

THE HERALD

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Pitt Band Alumni Council Newsletter

Summer 2014

Slate of Officers for 2014-2016

The Executive Board of the Pitt Band Alumni Council proposes and unanimously supports the following slate of officer nominations for the upcoming July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2016 term. To endorse the slate of candidates below, or to make a nomination, please either email pbac.events@gmail.com or submit via mail to Pitt Band Alumni Council, P.O. Box 3754, Pittsburgh, PA 15230-3754

President – Adam Warble, CAS 2008

Adam played trumpet in the marching band, concert band, and pep band from 2003 through 2008 and served as a squad leader and the trumpet section leader. He then earned his music education certification at Carnegie Mellon University. Currently, Adam is an elementary general music and choral teacher for grades 1-6 in the Riverside Beaver County School District as well as the assistant band director. He also coordinates and directs the Pitt Band Alumni Herald Trumpets and served as the Vice-President of PBAC from 2010-2014.

Vice President – Justin Kibler, ENGR 2011

Justin played trumpet in the marching band and pep band from 2007 through 2011, having served as squad leader and trumpet section leader. He now works as a Signalling Engineer at Ansaldo STS USA (former Union Switch and Signal). He is also currently pursuing his MBA at Pitt's KATZ Graduate School of Business.

Treasurer – Timothy Parenti, ENGR 2010

Tim played trumpet in the marching band, symphonic band, and pep band from 2006 through 2010 and served as squad leader from 2008 through 2010. He is currently a graduate student at Pitt, working toward a degree in Computer Science, and has served as the Treasurer of PBAC since 2012.

Secretary – Alexandra Warble, PHARM 2014

Alexandra played the trumpet in the Pitt marching band and pep band from 2009-2013. She was a squad leader during the 2011-2012 season and a co-section leader throughout the 2012-2013 season. She also participated as a member of the Alumni Herald Trumpets this past season. Alexandra recently received her Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences this April 2014 and anticipates receiving her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Pittsburgh in 2016.

Letter from the Director, Dr. Brad Townsend

Hello Pitt Band Alumni!

As my first year at Pitt comes to a close I'd like to thank every one of you who welcomed me and thank you for all of your support of the Pitt Band. It has been a great first year and I am already looking forward to even better things to come.

Many of you know I spent the last 11 years as Director of Athletic Bands at Oregon State University. I grew up in Somerset, PA and the first college band I ever saw was the Pitt Band when my high school came to Pitt Band Day in the late 70s. All it took was seeing the band come crashing out of the tunnel in old Pitt Stadium and I was hooked! All these years later that experience and the tradition of the Pitt Band drew me to this position.

I was also drawn to Pitt based on the support of the University and Athletic Department. As many of you know, Pitt's move to the ACC has brought a lot of great things to the Pitt Band this year. Not only did we get new uniforms, drums, color guard flags, a sound system and more travel opportunities, we also were able to hire a full time Assistant Director, Matthew Alosi. We are looking forward to a lot of great things this coming year including a brand new set of trumpets.

As you well know the students of the Pitt Band are tremendous and their dedication to the band is inspiring. But I'd also like to publically thank the Pitt Band staff for all of their hard work, support and for making both Matt and I feel welcome. It is a very talented and special group who cares deeply about the band and always strives to get better.

Finally, I'd be remiss if I did not publically thank Jack R. Anderson as well. I have known Jack since my time at Temple University and although it has been daunting stepping into his shoes, he has made it easy and comfortable. I admire what he has built with you all and promise to work as hard as I can to keep this band growing and getting even better!

I hope you enjoy your summer and that we will see you at pregame concerts and games in the fall, as well as at Alumni Band Day for the Homecoming football game on October 25 with Georgia Tech. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me at btownsend@athletics.pitt.edu.

Hail to Pitt!

Brad Townsend