A wild Rattata has appeared!

End of Program Concert 7/16/2016
Directors Notes

I like to say that I never imagined something would turn out the way it did. But recently I learned that it is not true sometime. When I first applied to Penn for undergraduate admission in the early 90s, I had to write a college essay in response to this now-infamous Penn Admissions question:

“Write Page 217 of your Autobiography”

I remember what I wrote quite vividly, simply because I still have the essay in a box in my garage (printed a dot-matrix printer)! I wrote about my dream of becoming a biochemist, inspired in large part by the then-new movie Jurassic Park and the newest innovations in biotechnology. My autobiographical narrative was actually set twenty years after I graduated from Penn (~2017), finding myself rafting in Colorado while on vacation. Funny enough, here I am in almost-twenty years later, writing this note in Denver Colorado while attending a national conference as a biochemist. In my essay, I also wrote of my love for music and how I kept it in my life. And here I am, having succeeded in keeping music in my life, and over a week later still glowing about what was our most successful Penn Band Camp program yet. So I guess I did kinda know??

The Band Camp week is an outstanding vehicle to learn about things other than music. As we like to do, during the band camp we talked about things that had nothing to about music practicum or proper technique, but lessons that could make a musician...or a scientist...or anyone from any walk of life successful in their endeavors: Passion, Purpose, Vocation, Mission, Us, We, and Our. And even good manners! All the while, we celebrated our love for music and the enjoyment it brings us. It is shocking we had any time to talk at all with the frenetic week we had, including over a dozen pieces of music, three performances including the Philadelphia Phillies, and all of the tours and clinics and such. Some 33 student from six different states and the nation of Jamaica came together and shared this week, and chances are good they will all be friends for a long time.

So many people contributed their time, effort, and financial support to make this program happen; they’re all listed below. The heart and soul of this program lies in the talented college counselors and Penn Band alumni that lead the way each year.

Nora Lueth, Linnea Phillips, and Brooke Yanovich this year returned to reprise their roles as camp counselors, and in this regard they were simply outstanding. To work with and watch these individuals grow and flourish in these roles has truly been a pleasure and privilege. Counselors-in-Training Natalia Grosso and Emily Smith were outstanding in their premiere and had the opportunity to work with and learn from some of the best. Samantha Rehrig – I can’t get rid of her! First a camper, then a counselor, and now clinician! She is the duct tape that helps our group go from day-to-day. Steven Birmingham and Brian Greenberg have been involved with the Penn Band Camp for most of its existence. But as always, their story is not their years, but the miles they log, including the work, personal time, and intellectual capital they continually bring to our high school outreach and these students. They remain the greatest example for how Penn alumni can impact their alma maters in the highest fashion. If you haven’t already, thank these people and all of those listed below for their support this year’s program.

Lastly, in what is an annual tradition, I have to thank my family – my wife Meryl, my son Deven, and my daughter-turned-camper Chloe, for understanding my mad pursuit and helping me chase the windmills with all of the love in the world.

Until Next Year!
Our Benefactors

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Did you catch that Squirtle?

No! I even used a raspberry but it wouldn’t stay in the Pokéball.

Camp Bios

**Alto Sax**

**Danielle Hawk** is entering the 10th grade at Immaculate Conception High School in Kingston, Jamaica. She plays the alto and tenor sax, as well as the piano, bassoon, and steel pans.

**Derek Moskal** would like everyone to know that when he was born, he didn’t know what music was. Now that he is older, he has heard music and has begun to play the saxophone. He loves it! Derek aspires to someday go into the Air Force.

**Upper Woodwinds**

**Chloe Gupta** (Clarinet) is going into 8th grade in Mount Laurel, NJ. She plays clarinet, piano, and guitar. She has been playing clarinet since fourth grade, piano since first grade, and guitar since fifth grade. Her favorite part of camp was the walking tour of Philly. The most interesting Pokemon she caught this week was a Venonat.

**Sophie Konde** (Flute) is a flautist from Vienna, Virginia. She is going into the ninth grade at Marshall High School. Her favorite part of band camp was the walking tour of Philadelphia.

**Erica Winston** (flute) is a senior at Pascack Hills High School in North Jersey. She plays the flute and piccolo and has been playing them for 7 and 2 years respectively. This is her first year at Penn Band camp and she hopes she will be able to return in the future. She had a lot of fun this week and would like to thank all the campers and staff for making it the best experience she could have had.
Camp Bios

Tenor Sax

Emily Lenkowski is a 14 year old freshman from Oaklyn, NJ. She will be attending Camden Catholic High School in the fall. She has been playing the saxophone for four years, and specifically the tenor sax for two years. Her favorite part of camp was writing the scramble band scripts, and exploring the Penn campus.

Alto Sax

Brandon Greenberg is a thirteen year old from New Jersey. He plays soccer and other sports with his friends. He plays both the saxophone and the drums, and his favorite part of camp was writing and performing a halftime show on Franklin Field. The Pokemon he is most proud of catching this week is a Squirtle.

Josh Formola is an alto and tenor sax player. He is going into his senior year of high school. During band camp Josh caught a wild Pikachu. He has been playing saxophone for three years and wants to attend college for music education.

Hailey Kozuchowski is a rising sophomore and saxophone player at Upper Merion High School. This is her second year at band camp and she hopes to return next year as well! This year at camp, she did not crack under peer pressure and did not participate in the Pokemon phenomenon.

Andrew Bates is a 9th grader and just loves music. Bates plays the piano, he plays the saxophone, he sings, he does it all! He was recently Lumiere in Beauty and the Beast, and has been in several other musicals as well. He also loves swimming and other things. That’s his whole life right there! Not much to say…

Alexa Sherr is 14 years old and from Oaklyn, NJ. She is going into 9th grade and plays both the saxophone and the piano. She has been playing the saxophone for five years and the piano for nine. Her favorite part of camp was meeting new people, then forming a scramble band and exploring Philly. Even though it was her first time at the Penn Band camp, she had a lot of fun!
Camp Bios

**Piano**

**Jalen Best** will be entering the tenth grade this fall. He has been playing the piano for ten years. He also plays the clarinet.

**Trumpet**

**Ilian Jimenez** will be entering the 8th grade this fall. He has been playing the trumpet since January. He really enjoyed camp this year, and hopes to come back this year!

**Mikayla Rivas** is a 12 year old from Philadelphia. She will be going into 8th grade in the fall. Mikayla enjoys singing and playing the piano, and has been playing the trumpet since September of 2015.

**Percussion**

**Samuel Fenton** (snare, bells) has been playing the drums for seven years. He goes to DeMatha High School. His favorite part of camp was making friends.

**Wavy Chen** (snare, bells, bass guitar) is a high school senior from Harrisburg. She has been playing the drums since fourth grade and currently plays snare in her high school’s marching band. This is her fourth year at band camp and she hopes to return as a C.I.T. next year.

**Thaisha Santiago** (bass, cymbals, auxiliary percussion) is in the 11th grade at Kensington Capa. She plays the bass drum and the cymbals, and has been playing percussion for about a year. Her favorite part of camp was making a half time show video.

**Walli Chen** (tenors, bells, bass guitar) is a rising sophomore at Bishop McDevitt High School. This is her second year at Penn Band camp as a percussionist. *mic drop*

Musical Selections

**Gospel John**

By Jeff Steinberg
Arr. John Tatgenhorst

**Atlas**

Words and Music by Guy Berryman, Jon Buckland, Will Champion, and Chris Martin
From The Hunger Games: Catching Fire
Arr. Michael Brown

**Adagio**

By David R. Holsinger (ASCAP)

**Shut Up and Dance (Walk the Moon)**

Words and Music by Ryan McMahon, Benjamin Berger, Nicholas Petricca, Seas Waugaman, Kevin Ray, and Eli Maiman
Arr. Doug Adams

**Sorry**

Words and Music by Justin Bieber,
Sonny Moore, Michael Tucker, Julia Michaels, and Justin Tranter
Arr. Ishbah Cox

~Intermission~

**The Incredibles**

Music by Michael Giachino
Arr. Paul Murtha

**Just a Gigolo/I Ain’t Got Nobody**

Featuring Thaisha Vega, Josh Formola, Brandon Greenberg,
Hailey Kozuchowski, Andrew Bates, Danielle Hawk, and Jacob Hayman
Arr. Michael Sweeney

**Over the Rainbow from “The Wizard of Oz”**

Words by EY Harburg
Music by Harold Arlen
Arr. Warren Barker

**Do You Want to Build a Snowman**

Music and Lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez
From Walt Disney’s ‘Frozen’
Arr. Johhnie Vinson

**Let It Go**

Music and Lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez
From Walt Disney’s ‘Frozen’
Arr. Michael Brown
Low Brass

John Wisniewski (Baritone) is a rising senior at Holy Ghost Prep. John plays trumpet and baritone horn. John has played trumpet for 8 years and baritone horn for 3 years. John is from Warrington, PA.

Brendan Woods (French Horn) is a freshman at the Wyoming Valley West High School. He plays the French Horn and the Trumpet. He also plays football, baseball, basketball, and golf.

Jacob Hayman (Trombone) is an 11th grader at Central High School in Philadelphia. He had been playing the trombone for about 7 years. His favorite part of camp was game time in the rooftop lounge. The most interesting Pokemon he caught this week was a Psyduck.

Quinn Terry (tuba) is a 9th grader who loves playing the tuba and the piano, listening to Hamilton, and getting to be a part of a scramble band! His favorite part of camp was watching (and making fun of) the avid Pokemon Go players and their attempts to catch the elusive Pikachu.

Isaiah Wright (trombone) is a tenth grader at DeMatha Catholic High School. He has been playing trombone since the 4th grade. In addition to the trombone, Isaiah also plays the piano and the drums.

Trumpet

Christopher Barreto is a 10th grader from Upper Marlbro, MD. He attends DeMatha Catholic High School, and has been playing the trumpet since 4th grade. His favorite part of camp was playing new music.

Rosalie Randolph is a 9th grader from New York. She attends school in Hunter Tannersville and she loves music! Rosalie’s favorite part of camp was making new friends who love music too. Rosalie hopes to someday be a choreographer or own her own record label.

Avery Greenberg is a junior at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in New Jersey. This is Avery’s third year participating in the Penn Band camp and winner honor bands. In his spare time he enjoys playing his trumpet in various school ensembles, playing sports with his friends, and hunting Pokemon.

Luke Rothschild is a rising junior at St. Ignatius College prep in Chicago, Illinois. He has been playing the trumpet for six years. Before band camp, Luke attended Interlochen Institutes for a week-long trumpet camp. He loves late classical and golden age jazz music. He aspires to be an artist of some kind, either musical or just art-related. Luke turned off location services due to Pokemon Go and GPS draining his battery very quickly, but he did manage to catch an Ekans in the airport while waiting for his bag.

Lauryn Reynolds is a thirteen year old going into 9th grade. She is going to attend Girard Academic Music Program (GAMP) in Philadelphia. She has played trumpet for five years. She also plays the viola. Her favorite part of camp is playing a lot of new music she wouldn’t have otherwise tried.

Aiden Fleming is excited to be at camp this year! Aiden plays the trumpet and has been playing for five years. When he’s not reading or drawing you can find him on the streets playing Pokemon Go.

Lily Pollock is a rising freshman from Havertown, PA. She has been playing the trumpet for eight years. In addition to playing trumpet, Lily has also played the piano for nine years. Her favorite part of camp was seeing old friends and making new ones. Lily aspires to continue to play the trumpet for as long as possible.

Thaisha Vega is entering the 12th grade at Kensington Capa. Originally from Puerto Rico, she has been playing the trumpet for five years. Her favorite part of the camp was when the music came together and sounded great! Thaisha hopes to join the Army band someday.