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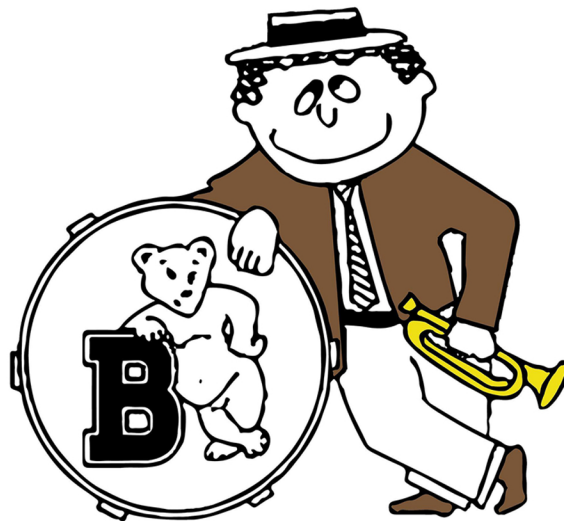
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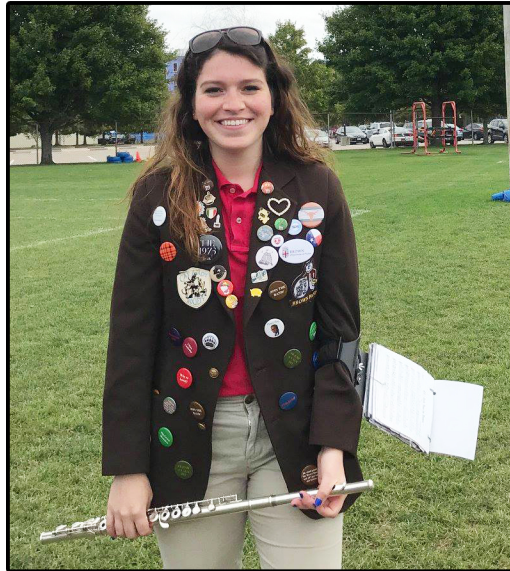
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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Alumni,

Without further ado, I present to you the Fall 2019 Bandstand! I would like to give an extra special and loving welcome to the fresh crusties from the Class of 2019. Congratulations on graduating and becoming Official Adults™.

Firstly, I would like to thank our wonderful AL, Vicky Phan '21, and our AL Emeritus, Kelvin Wong '20, for putting the time and effort into making this Bandstand edition so fantastic. Our ALs make it possible to keep the connection between the band and its alums so strong. I would also like to thank all of you for the love and dedication you have for the band. Without alumni support and generosity, the band could not continue to be the silly, joyful organization that it is.

For all of you that could join us for Commencement this year, thank you so much for coming back. We got to hear amazing tales from bandies past and we got to experience Matt's last Commencement while conducting. Don't worry if you missed it, Matt will be back playing trombone in Commencement Band on May 24, 2020, so mark your calendars! We are also so glad so many of you could join us for our alumni football game against URI this year. If you couldn't make the alumni game, you are all welcome to attend any of our other football games! While the date has not yet been set, we will also have our alumni ice show in the spring, so we hope all of you will be able to join us then.

This year we have welcomed our wonderful percussion coach, Karen Mellor '82, on as our advisor because of Matt's coming retirement. We are so thankful for all of the years that Matt has devoted to keeping the band running, and we are excited to see what the future holds for us.

Once again I would like to extend a huge thank you to all our alumni for all you do to support the band. Your donations have allowed us to keep our uniforms clean, keep our bandies fed, and keep our hearts full. If you ever have any questions or just want to talk, feel free to reach out to myself or one of our ALs.

Evertrue,  
Halle Purdom '20



# AN UPDATE FROM YOUR AL(s)

Hi, alumni, hi!

Greetings from your alumni liaison, Vicky. (Plus your AL Emeritus, Kelvin.) We're so excited to bring you the (long awaited) latest edition of our biannual Brown University Bandstand newsletter! Apologies for the unusual delay in getting this out to y'all, but it is at last in your inbox and on your Facebook newsfeed!

First off, we'd like to extend another round of congratulations to our newest Brown Band crusties, the Class of 2019! We miss having you in Fulton, but know that your greatness cannot be limited to College Hill. Interacting with alums is easily one of the best parts of being in Band, as it reminds us of the real, amazing people who came before us to make this group what it is today - in all its funky traditions and musical hijinks. We were so happy to see a bunch of you at Commencement this past May, and were especially glad to see y'all at our alum reception discussing your respective experiences with the Brown Band of years' past.



Please continue to keep in touch with us throughout the year! :) We do hold our alum games during the football and hockey seasons, but we also welcome you to reach out to the ALs via email at any time.

Let us know your thoughts on anything, such as: how you might like to contribute to the Band's fundraising efforts or how we can improve fundraising(!), what you ate for lunch today, your favorite song to play when you were in Band, how you would like to better communicate + connect with the Band as an alum, or just any stories from back in the day!

As for how the Band has been doing so far this semester, we're glad to say that we have quite a large group of first-years this semester! (Class of 2023 - where did the time go?) Our alum football game also recently happened on Saturday, Oct. 5 against URI. We had a lovely turnout from those who could make it and seeing your wonderful faces made losing the Governor's Cup (again) much more bearable. There's still the rest of the season to go, so do let us know if you'll be in Rhode Island one weekend or if the Band will be traveling to a city near you! We'd be happy to have you at any of our games this semester - just shoot us an email and we'll get you set up.

As this update winds down, we want to leave you with the fact that your continued involvement with and support of the Brown Band is what keeps us going! Without understanding from whom, what, and where our tradition stems, the Band isn't nearly as rewarding an experience to partake in. Your support through donations and other contributions is also essential to keeping the Band banging, blowing, and growing (wink). Without y'all, the Band wouldn't be able to continue spreading our beautiful, musical chaos at home and across New England. So again, we are so grateful to our crusties and hope to hear from/see you soon!

Hope you enjoy this Fall 2019 edition of Bandstand!

Ever true,

Your AL, Vicky Phan '21 & Your AL Emeritus, Kelvin Wong '20



# FALL FOOTBALL SEASON PREVIEW

**Game 1: Brown @ Bryant | Final Score: 35-30**  
**Saturday, Sept. 21 @ 2 PM**

There was a lot riding on this opening game, seeing as we were all waiting to see whether our new head coach would make good on his promise to bring Brown Football into a new era of not sucking. And he did! Bruno brought home the gold that weekend and we couldn't believe it! ...



**Game 2: Brown @ Harvard |**  
**Final Score: 7-42**  
**Friday, Sept. 27 @ 7 PM**

... Until we could. For our first Ivy game of the season, the Band followed our football team all the way to Bahston only to be brutally beaten by Hahvahd. We also had a few snafus with trying to make our way onto the field for pregame and there might have been bouncy balls thrown onto the field(?), but as always, the Band regardless of Brown's athletic performance remains a winning band...



**Game 3: Brown vs. URI | Final Score: 28-31**  
**Saturday, Oct. 5 @ 12:30 PM**  
**ALUMNI GAME!**

... Even when victory is cruelly snatched from our hands in the last quarter of the game! Brown may have forfeited the Governor's Cup for the second year in a row, but the Band were the real winners of the weekend since we got to welcome back so many of our beautiful crusties for the game and alum mixer! Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. We love you and can't wait to see you soon.



**Game 4: Brown vs. Holy Cross**  
**Saturday, Oct. 12 @ 12:30 PM**

[This description of the game against Holy Cross has been censored.]





**Game 5: Brown vs. Princeton**  
**Saturday, Oct. 19 @ 12:30 PM**  
**Family Weekend!**

Watch now as the Band grows exponentially in size and volume for Family Weekend! As always, we're thrilled to be inviting our bandies' family members to campus so they can check out College Hill, experience a game day for themselves, and get to know the second family we've all made for ourselves here at school. :')

**Game 6: Brown @ Cornell**  
**Saturday, Oct. 26 @ 1:30 PM**

Crying babies  
Overnight trip  
Ridiculous!  
Nevermore, quoth the raven  
Exquisitely so  
Lovers of Ann Coulter  
Losers go to



**Game 7: Brown @ UPenn**  
**Saturday, Nov. 2 @ 1 PM**

In west Philadelphia born and raised  
Was where the Brown Band traveled for an overnight game  
Bangin' out, blowin', percussion's so cool  
And all playing Paul Simon outside of the school  
When a couple of Penn kids who were up to no good  
Started making trouble in my neighborhood  
I got in one little fight and the A.D. got scared  
He said 'You're movin' with your auntie and uncle in Bel Air'

## **Game 8: Brown vs. Yale** **Saturday, Nov. 9 @ 12:30 PM**

Ah, New Haven. Lotsa sights, lotsa smells. That we thankfully won't have to experience since the Yale Band will be coming to us!

## **Game 9: Brown @ Columbia<sup>2</sup>** **Saturday, Nov. 16 @ 1 PM**

For our third overnight trip of the season, we'll travel all the way to the Big A to take on Columbia<sup>2</sup>! **#RIPCUMB** What kind of shenanigans will we get up to? Will we steal the Declaration of Independence? Will we lick the Liberty Bell? Stay tuned and find out!



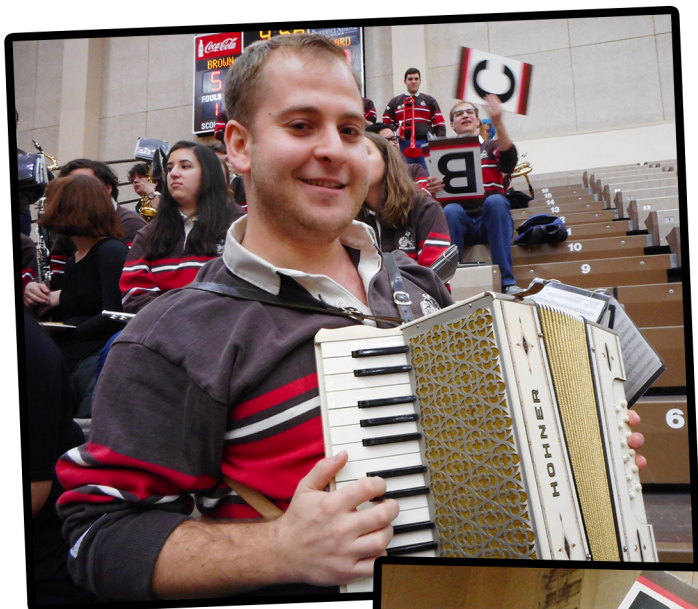
## **Game 10: Brown vs. Dartmouth** **Saturday, Nov. 23 @ 12:30 PM** **Senior Day!**

So it's time for us to send away  
Our dear seniors on this Senior Day.  
And we'll also gain closure  
At our Band Board changeover.  
We'll miss y'all more than words can say!





# SPRING SEMESTER WRAP-UP



**Basketball!**





# Hockey!



4 more years! :~)



Our Shrek ice show



Charlie embodies how we felt about going into TRIPLE OVERTIME for hockey :(

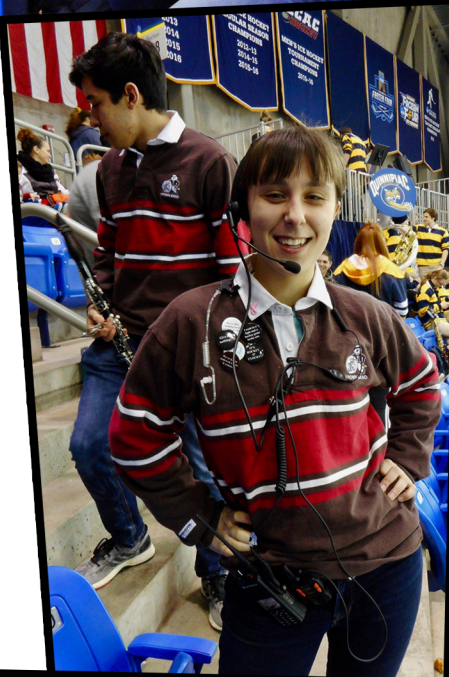
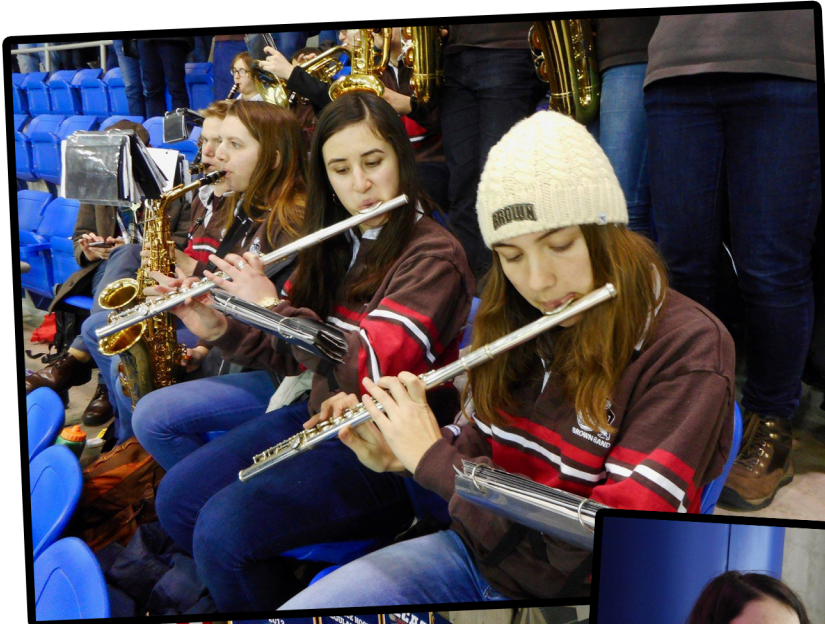


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Jamming with the Colgate Band





# Winter Trip!



# Commencement!



romantic candlelit Perkins dinners



Axelrods :')



Newport bound!



Moms!



# 69 SECONDS LEFT...

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# Giving

From buttons to uniforms to food to instrument upkeep, your donations help keep the band functioning and are always appreciated!

To donate, please visit [gifts.brown.edu](https://gifts.brown.edu) and select "Brown University Band" from the dropdown menu. Please contact the ALs or a Band Board member for questions + if you would like your donation to be used for a specific purpose.



**Thank you for reading the Fall 2019  
edition of Bandstand! Congratulations  
to the Class of 2019!**



**Ever true,**

**Vicky Phan '21, Alumni Liaison  
Kelvin Wong '20, Alumni Liaison Emeritus**

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