



Hello Fellow Band Alumni,

It's hard to believe another Homecoming has come and gone. This year's Homecoming theme was "Bearcats for Life," which I feel resonates so well with the spirit of our organization. Well over 200 members joined us for this year's Homecoming Weekend as the Cincinnati Bearcats capped off the day with a win over the Baylor Bears.

Whether it was at our Friday night reunion, the annual Homecoming Parade, on the field during the halftime performance, or all of the above, our pride and spirit for the (alumni) band showed and I'm thankful for all who joined us. Of particular note, we welcomed 27 new graduates from the 2024-25 season for alumni band and had 16 of our incredible Bearkittens join us this year.

There is so much to be proud of as a member of the alumni band. To date, over \$570,000 has been gifted in new instruments to the undergrad band and they are truly CHARGE-ing into their next century, and it wouldn't be possible without all of you. If you haven't yet, consider lending your support on #GivingTuesday on Dec. 2.

I'm so fortunate to be able to lead such an amazing group of people. I think we all look forward to creating and supporting the wonderful programs and initiatives that will continue to make us and the Bearcat Bands Bearcats for Life.

Go Bearcats!



Devin

Devin Kovar, A&S '16
President, UC Alumni Band



Homecoming Highlights

If you were able to join us for Homecoming Weekend, we hope you enjoyed reconnecting with friends old and new, and getting a chance to perform once again for the Bearcat faithful. If you weren't able to join us, we hope to see you next year.

A particular highlight from the weekend was presenting this year's Randall E. Smith Distinguished Band Alumni Award during the Friday Night Reunion. Established in 2023, this award recognizes an outstanding band alumnus who has shown significant contribution, dedication, and service to the University of Cincinnati Bearcat Bands program and/or the University of Cincinnati Band Alumni Association (UCBAA).

This year's recipient, LeAnne Anklan, Bus '05, '12, CCM '12, changed the way members experience alumni band for the better. From serving on the UCBAA Board for over 10 years in various roles, to implementing the now traditional Friday Night Reunion, our organization has been forever enhanced through her dedication.



Support Bearcat Bands on Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is one of two opportunities that the UCBAA uses to coordinate donations to the Bearcat Bands and increase our monetary impact for the CHARGE Into the Next Century Instrument Campaign. To date, over \$570,000 has been raised for instruments, from larger instrument sponsorships to small, individual donations. On behalf of the band program, THANK YOU to everyone who has donated to this historic campaign to put a quality instrument in the hands of every band member.

This year's Giving Tuesday is Dec. 2. Join us in supporting Bearcat Bands to ensure every member has quality instruments — your gift of \$20 or more qualifies you for this year's collectible ornament.

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Upcoming Events

Sounds of the Stadium — Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 8 p.m.

Support the Bearcat Bands as they do a full recap of the marching band season. You'll hear every tune from pregame to halftime of this past season, bringing back hits like Rascal Flatt's "Life is a Highway" and Rihanna's "Where Have You Been."

Winter Homecoming Basketball Game — TBA

Stay tuned for information about joining the Bearcat Bands to play at an upcoming Men's basketball game.

Keep Your Information Up to Date

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