

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. Our 2024-2025 membership drive is off to a great start. Thanks to all who have joined/renewed their M100ABA membership. By becoming an active member, you will be making a lasting financial contribution to the Association as well as showing your support and dedication to the FAMU Bands.

There is still plenty of time to take advantage of the early bird membership dues special of \$75.00. The first 100 alumni to join or renew his/her membership will receive a free slingback bag, compliments of the Association. When you join or renew, please be sure to review your membership profile and update your contact information, if needed.

Thank you all for your continuous support of the Marching 100 Alumni Band Association and the FAMU Bands.

Sincerely,

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

M100ABA ALUMNI JAZZ CONCERT A BIG SUCCESS

The Marching 100 Alumni Band Association hosted an Alumni Jazz Concert on March 9th in Jacksonville, FL. It was an amazing night of music, featuring artists and fellow alumni Lin Rountree, Kimberly Holloway, Antoine Gibson, Antonie Swain, and Mike Ferguson & the Band. Below are pictures from this wonderful night!



M100ABA MEMBERSHIP KICKOFF 2024

The M100ABA membership drive has officially begun. The dues structure for the upcoming 2024-2025 fiscal year is 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)

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

2024 UPCOMING EVENTS

April 18th: M100ABA Monthly Executive Board Meeting

April 18th: FAMU Jazz Ensemble Concert (Lee Hall Auditorium)

April 25th: President's Concert (Lee Hall Auditorium)

April 29th: M100ABA Graduates' Reception

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM THE M100ABA!

We would like to wish a special Happy Birthday to all of our Marching 100 Alumni who are born in April. May you all be blessed with many, many more.



 **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 At the end of the Membership Level line, click on "Change".
- 04 Pick the level you would like to change to and complete your transaction.

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FAMILY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Our heartfelt condolences go out to the families of our fallen Marching 100 brothers,

Fletcher Mentor (Fall 1998, Percussion)

Tracy Bell (Fall 1984, Trombone)

Prayer of Comfort

Jesus, You said, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted"

I am mourning; send me Your comfort now.

Wrap Your arms around me and hold me tight.

Send angels of mercy to me.

Show me Your comfort on me through those around me,

and keep far from me those whose words and actions are no comfort.

Amen

Please keep Dr. Richard Beckford (Fall 1984, Sousaphone) in your thoughts and prayers as he is recovering from surgery.

Congratulations to alumni members, Sychiquita & Nigel Lascelles, on their recent nuptials.



Congratulations to alumni member, Petra Jackson, and her husband on their recent nuptials.



FAMU WIND BAND FESTIVAL

The 3rd Annual FAMU WindBand Festival was held on April 12th -13th on the campus of Florida A&M University. Each participating high school concert/symphonic band had the opportunity to present a 30 to 40 minute performance, a rehearsal clinic with an invited clinician, and much more.



M100ABA FUNDRAISING NEWS



10 on the 10 Monthly Fundraiser

10 on the 10th is a way for you to give back 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 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.

MARCHING 100 SUMMER BAND CAMP INFORMATION



Registration is now open for the best Summer Band Camp in the country! The 2024 FAMU Marching "100" Summer Band Camp is for students in grades 7th-12th, who play an instrument, dance, or perform auxiliary!

The Marching "100" Summer Band Camp is one of the most comprehensive band camps in the country. This band camp offers middle and high school students the opportunity to improve their music proficiency and marching concepts, play in small chamber groups and jazz ensembles, as well as perform in a concert band.

Come be a part of the most unique summer camp experience ever!

For more information about the 2024 summer band camp, please go to

www.cvent.me/g82OyO?locale=en

Please spread the word to all interested students and parents.

Band Camp Scholarship Applications are available for interested students. Students must apply through our application portal to be considered for a scholarship.

Please visit

<https://www.marching100alumni.com/bandcamp> for more information. The deadline date for all scholarship applications is Saturday, April 20th.