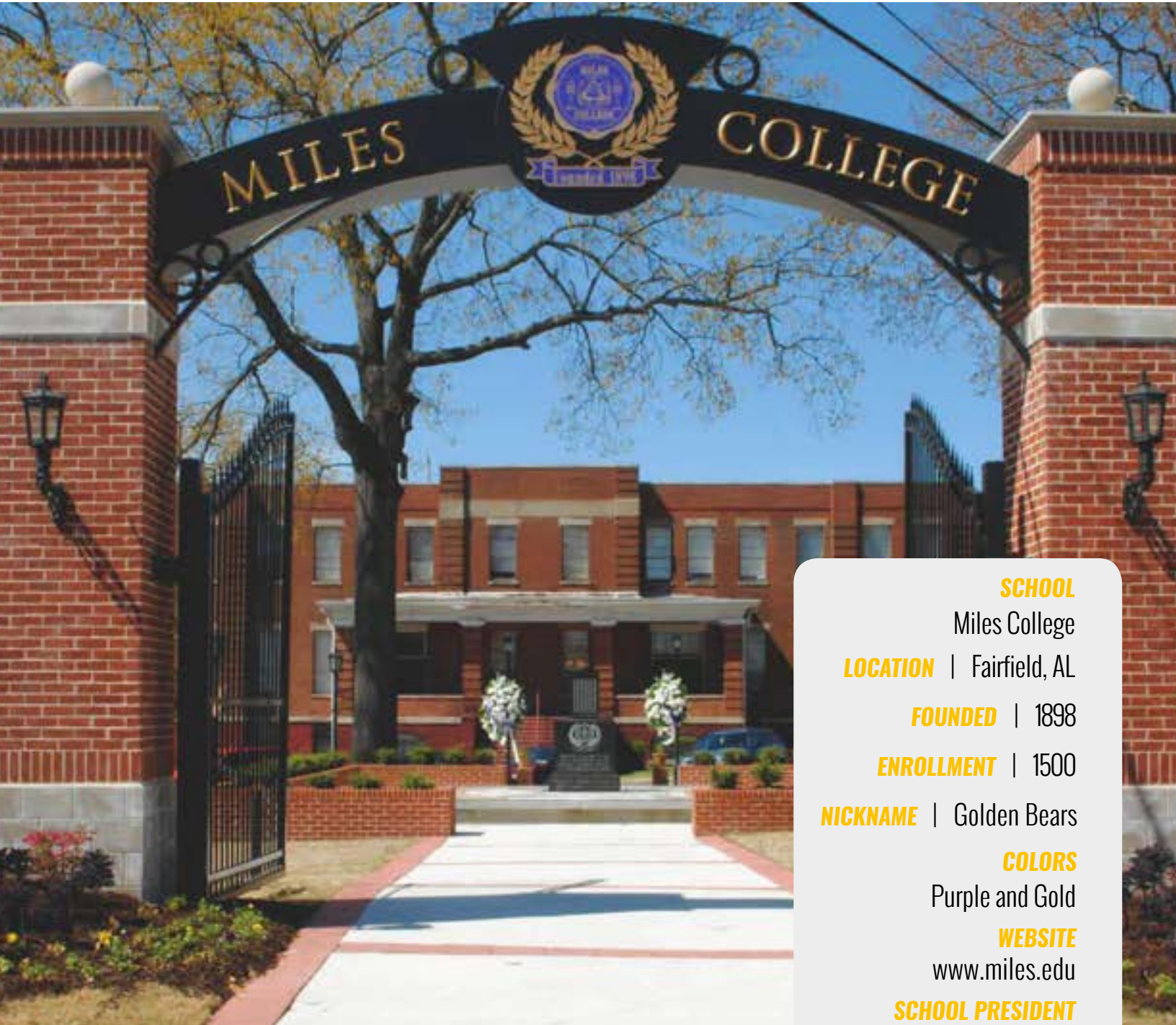
Darnell Spicely, Media Team

Jason Jones, Announcer





MILES ***COLLEGE***



SCHOOL

Miles College

LOCATION | Fairfield, AL

FOUNDED | 1898

ENROLLMENT | 1500

NICKNAME | Golden Bears

COLORS

Purple and Gold

WEBSITE

www.miles.edu

SCHOOL PRESIDENT

Bobbie Knight



THE PURPLE MARCHING MACHINE ***MILES COLLEGE***

Miles College's renowned band, the Purple Marching Machine (PMM), was established in 1996 under the leadership of the late Professor Arthur Means, Jr. Currently, the band consists of nearly 200 members and is directed by Professor Willie James Snipes, Jr. Over the years, the "Purple Marching Machine" has grown into one of the most prominent organization on campus. Performing for audiences exceeding 100,000 people annually, the band fosters school spirit, pride, and enthusiasm throughout the Miles College community.

Known for its energetic approach to football entertainment, the "Purple Marching Machine" delivers thrilling drills, dynamic dance routines, and high-quality musical performances that captivates the audience. As an exhibition band, the "Purple Marching Machine" has participated in numerous high profile events, including Marching Band Festivals, NFL games, NBA games, PGA events, Pepsi National Battle of the Bands, Honda Battle of the Bands, High School Evaluations, Queen City Battle of the Bands, and Percussion Performance in the 2019 Rose Bowl. Notably, the band had the honor of performing in the 2002 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

The "Purple Marching Machine" is dedicated to maintaining superior musical performance standards, continuously pursuing innovated and groundbreaking artistic expressions. It strives to set the benchmark for excellence among marching bands nationwide, establishing itself as a model of inspiration and achievement for others to follow.

Our motto is, "We strive not to be equal, but to excel HIGHER!"





WILLIE J. SNIPES, JR.

***DIRECTOR OF BANDS
MILES COLLEGE***

Professor Willie James Snipes, Jr. , is the Director of College Bands at Miles College. Prior to his current role, he served as the Assistant Director of Bands at Miles College for five years, building a distinguished career that paved the way for his leadership.

A native of Birmingham, Alabama, Professor Snipes attended Woodlawn High School, where he became the student director in 1999 and was named Most Outstanding Band Member in 2000. He later attended Miles College, where he became an active member of the Purple Marching Machine (PMM), participating in the marching band, pep band, concert band, and jazz band. In 2002, he served as student director, where his responsibilities included assisting with band camps, managing budgets, drill writing, arranging, and conducting music. Notably, Professor Snipes became the first music graduate in Miles College's history and later earned a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from National-Louis University.

In 2006, Professor Snipes moved to Tampa, Florida, where he served as Director of Bands at Van Buren Middle School and Assistant Band Director at Plant High School. Under his leadership, his bands achieved Superior ratings for five consecutive years at the Florida Bandmasters Association Assessment. In 2009, he was honored with the "Tom Bishop" Award for significant improvements in his band's performance. Returning to Birmingham in 2011, Professor Snipes revitalized the Jackson-Olin High School band program. That same year, the "Mean Green Marching Machine" won Grand Champion at the 14th Annual Southeast Region Battle of the Bands and earned Superior ratings at the BCS Magic City Marching Band Festival. On April 6, 2016, his birthday, Professor Snipes was appointed Director of College Bands at Miles College. Under his leadership, the Purple Marching Machine has earned national acclaim, participating in prestigious events such as the National Battle of the Bands, Honda Battle of the Bands, Rose Bowl Parade, and Queen City Battle of the Bands. The band was named 2018 ESPN Band of the Year and achieved further recognition for its excellence and showmanship.

Professor Snipes serves as Vice President of the SIAC Band Directors Board and is a proud member of numerous professional organizations, including the National Band Association (NBA), Alabama Bandmasters Association (ABA), Florida Bandmasters Association (FBA), National Association for Music Education (NAfME), Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Kappa Kappa Psi, and Tau Beta Sigma. Additionally, he is a 33rd Degree Prince Hall Affiliated Free and Accepted Mason.

Professor Snipes is the son of Willie Sr. and the late Emma Snipes. He is a devoted father to his daughter, Emma Snipes, and has a sister, Karen Brooks, along with three nieces. His contributions to music education and band performance continue to leave a lasting impact on the Miles College community and beyond.

BAND STAFF

Professor Willie J. Snipes, Jr., Director of College Bands

Professor Bryan D. Nalls, Assistant Director of College Bands

Ms. Tiffany Gardner, Assistant/Auxiliary Sponsor

Ms. Daphne Johnson, Flag Instructor

Ms. Gegiyah Southall, Dance Instructor

Mr. Korrence Roshell, Percussion Instructor

Mr. Jarvis Carlisle, Assistant Percussion Instructor

Mr. Brandon Harper, Sousaphone Instructor

Mr. Undra Porter, Assistant Director

Mr. Bennie Thompkins, Assistant Director

Mr. Mark Hatten, Assistant Director

Mr. Stephen Parker, Assistant Director

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AUGUST 24, 2024 - ABC
Florida AGM vs Norfolk State
Center Parc Stadium | Atlanta, Georgia
www.Meacswacchallenge.com



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SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 - ABC
USC vs. LSU
Allegiant Stadium | Las Vegas, Nevada
www.lvowl.com



RED TAILS CLASSIC

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 - ESPN
Fort Valley State University vs. Tuskegee University
Cramton Bowl | Montgomery, Alabama
www.redtailsclassic.com



BAND OF THE YEAR

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Mercedes-Benz Stadium | Atlanta, Georgia
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DECEMBER 14, 2024 - ESPN
American, CUSA, MAC, Mountain West, Sun Belt
Cramton Bowl | Montgomery, Alabama
www.salutetoveteransbowl.com



SCOOTER'S COFFEE FRISCO BOWL

DECEMBER 17, 2024 - ESPN
American, CUSA, MAC, Mountain West, Sun Belt
Toyota Stadium | Frisco, Texas
www.thefriscobowl.com



BOCA RATON BOWL

DECEMBER 18, 2024 - ESPN
American, CUSA, MAC, Mountain West, Sun Belt
FAU Stadium | Boca Raton, Florida
www.bocaratonbowl.com



STAFFORD CURE BOWL

DECEMBER 20, 2024 - ESPN
American, CUSA, MAC, Mountain West, Sun Belt
Camping World Stadium | Orlando, Florida
www.curebowl.com



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DECEMBER 20, 2024 - ESPN
SEC vs American, ACC, CUSA, MAC, Mountain West, Sun Belt
Raymond James Stadium | Tampa, Florida
www.gasparillabowl.com



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DECEMBER 23, 2024 - ESPN
American, CUSA, MAC, Mountain West, Sun Belt
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ACC vs American
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Mountain West vs AAC, CUSA, MAC, Sun Belt
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DECEMBER 31, 2024 - ESPN
Big 12 vs SEC
NRG Stadium | Houston, Texas
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JANUARY 4, 2025 - ESPN2
C-USA vs MAC
Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium | Nassau, Bahamas
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NOVEMBER 12, 2024 - ESPN
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Kansas vs. Michigan State, Kentucky vs. Duke



SHRINERS CHILDREN'S CHARLESTON CLASSIC

NOVEMBER 21, 22 & 24, 2024 - ESPN NETWORKS
TD Arena | Charleston, South Carolina
Drake, FAU, Miami, Nevada, Oklahoma State, Seton Hall, Vanderbilt, VCU



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NOVEMBER 21, 22 & 24, 2024 - ESPN NETWORKS
HTC Center | Conway, South Carolina
Bradley, Middle Tennessee, Ohio, Princeton, Portland, South Florida, Texas State, Wright State



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NOVEMBER 26, 2024 - ESPN NETWORKS
T-Mobile Arena | Las Vegas, Nevada
Duke vs. Kansas, Seattle vs. Furman



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Madison Square Garden | New York, New York
Miami vs. Tennessee, Michigan vs. Arkansas



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DECEMBER 15, 2024 - ABC
KFC Yum! Center | Louisville, Kentucky
NC State vs. Louisville



JUMPMAN INVITATIONAL

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Spectrum Center | Charlotte, North Carolina
Oklahoma vs. Michigan, North Carolina vs. Florida (Men's & Women's)



HAWAIIAN AIRLINES DIAMOND HEAD CLASSIC

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Charleston, Charlotte, Hawaii, Loyola Chicago, Murray State, Nebraska Oakland, Oregon State

2025 GYMNASTICS EVENT



SPROUTS FARMERS MARKET COLLEGIATE QUAD

JANUARY 10 & 11, 2025 - ESPN NETWORKS
Paycom Center | Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Arizona, Arkansas, California, Clemson, Kentucky, LSU, Michigan, NC State, Ohio State, Oklahoma, UCLA, Utah

2025 SOFTBALL EVENT



SHRINERS CHILDREN'S INVITATIONAL PRESENTED BY EVOSHIELD

FEBRUARY 13-16, 2025 - ESPN NETWORKS
Eddie C. Moore Complex | Clearwater, Florida
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