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Student Leadership Team

The Leadership positions in the FSU Marching Bobcats are of great importance. The growth and success of each section depend greatly on the playing, teaching, and leadership abilities of the Leadership Team.

Musically, the leadership must assist each member in the section to learn and memorize the show music, paying particular attention to tone quality, intonation, rhythm, style and phrasing.

In marching, the leadership must be able to demonstrate and teach various fundamentals as well as help with the teaching of pregame and halftime drill. Extra time is often needed from the Leadership Team to ensure the success of each section and the Marching Bobcats at large.

Specific Leadership duties include:

1. Attend every regular marching band function unless you are ill or have any emergency.
2. Attend all leadership meetings as announced.
3. Obtain warm-up and fundamental pedagogical exercises for your sections.
4. Obtain show music as soon as possible to learn and memorize the show to facilitate instruction.
5. Observe players at all times to guarantee the best possible performance.
6. Ensure that everyone is maintaining his or her own instrument in the best possible playing condition at all times.
7. Ensure that all members adhere to public health and safety guidelines outlined by the University.
8. Upload all show charts digitally as made available to learn the show and be prepared to assign position and teach.
9. Observe and clean rank movements from formation to formation.
10. Check individuals for proper marching fundamentals: head, feet, legs, arms, facings, flanks, etc.
11. Have each member of the section fully dressed in proper uniform attire for performances.
12. Work to improve the general community and morale of the band.

The Leadership Team is assembled in the spring of the previous year through an audition and interview process. The Team for each section will be assembled in hopes of finding the group best suited to achieve the above duties. A 6 to 1 ratio of leaders to marchers is approximate.

Drum Major

The Drum Major and Block Captain Leadership Team will lead the University of Frostburg State University Marching Bobcats. They are tasked to serve as liaisons between student members and the staff, morale boosters and cultural leaders, assistants to fellow leaders and staff, coordinators or leaders of various student lead events, and primary student representatives on behalf of the marching band. Both positions also serve as the primary student rehearsal coordinators under the directors throughout the season, working closely with staff and the peer leadership team to organize rehearsal efforts. They further extend this role to become the primary block band drill instructors and fundamental teachers during pre-season rehearsals.

Individually, the purpose of the Drum Major is to act as the Frostburg State University Marching Band's front person during parades, football games, and other events in the style of a Big 10 Drum Major. They serve alongside the Block Captain at the head of the student leadership team. Should the Block Captain be unable to perform their duties, the Drum Major should be prepared and ready to step in and fulfill their counterpart's role at any time.

Block Captain

In addition to the duties outlined in the first paragraph of "Drum Major", the purpose of the Block Captain is to act as the Frostburg State University's lead block band drill instructor during regular season rehearsals. They serve alongside the Drum Major as the head of the student leadership team. Should the Drum Major be unable to perform their duties, the Block Captain should be prepared and ready to step in and fulfill their counterpart's role at any time.

Team Lead

The Executive Staff of the marching band will appoint the Team Lead in each section. The duties of this position will include:

- being at every rehearsal
- carrying forth all communication between the staff and the members of their appointed section
- managing the Leadership Team in their section, organizing meetings, assigning of duties within the Leadership Team
- casting tie-breaking votes within a leadership team and making quick decisions when needed by the staff

The Team Leads will be noted in uniform by the wearing of a single Bobcat Paw pin on their uniform.