



Supporting Tiger Band

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Your CUTBA Board of Directors has been hard at work planning and executing support activities for the Fall season.

1) First Day of Band Camp was kicked off, on August 16th, with students registering throughout the morning and afternoon. CUTBA was there issuing a backpack along with the ever popular Tiger Band bumper sticker, CUTBA decal and information sheet to every student. The day's activities ended with the traditional CUTBA sponsored Ice Cream Social in the South Club VIP area at Death Valley. This is the 15th consecutive year CUTBA has served Clemson Ice Cream to Tiger Band students to end their first day back to Clemson. This year we invited Tiger Band Alumni to join in the event and had a good turnout and help in scooping the ice cream. Make your plans to attend next year!

2) Up next is a Tiger Band Alumni event as CUTBA once again participates in First Friday Parade on September 1st.

3) And then many Board Members will be up and out early Saturday to set up, provide and serve Tiger Band breakfast following their 8:00AM rehearsal prior to a Noon Kick Off against Kent State.

4) And of course, Homecoming planning is well underway..... So, review the Friday and Saturday events for this and sign up to join us: https://secure.touchnet.net/C20569_ustores/web/store_cat.jsp?STOREID=192&CATID=368&SINGLESTORE=true

This newsletter is intended to be the first of a weekly series where you are updated on CUTBA and its activities as well as Tiger Band news throughout the 2017 football season. So, watch your inbox each week to see more exciting news from and about CUTBA and Tiger Band!



Lorenzo Lewis showing off the CUTBA gifts and information



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Yours for Tiger Band, CUTBA and Clemson University,

Tony Stapleton
CUTBA President FY2018

Greetings From Tigertown!

The 2017 edition of "The Band That Shakes the Southland" is putting the finishing touches on pre-game and the first halftime show for Kent State. The theme of the day is the celebration of the 2016 national championship, and Tiger Band is pulling out all the stops. You will not want to miss this one. The performance on the field will be enhanced by the video board showing football highlights of that magical season. Music includes:

Fanfare for Rocky/Eye of the Tiger

Word has it that "Rocky" is Dabo's favorite movie! As video highlights of the regular season and ACC Championship game play on the screen, have your camera ready to snap some photos of the band formations throughout the entire halftime!

The Phoenix by Fall Out Boy

Like a Phoenix rising from the ashes in Phoenix, the team returns to the scene of the 2015 national championship game. This time the outcome was very different, as Urban Meyer's Buckeyes crashed and burned!

Theme from Jason Bourne

As the game in Tampa against Alabama began, things were not looking good for the Tigers. But they came roaring back in the 2nd half to claim Clemson's 2nd national championship!

We Are the Champions

What else would Tiger Band play as highlights of post-game and parade celebrations play on the video board?

Student of the Week

Meet Josh Koury, a senior performing arts major from Piedmont, SC. He attended Wren High School and came to Clemson as a computer science major. Josh recently switched to performing arts because he loves music. He is a trumpet section leader and member of Kappa Kappa Psi, the band service fraternity. This past summer he was selected to play in the Kappa Kappa Psi National Intercollegiate Band in Orlando.

In 2015 Josh registered for [Be the Match](#), the national bone marrow registry. Be the Match is a nonprofit organization that's dedicated to helping every patient get the life-saving transplant they need, advancing treatments for those facing life-threatening blood cancers. Tiger Band began participating in a program in 2013 called "Banding Together," a program to register college marching band members into the bone marrow registry. A partnership between Tiger Band and the University of South Carolina Marching Band that year has grown to over 40 college bands today.

Josh was notified in April 2017 that he might be a DNA match for someone needing a stem cell transplant. After going for more extensive blood testing to be sure, he was excited to have the opportunity. He was given a drug to have his body produce excess stem cells, and on Thursday, June 29 he went to Greenville for the main procedure. His stem cells were then extracted from his blood and transplanted into a 66-year-old male recipient. At last word that person is doing well and on the road to recovery.

For the 3rd year, in 2017 Tiger Band will be out on campus later in the fall recruiting other Clemson students to join the registry. All you have to do is swab your cheek with a Q-tip and hope you too can save a life! So far over 20 lives have been saved through the Banding Together program, and we hope to save many more.

If you see Josh on campus or game day, be sure to thank him – he is a true Tiger Band Hero!!!



Josh Koury at the FSU game in 2016



Dr. Speed thanks Josh at Tiger Band Meeting

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Dr. Mark Spede
Director of Bands

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