

Bandstand



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Letter From The President

Dear Alumni,

Happy New Year! I hope your 2022 is off to a great start. For those of you who don't know me, I'm Adeline Hahn, President of the Brown "yay alumni!" Band. I'm a junior double concentrating in International and Public Affairs (the policy and governance track) and Business, and I play one of the instruments you probably can't hear, clarinet! I'd like to extend a huge thank you to our amazing AL's, Stacey Xiang '22 and Zahid Hasan '22, for putting together this edition of Bandstand and for all their work during the year!

After a year of virtual band, the Band and football team roared back onto the gridiron this fall, with the football team winning twice as much as usual! The band, of course, is always undefeated, and scored many wins this fall. We welcomed a wonderful group of first-years, sang bus songs, and made many a trip to Jo's.

Highlights of this football season included:

A: Seeing each other's lovely faces again, not on a Zoom screen!

B: Visiting the beautiful countryside of Ithaca, complete with a zombified field show with plenty of wailing, screaming, moaning, and dying

C. Talking about our seniors in rhyme after they passed their FitnessGram pacer tests

D. European Football! We supported our women's soccer team in their NCAA tournament game against St. John's

E. Showing off our insurance commercial, Western, Zoo animal, Bob Ross, Pokemon, and all Denim Halloween costumes while slinging bagels-on-strings at Penn

F. The Princeton Band



Mark your calendars for spring! Commencement weekend will be May 27-29, celebrating the classes of 2020 and 2022. We're looking forward to a week with twice the graduates and twice the fun!

On behalf of band board and the band, I'd like to thank you for your support. Through your generosity, we've been able to repair our sousaphones, purchase two new trumpets this year, as well as custom Elrod Snidley gloves, and plenty of pizza, bagels, and juice to keep the band well-fed. Thanks to you, the band's unique traditions will continue for many years to come. If you have any questions, concerns, requests, want to visit, or have anything else you want to share please don't hesitate to contact me or our wonderful ALs!

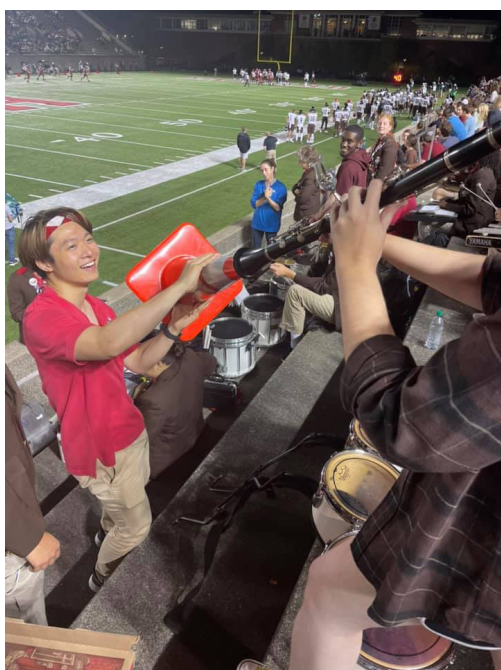
Evertrue,
Adeline Hahn

Spring Semester Preview

For the most up-to date Spring Semester schedule, check out the GCal on our shiny new website (thanks webmasters!), under People > Schedule:

<https://brownband.org>

Commencement Weekend: May 28 - 29



Football Season Wrap-up

Ladies and gentlemen, friends and alumni, presenting an organization that's so glad to be rootin' and tootin' in zero-latency unison again, it's the Brown University "Take their kneecaps!" BAAAAAAAAND!!!

Brown (24) vs. URI (45)

After a first rehearsal canceled then rescheduled due to Brown's COVID activity restrictions, the Band made its triumphant return to Brown Stadium after a two-year hiatus. Though our chops were out of practice and our working repertoire was only a fraction of the 69 (nice) songs stuffed in our folders, we still managed to hype up our team with several bawdy renditions of Ever True.



Brown (17) at Harvard (49)

We had our ice cream social welcoming first year bandies at the Tuesday rehearsal before this game, so turnout was great! Upperclassmen showed new bandies the ropes, and we even got to see a bunch of our favorite crusties again when they surprised us at the stadium. Our team didn't win, but at least the Band did.

Brown (29) at Bryant (36)

After our crushing defeats against Harvard and URI, finishing only one touchdown behind Bryant was actually pretty impressive of us. The real loss was when the Bryant Band stole Ryan, our trustiest snare player, for the entire game. Ryan, we want you back :(This was also the game where the cursed pano Adam picture was taken, as immortalized in his paper plate award this year.





Brown (31) vs. Colgate (10)

Our game against Colgate was the lowest-attended one of the season, and also the first one we won? I hope there's no correlation there. At button designing in the spring, after a slew of toothpaste related jokes, we decided to go full surrealist and just have a picture of teeth with the words "haha teeth." Truly a masterpiece and fan favorite.

Brown (42) vs. Princeton (56)

The Brown Band reunited at long last with its sordid lover, The Princeton Band, but you didn't just hear us say that, because our parents were here that week for Family Weekend. After a double whammy of campus marches, the entire Brown campus breathed a sigh of relief as both bands headed off to Brown Stadium, where the Brown team was swiftly disemboweled by a horde of ravenous tigers.

Brown (49) at Cornell (45)

The scriptwriters have always had a problem with getting censored at Cornell, so they wrote this year's script about censorship. Unsurprisingly, it got censored. We decided that if our script couldn't speak for us, we'd speak for ourselves— hence a pregame and halftime filled with moaning, screaming, crying, and falling dramatically to the ground. "Get up! Your mother could be watching this," the Cornell fans jeered at us, but still our protest continued. Our football team must have been so moved by our Oscar-worthy performances that they pushed ahead and brought home the victory in an overtime shootout.

Brown (17) at Penn (45)

Oh no, Victoria Rose (VP '20-'21) thought as she opened her freezer the week before the Penn game. *Insufficient bagels*. At the suggestion of Charlie Gagnon (VP '19-'20), she decided that the best course of action would be to tie yards of yarn to all the bagels so that each one could be reeled in and thrown multiple times. Even though our team was smashed to bits by Penn, their Band wasn't even in costume for the Halloween game, and their carbohydrate flinging technology was far inferior, so who's really winning?

Brown (38) vs. Yale (63)

We welcomed back our esteemed crusties for our second-to-last home game of the season. This made our Band infinity times bigger than the Yale band, which was non-existent until late into the game because of bus issues, but actually because they can't check their emails, a fact that was much rified

upon in our pregame and halftime shows. But alas, a better Band does not a better football team make.

Brown (0) vs. St. John's (1)

Columbia said we couldn't play instruments in their stadium (boo!), so we decided to support our women's soccer team that weekend instead (yay!) They even humored us and let us perform a halftime show on the field, during which the Band, in unison, recited the script for the FitnessGram Pacer test. Though our team dominated the entire game, St. John's snuck in a goal in the final minutes to snatch the victory (rats!)

Brown (31) vs. Dartmouth (52)

After a long and oftentimes strange season, we honored our seniors at halftime with some cheeky limericks and champagne forms. This was also the game where old Band Board quietly disappeared after being replaced by new Band Board, and, oh wait, is that the Dartmouth band over there? hahahahahaha, funny that there are exactly six of them. While our team achieved its final loss of the season, spirits were high as the Band Obvious-Child'd to celebrate our soon-to-be crusties (4 more years!)

By Stacey Xiang '22



Bandquet

Conductors



New Band Board



Old Band Board



Low Brass Pyramid!



Siblings!



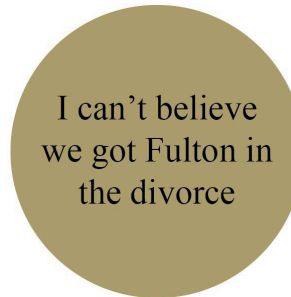
Buttons!



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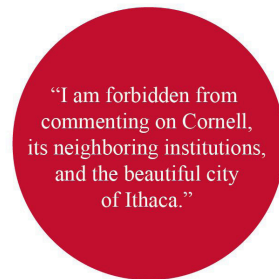
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Cornell



Penn



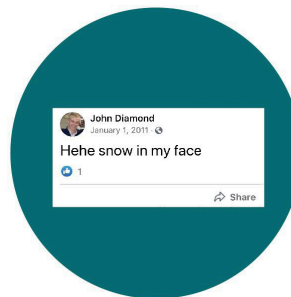
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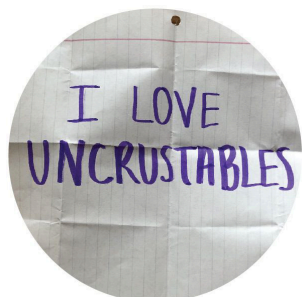
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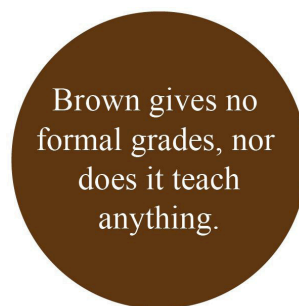
Dartmouth



Caroling



Hockey



Brown

Script Zingers

“Hello Cornell and Neighboring Institutions. We are coming to you live from the beautiful city of Ithaca and Surrounding Communities. It is a beautiful day. The sun is shining. The football is oblong. We have no negative feelings to express about the process of submitting a script for content review.”
-- Cornell pregame, censored

“Ladies and gentlemen, friends and alumni, presenting an organization that needs to borrow a writing utensil but can only speak in sentences two syllables long, it’s the Brown University “You pen. Me have?” BANNNDDDDDDDDDDD!” -- Penn pregame

“We have a Penn. We have an Apple. We have a campus-wide health crisis. We have a Pen Pineapple Apple Penn Open Pass. We have taken care of the campus-wide health crisis. Now it’s over, so we have a Pen Pineapple Apple Penn Open Pass Past. I’m at the Penn wrestling tournament, and people are using some crazy moves -- I think that’s a Pen Pineapple Apple Grapple Penn Open Pass Past! The stadium was closed, though, so the competition is taking place in a small church. Grab a drink and come to the Pen Pineapple Apple Snapple Grapple in a Chapel Penn Open Pass Past Mass. Watch now as the band limbers up its last-ditch latent lingual lexicon and plays Raise Your Pen Pineapple Apple Snapple Grapple Chapel Penn Open Pass Past Mass Glass.” -- Penn pregame

“LET’S GO WOMEN’S SOCCER WOOOO I LOVE IT WHEN WE WIN!! I SURE HOPE WATCHING A BROWN UNIVERSITY SPORTS TEAM THAT IS UNDEFEATED IN THE LEAGUE DOESN’T AWAKEN ANYTHING IN ME, LIKE AN INSATIABLE DESIRE TO WIIIIIIIIIN!” -- Women’s soccer vs. St. John’s halftime

“A. Asynchronous swimming — perfect for these uncertain times

B. Horse surfing 2a — The horse is on the board now

BB. Horse surfing 2c — The horse is the board now

BBB. Horse surfing 2e — You are a horse. Do you want to [stop surfing] or [do a backflip]?

(in a different voice:) [do a backflip] You fall, breaking your horse legs and horse face. GAME OVER: You have died of dysentery.

C. wakesurfing — the only waves we’re riding are the politically correct ones

D. skeleton — what you’ll be if you take a dip in a piranha filled lake

E. Underwater ankle ribbon wrestling — this one’s actually real

E. Cement shoe diving — popular with the folks we paid off to ensure smooth skating tonight

E. waterboarding — Dubya’s favorite sport! and

F. The Princeton band” -- Themed ice show, Spring 2022

Testimonials



“Band has been the place for me to be goofy and just let loose. I was very involved in orchestra and music throughout high-school, but wasn’t able to be in the Brown music groups. However, Brown Band has given me that musical outlet desired, but in a lax setting that is arguably the most fun group on campus. I can’t imagine being at Brown and NOT being in the band, it accounts for my happiest moments here. I cannot wait for many more years of band to come!”

-- Tyler Gurth '25

“The best part of Brown.”

-- Joshua Lobsenz '24



Four More Years!

Frances Imarhia

Instrument: Cymbals

Concentration: Biomedical Engineering

Post-grad plans? The Warren Alpert School of Medicine (btw I'm PLME)

Favorite band memory? Winter trip 2019!!



James Lu

Instrument: Usually percussion

Concentration: Electrical Engineering

Post-grad plans? PhD

Favorite band memory? Though there are countless memories with the band that I'll most definitely cherish for life, I think 2019 Commencement week (my freshman year) was probably the most life-changing and will stick to me for a long while. In short, it was probably some of the most fun I've had with people in my life and really had an amazing time spending every day with them. We went on adventures and cooked up big meals (candle-lit, fit with table cloth, fancy decor, with classy music in the background) and had the

Kevin Bacon night and deep talks. Growing up, I really wasn't that close to anyone at all really, and that was the first time I really ever experienced becoming like really close to good friends. Life-changing.

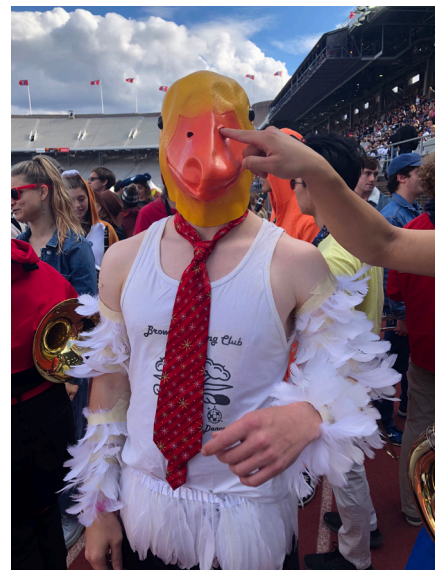
Malachi Hornbuckle

Instrument: Trombone/Conductor

Concentration: Electrical Engineering

Post-grad plans? More school!

Favorite band memory? Ordering a Lyft to go through the McDonald's drive thru because apparently five people impersonating a car aren't allowed



Sara Caskey

Instrument: Trumpet

Concentration: Literary Arts

Post-grad plans? Hmm

Favorite band memory? Trumpet section baby costume 2019

Dorrie Pinchbeck

Instrument: Cymbals!

Concentration: Chemical Engineering

Post-grad plans? Good question, currently looking for a job doing something environment-related

Favorite band memory? Going to New York and eating Nutella ice cream with band friends on winter trip, making up parts along the way with my fellow cymbal players when none of us know the song, and playing a trash can as a drum for virtual commencement!





Hannah Joyce

Instrument: Bass Drum

Concentration: Cognitive Neuroscience

Post-grad plans? Work full time as a research assistant in the White Lab of Affective Neuroscience at Brown before grad school.

Favorite band memory? The winter trip to New York! (February 2020)

Julia Henke

Instrument: Alto sax

Concentration: Biomedical Engineering

Post-grad plans? Working as manufacturing engineer with Boston Scientific (ie in the medical device industry)

Favorite band memory? S&M bondage when I was a sophomore where we dropped ~300 bouncy balls down the SciLi stairs



Lee Ding

Instrument: Alto sax

Concentration: APMA

Post-grad plans? Biostatistics PhD Somewhere

Favorite band memory? Leg Day @ SciLi



Amber Fehrs

Instrument: Percussion

Concentration: Double concentrating in English and Medieval Cultures

Post-grad plans? Law school... unless somebody wants to hire me as a comedy writer first?

Favorite band memory? The Great Cornell Script Censoring of 2021 and

subsequent Cornell Protest Show. (RIP to “It is a beautiful day. The sun is shining. The football is oblong. We have no negative feelings to express about the process of submitting a script for content review”). After several attempts at getting absolutely anything at all from our original script approved (“Your announcing script for your performance is not approved. Please refrain from any negative comments about Cornell, Ithaca, our athletics department, or our request for your script to be approved.” -Cornell Athletics, 2021) we ended up with a protest halftime show 16 words long, comprised entirely of simple, factual statements (Band. The Dirge. The Wii Theme. The football teams will resume play on these premises shortly). But they couldn’t dictate our field behavior. Watching the band scream and sob and pretend to die painful deaths while absolutely blasting The Dirge was beautiful. The sports announcers were horrified. The confused Cornell fans yelling “Did you even practice? Stand up! What is HAPPENING?” at us while we played a terrible horrible no good very bad wailing version of the Wii Theme was comedy gold. I’ve never been so happy to have a script chopped up. To the next generation of bandies: May your jokes always be cutting edge, even if they sometimes end up on the cutting room floor, and may you always find ways (math-debating, anybody?) to say what you want to say regardless. I love you, Band!!!

Joie Mills

Instrument: Flute

Concentration: Political Science

Post-grad plans? I plan to go to law school a couple of years after graduation, but in the meantime I will be working and hopefully traveling abroad to make up for the study abroad plans that covid stole from me :)

Favorite band memory? My favorite band memory by far is senior day in the fall semester of 2021. The band, and especially my flute gals, filled the entire day with joy and love for us seniors. I was overwhelmed with emotion and I do not have the words to describe how grateful I am for the band, always. Ever true forever and ever and ever and ever.



William Perry

Instrument: TROMBONE!!!!!!!

Concentration: BEO - Business Economics

Post-grad plans? Nothing Conclusive.

Favorite band memory? Tied for First:

- 1) Overnight Trip to Penn for Halloween 2019.
- 2) The chaos of the first rehearsal of Freshman Year.
- 3) Commencement 2021.



Jason Ho

Instrument: Saxophone

Concentration: Computer Engineering

Post-grad plans? Grad school

Favorite band memory? The annual Sci li
bouncy ball drop

Adam Furman

Instrument: Bass Drum

Concentration: Mathematical Physics
(Sc.B.) and Computer Science (A.B.)

Post-grad plans? Master's or PhD in Com-
putational Physics

Favorite band memory? I have so many,
even though I've only been around for a short
time! But I think my favorite is getting lost in
the mall on the Penn trip. It felt like I was in
one of those books you read as a kid where
the class goes on a field trip and then... gasp!
two people get lost! and they have to live in
the museum! and be detectives! But in all
seriousness, it was so nice to go on a trip with
friends new and old, sing songs, pay for food
in \$2 bills, and then navigate the labyrinthine
structures of american consumerism looking
for a way back onto the goddamned bus (too
soon!).



Ánh McGrane

Instrument: Trumpet

Concentration: Biology, East Asian Studies

Post-grad plans? Either graduate school studying dietetics at Boston University, or a big person job, to be determined

Favorite band memory? Bringing a Thanksgiving feast to a football game as the section snacks



William Brakewood

(this picture is not will but it is the picture he uploaded to the google form)

Instrument: Trumpet

Concentration: Chemical Engineering

Post-grad plans? I'm going to grad school!

Favorite band memory? Seeing that guy who looked like Kylo Ren in the Princeton Band.

Stacey Xiang

Instrument: mostly mellophone, sometimes clarinet, occasionally bass drum or cymbals

Concentration: APMA and physics

Post-grad plans? Ph.D. in information science, probably somewhere in the midwest

Favorite band memory? Commencement drumline 2021. It was the first in-person performance of my presidency, and the first time I got to see my band board's hard work pay off in a real time, zero latency way. Even though we weren't allowed to have wind players there, it was still really special to be able to cadence the seniors out the Van Wickle gates.

Also, (controversial opinion) making recordings for virtual band. I think the most tracks I sent in for a single song was 9.



Not pictured: Ryan Burnett, Charlie Gagnon, Haisong Yang

Congratulations to the class of 2022!



69 Seconds Left

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