

Bandstand



2023

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Dear Alumni,

Happy New Year and welcome to this edition of the Bandstand! My name is Jillian Belluck and I am honored to be the new president of the Brown University “Once a Bandie, Always a Bandie” Band. I am a flute-playing, computational biology-studying sophomore from Connecticut and I am happy to report that the Librarian-to-President pipeline is still going strong! This year’s Band Board may be the first in recent memory to consist of only underclassmen but don’t fear! The Band is in good hands. We enjoyed seeing many of you at our alumni football game this fall! You can read about the rest of our semester in the pages below, but here are some of my favorite moments:

- A.** Watching our football team win a very respectable 3 games. The Band, as always, was undefeated!
- B.** Hosting visiting bands for the first time since the pandemic began (shoutout to our Penn Band friends!)
- C.** Getting together for section bonding (baking, button-making, slideshow presentations, and more)
- D.** Visiting the Achievement First Elementary School in Providence to share our love of music and teach kids about our instruments
- E.** Venturing outside the football stadium to support our rugby, soccer, and wrestling teams. The Band loves our athletes!
- F.** The Princeton Band

This year, we have also been working to make the Band more accessible by buying new instruments, eliminating membership dues, and increasing financial support for bandies. We are extremely grateful for the alumni generosity that helps us make the Band an inclusive organization! In the coming year, we plan to grow our music lessons program to encourage bandies to explore new instruments. In addition, we aim to continue our strong relationships with the University, athletic teams, and students. Also on the horizon is the Band’s 100th anniversary, which we will celebrate during the academic year of 2024-2025. Be on the lookout in the coming months for more information about alumni games, centennial merch, and an extra special commencement that year!

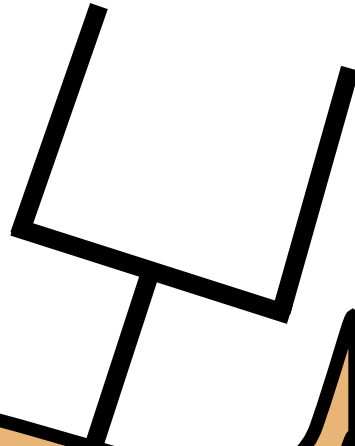
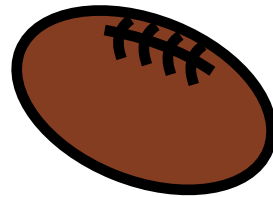
The Band is excited for a semester of hockey, basketball, and other fun events. Our Alumni Ice Show this winter will be on Saturday, February 4th. Join us on the ice or cheer us on from the bleachers; we would love to see you there! Also save the date for Commencement and Reunion Weekend, which will be May 26-28, 2023. We can’t wait to welcome you back to campus!

Thank you to our Alumni Liaisons—Joshua Lobsenz ‘24, Tyler Gurth ‘25, and Adam Dieck ‘24—who have done an incredible job putting together this issue of the Bandstand and sending weekly updates about the Band’s events. I would also like to thank all of you for supporting the Band and passing on the traditions that make it so special. If you have any questions, concerns, or requests, please feel free to reach out to the ALs or myself. As always, you can also find us on Instagram (@brownbandstagram), Facebook, or our website (brownband.org). I hope you enjoy this issue of the Bandstand!

Evertrue,
Jillian Belluck ‘25

Letter from the President

Brown University Football



2022

Season Review

Game 1: Brown (44) vs. Bryant (38)

In our first football game of the season, we came from behind to win in double overtime! That, combined with mocking Bryant's monument to bartering and land use devoted to parking lots, made a great start to the season!

Game 2: Brown (28) vs. Harvard (35)

Our annual Alumni game! It was great having so many former bandies join us (and don't forget to RSVP to our Alumni Ice Show!). At the game, though we rallied towards the end, it wasn't quite enough to beat the Crimson.

Games 1-7

Game 3: Brown (10) at URI (38)

Game 4: Brown (27) at CCSU (10)

Game 5: Brown (19) at Princeton (35)

Game 6: Brown (21) vs. Cornell (24)

Our Family Weekend game! Friends and family of bandies filled our ranks, notably increasing the prominence of the kazoo section. Though we scored the game-winning touchdown, it was taken away from us because apparently "stepping out of bounds" is against the rules.

Game 7: Brown (34) vs. Penn (31)

Our Halloween Game! Bandies arrived dressed as Jesus and the Disciples, Minions, a bagel, and more! We also pulled off a really close victory against undefeated Penn, which made our candy taste all the sweeter.

Game 8: Brown (17) at Yale (69)

For the first time in four years, the band trekked down to stinky New Haven to finally flush the Yale Bowl! At least we now know why it smells. Though the defeat was crushing (the most points allowed by Brown football in its history), chanting “nice” when Yale scored its 69th point did lighten the mood.

Game 9: Brown (24) vs. Columbia (31)

At our final home game of the season, we celebrated our senior bandies with clever and quaint limericks. We’ll miss them so much! Though we rallied in the second half, we came up short in the end (like Columbia’s band haha).

Games 8-10

Game 10: Brown (7) at Dartmouth (30)

The final game of the season, in Hanover. Cold. Nuts, it was cold. We got an amazing new Band Board at halftime and decent hot chocolate. The highlight of the game may have been the nonsensical, quasi-coherent clips of internet memes between plays. We were all excited to get on the warm bus afterwards.

Final Record: 3-7-0

2022 Buttons

YOU
WOULDN'T
PLAY IN A
LIBRARY

I'm Here For
The Homoerotic
Tension

The Brown
Conservatory:
Wildlife in
Every Dorm!

Providence
wasn't big
enough for the
both of us

Zuck Off

Get Bageled

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we came

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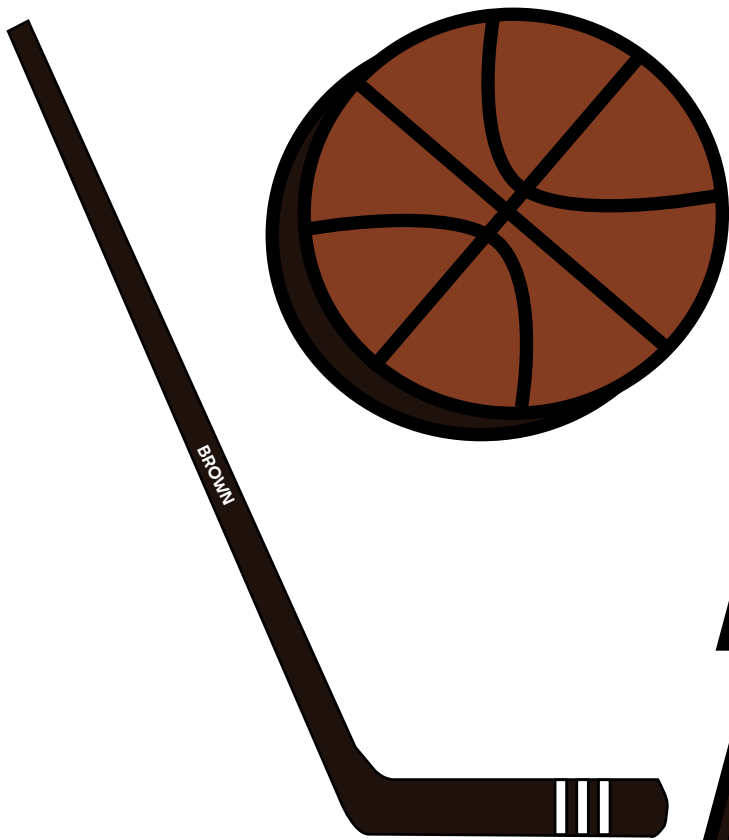
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GOVERNMENT WARNING: (1) According to the Surgeon General, women should not drink alcoholic beverages during pregnancy because of the risk of birth defects. (2) Consumption of alcoholic beverages impairs your ability to drive a car or operate machinery, and may cause health problems.

Brown Band

2023



***Spring
Season
Preview***

Schedule

January

1/23 Mid-Year Convocation Rehearsal

1/23 Mid-Year Convocation

1/27 Women's Hockey v. Clarkson

1/28 Women's Basketball v. Cornell

February & March

2/04 Men's Hockey v. Clarkson:
ALUMNI ICE SHOW!

2/11 Men's Basketball v. Cornell

2/17 Men's Hockey v. Princeton @ Princeton
WINTER TRIP

2/18 Men's Basketball v. UPenn @ UPenn
WINTER TRIP

2/24 Men's Hockey v. Cornell
Nintendo Ice Show

2/25 Men's Hockey v. Colgate

3/04 Men's Basketball v. Yale

(All events may be subject to change)

Freshman Testimonials

Back in September, I couldn't have imagined waking up at 7:30am for a football game. But now, those early wake-ups are truly the best part of my week. Through the band, I've met some of my closest friends and favorite people. I've found a sense of **community, belonging, and home**...all while cheering on Brown teams and playing super catchy songs.

- Sophia Wotman, Class of '26

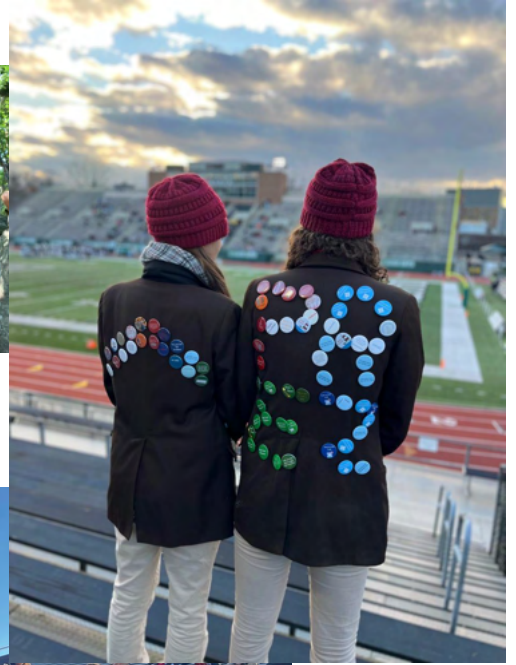
I am mediocre at the saxophone at best. Heading into college, I was sure there was no way I could ever continue pursuing the instrument. But if there's one thing that I've learned about the Brown University Band in the mere few months I've been a part of this amazing group, it's that it cares about community more than anything else. If interstate travel to collegiate sports events to mess around and play catchy songs with your lifelong friends sounds as fun to you as it certainly is for me, then you will find that, however good you are at your instrument, **whatever you plan to study, whoever you are, you can belong in the band.**

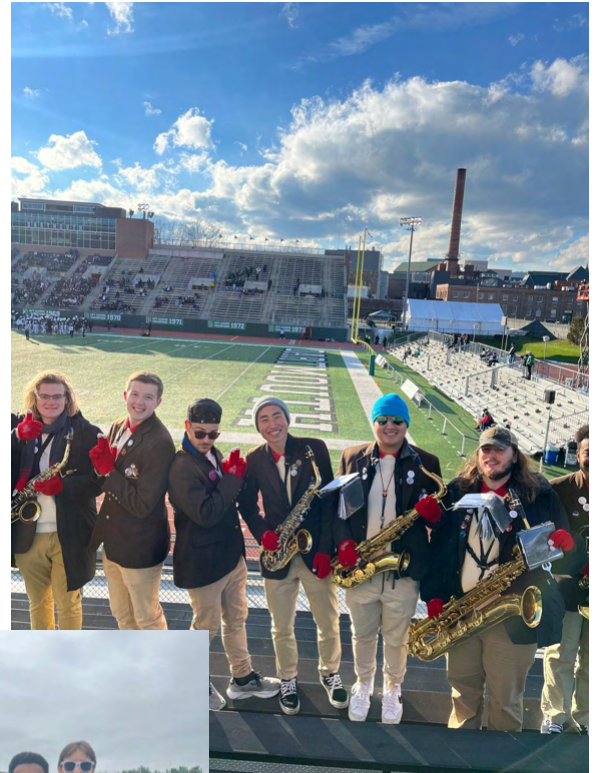
- Albert Lou, Class of '26

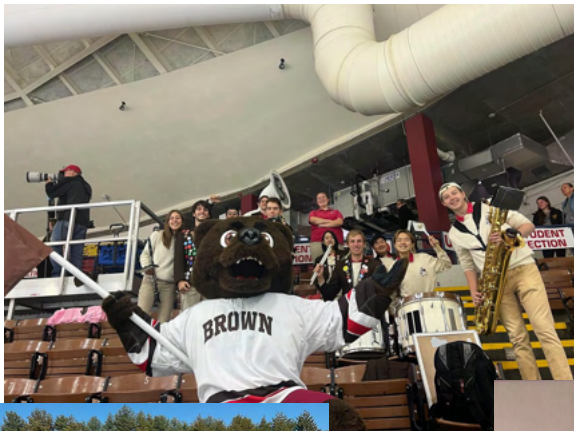


2022

...In Pictures!









Dear Elrod...

It was the first football game of the season, and Sarah couldn't wait to take the field with the Brown University Band. As a first-year student and a newcomer to the band, she was a little nervous, but mostly excited.

Sarah arrived at the stadium early to get ready, donning her band uniform and warming up with the rest of the group. When it was time to take the field, she fell into line with the others and marched out onto the turf.

As the band played, Sarah was amazed by the energy and enthusiasm of the crowd. She had never been to a football game before, and the atmosphere was electric. She could feel the adrenaline rushing through her veins as she played her trumpet, feeling fully alive and part of something bigger than herself.

When the game was over, Sarah was beaming with pride. She had played her heart out and felt like she had really contributed to the team's victory. She couldn't wait to do it all again at the next game.

As she left the stadium, Sarah knew that playing with the Brown University Band was going to be one of the highlights of her college experience. She was already looking forward to the next game and all the other exciting opportunities that lay ahead.

- Gerald "Chat" P. Thurston

From the Archives...

Pregame

Presenting an organization that you'll have great difficulty in relating to even remotely, it's the Brown University "Jobeth Williams, Bless Armstrong, and Ted Turner to name only a few" Band!!

Halftime

Please be advised that the following spectacle is laden with antics of a caliber only the Gods could appreciate fully. So don't worry if it goes right over your heads. Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends and Homecoming Alumni, it's the Brown University "of course we can march, but thank God we don't have to" Band!

Band runs out in its best goofy form.

For those of you unfamiliar with the Ivy League, we present a brief excerpt from the Barron's Guide to Overpriced Stuffy New England Colleges. Harvard comes first. Or so they tell us. Over and over and over again. Next is Yale – that's a four letter word. Then there's Princeton – they look dumb. And Cornell – they are dumb. And of course Dartmouth – they don't even know they're dumb. And in the cellar because of their football team, student body, and endowment are Columbia, Penn, and Brown, respectively. But Brown students don't have inflated egos, unlike their Ivy League cousins. Just because we were voted the hottest college in the nation two years in a row, and appeared on the "Today" show, and placed tenth best college in a nationwide survey just last week, hasn't affected us one bit. Nahahhh. Watch now as the band salutes its modesty and plays "Really Awesome Stuff."

Band forms a '1' and plays "Hot Stuff."

Gosh, it's great to be here. Just because we made the same trip 4 weeks ago doesn't bother us. We like driving through the scenic Bronx. We like seeing picturesque Newark Airport. And the meadowlands! Well, they are a sight to behold. Gosh, it's great to be here. In its travels today, the band is reminded of an old story which might sound like this: Yea, and go forth from the city of Galilea to Bethlehem. For there ye shall find a babe swaddled in spandex, looking mangy. And so 68 wise men traveled forth, following the lone star beer. And with them they brought mirth, son of Frankinsence, and gold. The band now salutes the spirits of Christmas by forming a New England blue spruce on the field. Gosh, it's great to be here.

Band forms a pine tree and plays "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem."

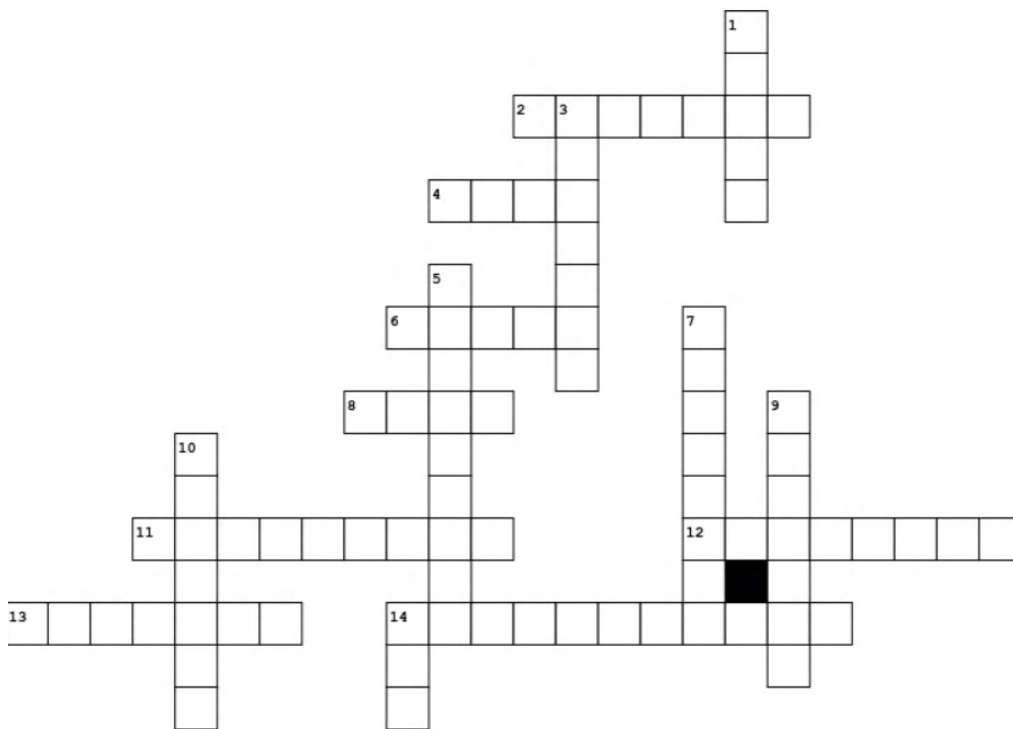
We realize the because of the disparitudes in our respective dialects which tend to make efficacious communication particularly infiltrudinous and loboese, some of you may be experiencing inordinate obfuscation. Such is not the Weltanschauung of Universitas Brunensis. As we are fond of saying, "La plus ca change, la plus c'est me chose." We're sure you couldn't agree more. Leaving you to ponder the meaning of such Rhode Island expressions as "Seekonk," "Pawtucket" and "Sucking back a 'Gansett," the Brown Band now forms a raw clam on the field and plays "I'm Just Wild About Quahogs."

Band forms a clam and plays "I'm Just Wild About Harry."

Be back next year when we won't.

***Brown @ Lehigh
November 7th
1987***

Bandstand Crossword

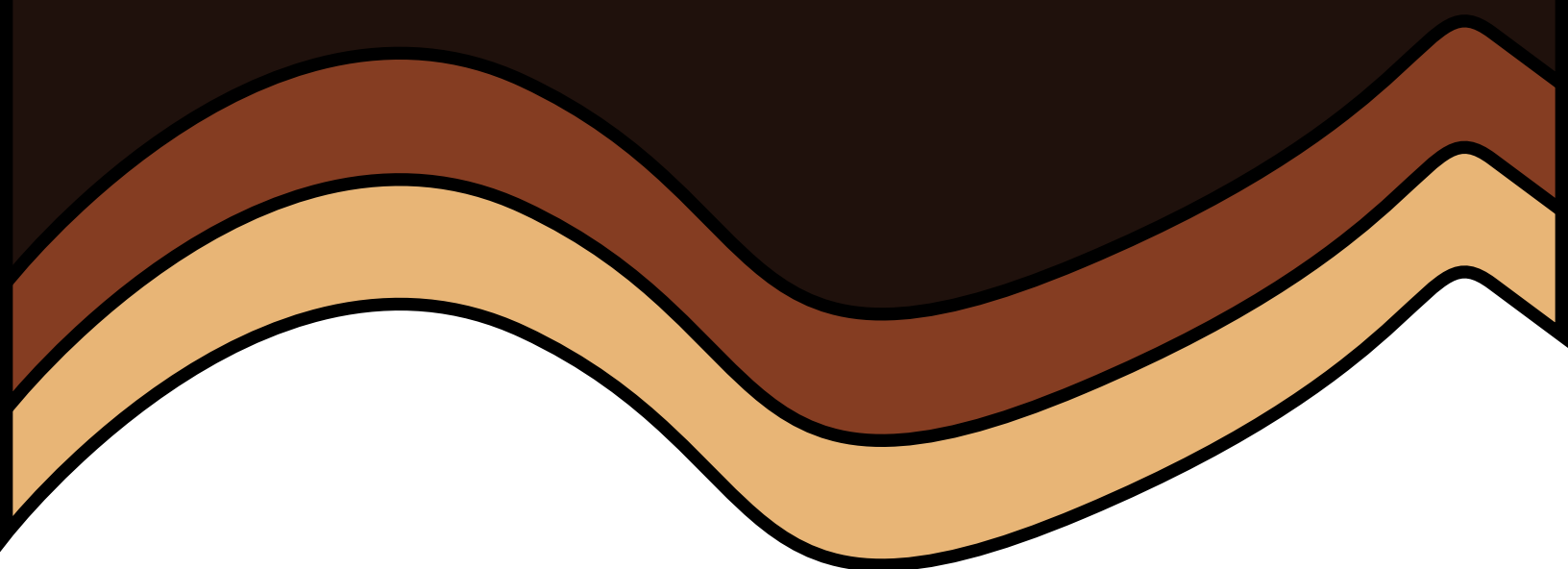


Across

2. We stole something very large from this band; smoking jackets
4. We came
6. The color of whole star anise, a kind of snail; a so-called "elite" university located in Rhode Island
8. State? Oh wait no
11. Big green what?
12. Skits, gifts, and food oh my!
13. Our fearless leader
14. The "official" name of the Brown Athletics mascot; does not describe the football team

Down

1. She who advises our fearless leader
3. Our (previous) fearless leader
5. And F
7. Where?
9. The least friendly athletics department in the Ivy League
10. We're the only ones to do this on ice
14. Our favorite highway to sing about

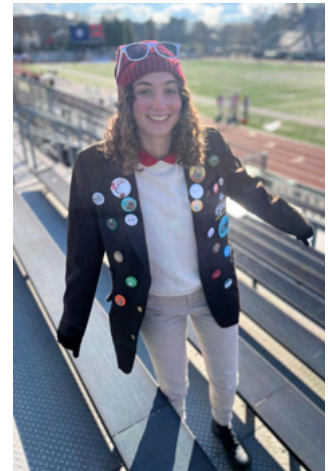


...69 Seconds
Left

Leadership

President - Jillian Belluck '25

Jillian is from a town on the “New York” side of Connecticut (proud home of the Stupid Building™). In the Band you might be able to hear her playing the flute if you listen very closely. But only in that one song. Maybe. Elsewhere on campus, she plays the most duck-sounding of all the instruments: the oboe. Jillian studies Computational Biology (Biology because genetics! And pipetting! And Computational because she gets to decorate her laptop with stickers). In her free time, you may find her skating (roller or ice), exploring the city of Providence, and starting (and sometimes finishing) various art projects.



Vice President - Jace Damon '25

Although they live all over the place now, Jace was born and in part raised in a small town just outside of another small town called Quincy, Illinois (solely known for Johnathan Van Ness). While on break you can find them withstanding the wasteland that is the Midwest in winter, surfing waves and getting some sun in Panama City (the Florida one that is), or perhaps even trying to find the best nature trails that Georgia has to offer. During the semester, Jace is also part of the executive board of Brown Chamber Orchestra, a percussionist in pit orchestras that seem like fun (GABEY'S WHAT?!), and trains (occasionally competing) with fellow members of Brown Grappling and Mixed Martial Arts. In the band, Jace plays percussion, but is seen most often on cymbals specifically (CRASH BOOM). Known for their mind for shenanigans, ability to plan social events, and their loose perspective on what it means to in a section (sorry trumpets), Jace is excited to be this year's Veep.



General Manager - Jimmy Zhang '25

Jommy, sorry, Jimmy, is from the town of Middletown, RI located (just as you guessed) in the middle of Newport and Portsmouth. Besides the native Rhode Islander activities of drinking coffee milk and being a “bad” driver, Jimmy is part of S&M where he plays the superior sax (tenor). Outside of Band, Jimmy is a AP-MA-CS concentrator so you’ll probably hear him complaining about his next PSET or CS project that’s due soon. You may catch him eating soup at the ratty, or sipping an Aroma Joe’s energy drink. If you don’t, he’s probably looking at sax gear or at home cause he can do that.



Business Manager - Albert Lou '25

Albert proudly hails from Toronto, Canada and is a freshman at Brown. Yes, he plays ice hockey. Yes, he is sometimes unnecessarily apologetic. Yes, he firmly believes ketchup potato chips are elite. Albert plays the alto sax at an extremely sub-par level and first picked up the instrument for middle school band because his mother had a crush on Kenny G. Although undecided on a concentration, he is currently considering studying economics or political science. Outside of music and academics, Albert enjoys amateur running, cooking, and creative writing.



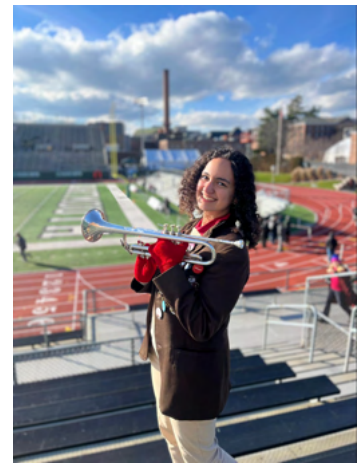
Corresponding Secretary - Devon Newman '25

Devon calls Colville—a small town located in the northeast corner of the amazing state of Washington—his home... and to answer your question before it gets asked, NO! it is not close to Seattle. While home, enjoying the “much better vibes of the west coast” he is an avid skier and even is on his local ski area’s ski patrol! He also enjoys hiking, biking and getting up way too early to go for morning runs. He is concentrating in Public Health and is pre-med; despite this he does actually have a life outside of studying (or so he says). In Band he plays trombone as part of the section he likes to call “low brass besties.” Outside of band, you’ll find him studying in the Hay, hanging with other rural students, listening to Taylor Swift, or doing research at the Brown-Lifespan Center for Digital Health! Slayyy.



Recording Secretary - Sophia Wotman '26

Sophia is from Long Island, New York, but often enjoys omitting the “Long Island” part to innocently let others assume that she’s from NYC. But of course, she will admit that she lives just outside the city, only if asked. She plays trumpet in the band, where she’ll add jazz licks to any band song that’s even the slightest bit jazzy. When she’s not busy writing emails ending with the controversial one word “evertrue,” Sophia can be found drinking bubble tea or chai lattes, writing songs in the style of Taylor Swift, or overanalyzing episodes of Friends. She plans to concentrate in English and History, and she dreams of becoming a writer after college. Writing what? No idea!



Head Conductor - Ethan Vivoda-Sadee '24

Ethan is from the small town of River Falls in Wisconsin: a state with three times as many bars as grocery stores and 2.8 billion pounds of cheese produced yearly. In the band, he can be found making “music” with the sousaphone and conducting. He also plays euphonium in the Wind Symphony and trombone with The Bear Bones. Music has always been a big part of Ethan’s life, including composing, performing with the 2019 Madison Scouts, and creating increasingly obscure music playlists. He enjoys reducing people to math problems, and as such is concentrating in APMA/ECON. Outside of music, Ethan can be found filling his brain with useless trivia about US presidents, playing Minecraft, doing origami, and losing to his sister at badminton.



Assistant Conductor - Kanayo Duru '25

Kanayo is proud to call the great state of Maryland home, and lives in a pineapple under the sea in a city called Silver Spring. Like any true Marylander he loves crabs (both watching and eating) and desires to put Old Bay seasoning on every food item he consumes. Kanayo is only a wee freshman but has already fallen in love with the band and its amazing spirit. He loves conducting and is very excited to be a baby conductor for the next few years! When not conducting you can find him playing the mellophone, French horn, or a variety of other brass instruments. If you’re lucky, you may also find him pulling his hair out in a dark room because he’s concentrating in Biochemistry (which he does love despite his lack of hair). If you are very lucky you may find him secretly pursuing his other passion of baseball on the club baseball team!



Section Leaders

Flutes

Beatrice Duchastel de Montrouge '23

Clarinets

Meg Talikoff '25
Valentin Kirilenko '24

Trumpets

Susan Tang '23
Joshua Lobsenz '24

Saxes & Mellophones

Haley Damon '24
Julia Granato '25
Tyler Gurth '25
Olivia Miller '25
Haoyi Wang GS
Eliana Hornbuckle '24
David Sanchez '23

Low Brass

Victoria Rose '23
Devon Newman '25

Percussion

Jude Adelman '23
Janelle Barnett '24
Jed Fox '23
Jace Damon '25

Appointed Positions

Librarians

Jillian Belluck '25
Adeline Hahn '23
Shaw Miller '23.5

Social Chairs

Noah Vaughan '23
Jace Damon '25
Shaw Miller '23.5
Owen Landry '26

PRR Chairs

Victoria Rose '23
Beatrice Duchastel de Montrouge '23
Devon Newman '25
Janelle Barnett '24
Noah Vaughan '23

Scriptwriters

Victoria Rose '23
Jed Fox '23
George Chudley '26
Eitan Frank '26

Historians

Beatrice Duchastel de Montrouge '23
Susan Tang '23
Jace Damon '25
Nick McCarthy-Belash '25
George Chudley '26
Eitan Frank '26
Owen Landry '26
Jude Adelman '23

Webmasters

Jed Fox '23
Tyler Gurth '25

A Final Message...

As you may know, due to Covid-19 the Band hasn't fundraised in a few years. Donations keep the band up and at 'em, and donations this season will be imperative for the band's button distribution and food budgets next year! It would mean the world to us bandies to have your support in keeping the band strong, so we can keep giving out our silly buttons with a smile.

To donate to the band, please visit gifts.brown.edu and select "Brown University Band" from the dropdown menu. If you have any questions, or would like your donation to be used for a specific purpose, feel free to reach out to the Alumni Liaisons at brownbandals@gmail.com.

Evertrue,

Brown Band Alumni Liasons
Adam Dieck '24
Joshua Lobsenz '24
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Thanks for Reading!