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Director's Greeting

Some people sit on a beach and read a paperback for their summer vacation. Seven years ago, my summer vacations took a dramatic turn, as we started our annual summer band camp. This year, I had the privilege of working with many very talented people, including the many high school students who came to campus from far and wide for the "Penn Band Experience(tm)." Thirty-four high school students, Penn Band members, and Staff from places like California, Tennessee, Michigan, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania and the City of Philadelphia, and even one student from Mainland China! But it isn't geographic diversity that distinguishes this group. They all share something in common: a love for good music and good fun, making them the perfect people to spend a week with the Penn Band. I hope they had a memorable week that they never forget – I know I did.

Year in and out, we rely on our counselors to serve as the backbone of the camp and the heart and soul of the personality of our group. Our three counselors this year – Jen Sackowski, Joseph Becker, Joseph Coyne ("Triple J") – were outstanding in this role. Every year I have the opportunity to hire outstanding students from Big-10 and elite performance schools as counselors.....and I usually pass, in favor of a much more important metric. "Would I trust these individuals with my own children?" and "Are these the type of people who will put the group above themselves." I don't mean to brag, but I think we nailed this decision to the wall. These three talented people have my gratitude and appreciation, and I'm pretty sure the campers feel the same way.

Steve, Jeff, and Brian (my fellow "geezers") have become an integral part of our summer program. This year's resident guest clinician, Penn Band alumnus Steve Birmingham, worked with the students all week on elements of leadership and group dynamics, adding a very important (and fun!) dimension to the student's camp experience. Penn Band alumni Brian Greenberg and Jeff Porten helped deliver a bona fide Penn Experience -the Halftime Show -to the students at Franklin Field. In all, these individuals were key in delivering a fantastic week to the students, and they have my deepest gratitude.

Many people from the University of Pennsylvania and surrounding region worked in concert to help make this program happen. We wish to thank: The students and alumni of the Penn Band, including Carly Weiss, Michael Wojcik, Jaci Rifkin, Jodi Lapidus, Justine Cammisa, Band Camp Alumni William Rhoda and Jaron Breen, Directors Greer Cheeseman and Adam Sherr for their unwavering support, Brandie Plasket, Alketa Xhori, and the rest of the staff at Conference Services, Ty Furman and Laurie McCall of Student Performing Arts, The University Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology, Penn Publications, The Department of Athletics (including Scott Ward), The Vice Provost's Office for University Life, The Alumni Council on Admissions, and The Penn School of Nursing.

As I've said before, behind every Penn Band Director is an extraordinarily patient and loving wife...rolling her eyes at a dated photograph of her husband. The unwavering love and support of my wife (Meryl) and children (Chloe and Deven) never goes unnoticed. I'm a very lucky guy.

Dr. Kushol Gupta

Shout-outs!

(Thanks to everyone in the program for an awesome week! Hopefully next summer I'll be a counselor (Haha...be afraid)! ☺ And the trumpets will always be less important than flutes! – Sam

Think Blue...Go Dodgers –Tyler

Awesome week! Have a good year!-Jarron

Thanks to the family! Love you. – Nick Gallagher

Thank you, Dr. G., for a great week! – Ben Baranov

Thanks to all my family. Love you. – Jack Higgins

Thanks for a fun week, Dr. Gupta! – David Lakata

Three cheers for the bus driver! – Anon.

Hey, Mom, Dad, and Steven. Hope you like the concert. – Joe B

Hi, Mom and Dad, can we go to Toyko Fusion after the concert? – Eric Frederick

College food is awesome! ☺ Jennine McKnight

Thanks to Mom and Dad who always supported me in my playing (even though they made me take the bus here). Love you guys! Also, thank you to Koosh who trusted me with the Magic Yellow Binder, the other counselors and the campers for not driving me insane! What a great week! – Jen Sackowski

Thanks to my parents for always taking me to my many music lessons over the years. Thanks! – Mark Frederick

Hi mom and Dad! See that euphonium player over there. No, the other one. That's me!- Hunter

Thanks to my family for your support! Thank you alexis for visiting us from france and having fun with, and of course thank you Dr. G and Steven (Mike Myers), Brian, Jen, Joe, and Joe, and Greer. (Thanks for all the great times Steven!!!)- KavianBina

I would to thank my Mom, Stepmom, Dad, Brothers, and my Grandfather. All of you have been helpful to me and my music. Because of you, I have been able to move forward in my musical abilities and have opened up opportunities for me. Also, thanks to all of my band directors, saxophone teachers who gave me lessons, and Dr. G. – Carey Bina

Biographies

Mark Frederick I have been playing clarinet from the beginning of fourth grade. When I was allowed to join the band. Music has been great for me, letting me meet new people. I also play the saxophone and enjoy that too. Music has been awesome.

Emily Dunay I have been playing oboe for six years and have also played the piano for eleven years. I live in Franklin, TN and will be a senior in high school.

Kavian Bina My name is Kavian and I will be a junior at Radnor high school. I have been playing the flute for eight years and I enjoy playing golf competitively whenever I can. ☺

Christine Kilbride This coming year I will be a junior at William Tennent High School in Bucks County, PA. I have enjoyed playing the flute now for seven years. I had a great time at the 2010 UPenn Band Camp and hope to attend here in 2012.

Tyler Zimmet I am a rising senior at Viewpoint High School in northern Los Angeles. I have been playing the saxophone since fifth grade. I am also a member of the baseball team at my school.

Ben Hendler I am a rising sophomore at Marshall High in Marshall, Michigan. I have been playing saxophone since fifth grade. I am a member of the soccer team.

Jaron Breen I am a rising sophomore at Penn State Abington majoring in meteorology. I learned the sax in fourth grade and picked up the clarinet in fifth grade. I learned the other saxes and clarinets as I progressed through middle and high school. I like Jenkintown and playing my alto sax in the South Philadelphia String Band.

Hunter Pearl Location: Holmdel, NJ. Age: 14. Tools of trade: euphonium, trombone. Experience: former, 5 years, latter, 1 year. Hobbies: video games. Activities: swimming and tennis.

Chris Witzigman I started playing euphonium seven years ago, then I started playing trombone four years ago and tuba last year. At my high school, I play tuba in wind ensemble and I will be playing saxophone in marching band. I am a junior at William Tennent High School.

Emily Dunay I am a rising sophomore at Harriton High School. I have been playing the trombone for six years in concert band, jazz band, and pep band at Harriton High School.

David Lakata I am a rising sophomore at Lower Moreland High School. I have played the trumpet for six years and the piano for eight years. I am in my high school symphonic band, pep band, and jazz band.

Jack Higgins I am a rising freshman in Eastern High School. I have been playing trumpet since fourth grade. I am in my concert band and hopefully am coming to Penn in four years.

Ben Baranov I am a rising sophomore at Lower Moreland High School. I have been playing trumpet since fourth grade. I enjoy playing basketball and soccer.

Nick Gallagher I am rising junior at Archbishop Carroll High School. I have been playing trumpet since fourth grade. I am in the marching band, pit band, and concert band.

Emma Fowler I play french horn and I like dinosaurs.

Chenxin Wang I am from China. I have been playing french horn for three years. I love Penn Band!

Sam Rehrig Sam has played flute since the fourth grade. A 3-year veteran of PEBC, she would like to return as a counselor and attend UPenn in the future. She is an avid moviegoer and music fan.

Eric Frederick Eric plays football in the fall and tennis yearround. He plays percussion, drum set, and snare drum in the Conestoga High School Marching Band. He loves the Eagles.

Carey Bina I have been playing saxophone since fourth grade. I play soprano, alto, tenor, and bari. I enjoy playing jazz the most and I am in marching band, concert band, jazz band, and orchestra. I love golf and baseball, and will be playing both for the school team.

Matt Buchberg I have played trombone for five years and also play tenor recorder and piano. I am 17 and love Penn Band.

“So.. What did you do at Band Camp?”

By Samantha Rehrig

Many parents often wonder, “What are they doing aside from playing music?” This is my opportunity to answer that question for you in story form...

Band Camp began on Sunday when the overnights unpacked and broke the ice at Harnwell College House, one of the high-rise dorms. They waited to eat pizza while it was trapped in a broken-down elevator with Dr. G and the Becker brothers. They played with Playdoh and got to know each other.

Monday brought new campers, Chinese food, and a “death march.” The commuter campers arrived and played new icebreakers like “speed-dating” with the overnights. They rehearsed all day and ate Chinese food at Joy Tsin Lau restaurant in Chinatown. Then Dr. G took them on a walking tour of Philadelphia. They saw the love statue, the Rocky statue, and did the Rocky run up the Art Museum steps.

Tuesday brought muscle pain and soreness, a result of the “death march.” The overnight campers that went on the walk were very angry with Dr. G. Steven, an alumnus who plays trumpet, ran a “Science of Music” activity. The campers were very happy when, after a long day of rehearsal, they were able to watch *The Matrix* and *The Breakfast Club* while eating tons of junk food in Claire Fagin Hall, part of the university’s nursing school. They even got to talk to Brian Greenberg, an alumnus who returned to the trumpet section for the camp.

Wednesday was the first time many campers experienced an audience of anthropology campers at the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. After the concert, the campers saw pictures of Jen (Counselor) and her experience in New Orleans, Louisiana. Then, they went back to Harnwell and played Apples to Apples, Quizo, and Mafia.

Thursday was spent rehearsing, writing halftime shows, and then performing those shows on Franklin Field. (The video can be found on the band camp website.) The group that won consisted of mostly girls (the only 4 girls out of a group of 30 people). When they were done making a video of the halftime show, most of the campers played football. After Franklin Field Night, there was yet another session of Apples to Apples in the lounge of Harnwell.

Friday was spent rehearsing, watching the video of the halftime show, and telling jokes. Since it was the last full day of camp, it was somewhat sad. Camp was almost over, and everyone there could not believe it. Friday night was spent at the Camden Riversharks baseball game, where the campers played “God Bless America” during the 7th inning stretch.

Hopefully, this answered all of the questions you might’ve had about your child(ren)’s experience at band camp.. See you next summer!

MUSIC SELECTIONS

Dr. Kushol Gupta, Ph. D., conductor

Kyrie R. Page, S. George, and J. Lang
As recorded by Mr. Mister Arr. P. Jennings

In Gentle Rain Robert W. Smith
From 'The Wilson Suite'
Featuring *Eric Ahern (Trumpet), Emily Dunay (Oboe), and Carey Bina (Alto Sax)*

Just a Gigolo/ I Ain't Got Nobody (And Nobody Cares For Me) D. Roth
Arr. M Sweeney
Conducted by Kavian Bina
Featuring *Carey Bina (Alto Sax), Kavian Bina (Flute), Joe Coyne (Ukulele), Tyler Zimmet (Tenor Sax), and Jaron Breen (Tenor Sax).*

Simple Gifts Arr. C. Tyler
Folk Song
Featuring *Mark Frederick (Clarinet)*

Don't Stop Believin' S. Perry, N. Schon, and J. Cain
Conducted by Ben Hendler Arr. Paul Murtha

INTERMISSION

Thriller Michael Jackson
In memory of MJ Arr. K. Gupta

March of the Toys/Toyland Victor Herbert
From "Babes in Toyland"
Arr. Tom Wallace
Featuring *Eric Ahern (Trumpet)*

When She Loved Me R. Newman
From Walt Disney's and Pixar's Toy Story 2 Arr. J. Vinson

Music from Toy Story 2 R. Newman
(Woody's Roundup – When She Loved Me – You've Got A Friend In Me)
Arr. J. Bocook
Featuring *Joe Coyne (Trumpet) and Jen Sackowski (Alto Sax).*

Final Countdown J. Tempest
Conducted by Carey Bina Arr. J Higgins

Performers

Flute/Piccolo
Christine Kilbride
Samantha Rehrig**
Kavian Bina

Clarinet
Mark Frederick

Oboe
Emily Dunay**

Alto Saxophone
Jen Sackowski*
Carey Bina

Tenor Saxophone
Jaron Breen**
Ben Hendler
Tyler Zimmet**

Bari Saxophone
Carey Bina

Bass Saxophone
William Rhoda**

* = staff
** = Multi-year attendee

Trumpet
Joe Coyne*
Eric Ahern
Brian Greenberg*
Jack Higgins
Nick Gallagher
Steven Birmingham*
Ben Baranov**
David Lakata**

French Horn
Emma Fowler
Chenxin Wang

Trombone
Emily Mazzo
Matthew Buchberg

Baritone
Hunter Pearl
Christopher Witzigman

Tuba
Joe Becker*

Percussion
Chris Becker**
Jennine McKnight**
Eric Frederick