

# THE MARCHING 100 MONITOR

*The monthly newsletter for the Marching 100 Alumni Band  
Association, Inc.*



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, Marching 100 Family! On behalf of the M100ABA, I would like to extend our sincere congratulations to all of our Spring 2023 graduates. The Association is exceptionally proud of the work they have done and join them in celebrating this milestone.

The Incomparable Marching 100 continues to set the standard academically. One hundred fifty-five band students earned a 3.0 GPA or higher and forty band students earned a 3.5 GPA or higher during the 2022-2023 academic year. These accomplishments are definitely true examples of Achievement in Academics.

Great things are happenings with the FAMU Bands! Let's continue to support our great band staff and students.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Evans, National President  
Marching 100 Alumni Band Association, Inc.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SPRING 2023 GRADUATES!

## Florida A&M University

Chandler Ash, Trombone - Bachelor of Science , Music Education  
Christian Ash, Euphonium - Bachelor of Science, Music Education  
Jalen Bertrand, Percussion - Bachelor of Science, Interdisciplinary Studies  
Brandon Bien-Aime, Percussion - Bachelor of Science, Computer Information Systems  
Javier Fernandez, Sousaphone - Bachelor of Science, Music  
Graham Harris, Percussion - Bachelor of Arts, Music  
Madisyn Hunter, Piccolo - Bachelor of Science, Architecture  
Issac King, Percussion - Bachelor of Science, Biology/Pre-Medicine  
Taurus Lovely, Percussion - Bachelor of Science, Interdisciplinary Studies  
Tovah Lovely, Percussion - Bachelor of Science, Interdisciplinary Studies  
Christopher Lucas, Flag Corp - Master of Science, Sports Management  
Gustave Major, Alto Saxophone - Bachelor of Science, Music Education  
Joseph Martin, Clarinet - Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice  
Jarvis Rittman, Trumpet/Drum Major - Bachelor of Science, Health Science  
Kyndall Sirmons, Alto Saxophone - Bachelor of Science, Biology/Pre-Medicine  
Tyriq Stewart, Percussion - Master of Public Health , Epidemiology & Biostatistics  
Akil Webster, Percussion - Bachelor of Science, Architecture  
Isabella Zamudio, Piccolo - Bachelor of Science, Biology/Pre-Medicine



# MARCHING 100 SUMMER BAND CAMP UPDATE

Registration is open for the best Summer Band Camp in the country!

The Marching "100" Summer Band Camp is a very comprehensive band camp. It offers middle and high school students the opportunity to improve their music proficiency and marching concepts, play in small chamber groups and jazz ensembles, and perform in a concert band. Deadline for band camp registration is June 16, 2023 or until all slots are filled. For more information about the 2023 Marching 100 Summer Band Camp, please visit [www.cvent.me/oB9BED](https://cvent.me/oB9BED)

## 2023 UPCOMING EVENTS

May 5th & 6th - FAMU Spring Commencement

May 10th - 10 on the 10th Fundraiser

May 18th - M100ABA Executive Board Meeting

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM THE M100ABA!

We would like to wish a special Happy Birthday to all of our Marching 100 Alumni who were born in the month of May. Warmest wishes to each of you on your special day.





**ORANGE BLOSSOM CLASSIC  
TICKET AND HOTEL  
INFORMATION UPDATES**

Tickets for the 2023 Orange Blossom Classic Game are still available. The seats are located in section 149 (next to the band). Please visit <https://www.marching100alumni.com/event-5228008> and purchase your tickets today!

The host hotel for the Orange Blossom Classic is the Hampton Inn Hallandale Beach Aventura. The address is:

1000 S Federal Hwy, Hallandale Beach, FL 33009  
Phone: (954) 874-1111

The room rate is \$179/night and includes a complimentary breakfast buffet, complimentary self-parking, and complimentary high-speed internet access.

Please reserve your hotel accommodations today!



**FAMILY  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

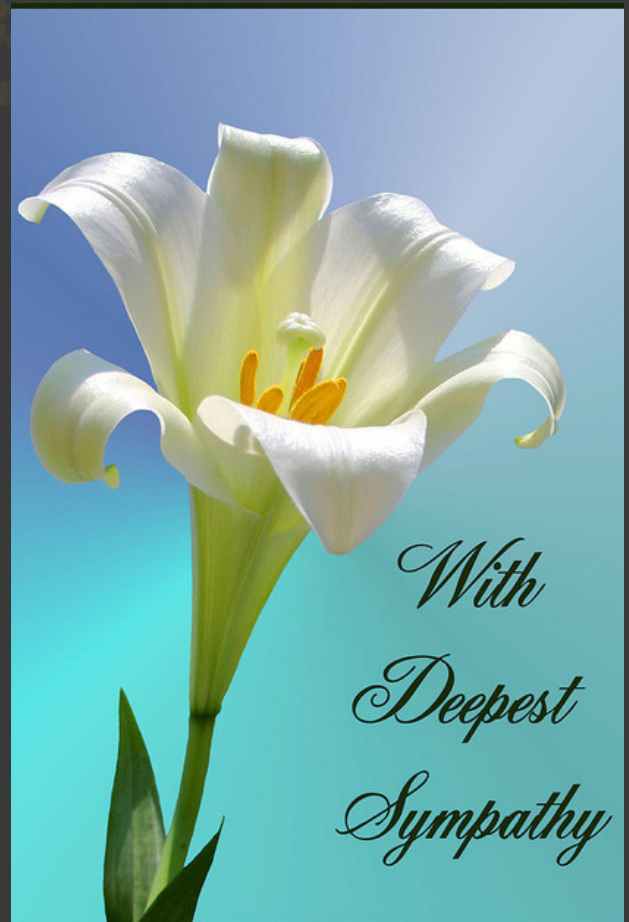
Our heartfelt condolences go out to the families of our fallen Marching 100 brother, Vernon McWhite, Fall 1972, Percussion

Please keep the following Marching 100 Alumni brothers and sisters who have recently lost a loved one in prayer:

Lori Wilson, who is mourning the loss of her mother, Mrs. Sheryl Harris-Wilson

Gladstone Edwards, who is mourning the loss of his father, Gladstone Edwards, Sr.

James Brightman, who is mourning the loss of his mother, Mamie Brightman.



# M100ABA FUNDRAISING NEWS



## 10 on the 10th Monthly Fundraiser

Ten on the 10th is a way for you to give without causing a lot of strain on your wallets. We are asking you to go to <https://www.marching100alumni.com/10-on-the-10th-Fundraiser> and subscribe to donate \$10 monthly to the Association. The funds will support the FAMU Bands and its students.

## Corporate Matching Dollars

Many of you work for employers who support 501(c)(3) organizations and offer corporate matching gift programs. These corporations are enthusiastic about contributing to their community. This support offers optimal and impactful benefits to organizations such as the Marching 100 Alumni Band Association, Inc.

In our effort to support the FAMU band programs, we are asking you to contact your respective Human Resources department to inquire if there is a matching gift program, and if so, request the funding requirements. This act is a viable way to donate at no additional cost to you.

# M100ABA MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Membership dues for the upcoming 2023-2024 fiscal year are as follows:

Early Bird Dues: \$75 (until June 30th)

Regular Dues: \$100 (beginning July 1st)

Subscribing Life Dues: \$325 (annually for four years)

Life Membership Dues: \$1,000 (one-time payment)

Your membership dues assist in providing scholarships, book vouchers, and in-kind gifts to the FAMU Bands. Please go to [www.marching100alumni.com/membership](http://www.marching100alumni.com/membership) and join/renew your membership today. The first 100 people to join/renew their membership will receive a free M100ABA computer/laptop bag!

For more information about M100ABA Membership, please contact our membership chair, Nina Reyes-Williams at (678) 572-7404.

**STEP BY STEP**  
How to Renew your M100ABA Membership

- 01 Sign into the webpage.
- 02 Click on your name on the top of the webpage.
- 03 On the page by membership level, click on "Change".
- 04 Pick the level you would like to change to and complete your transaction.

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