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**Sara Stearns**, '15, Flag, Asian Studies, Commerce Twp, MI

**Lizzy Vana**, '16, Horn, Communications, Cedar, MI



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### The Purpose of the Association:

To render service and financial support to the University of Michigan Bands.

To encourage respect for the high standards which the Michigan Bands strive to uphold.

To promote goodwill and fellowship among current and former members and friends of the Michigan Bands.

To stimulate interest in the Michigan Bands among qualified potential students of the University of Michigan.

To participate actively in preserving the history of the University of Michigan Bands.

To accumulate funds, primarily from member contributions and dues, for scholarship awards to deserving Michigan Band members, and for other projects for the benefit of the Michigan Bands and the Association.

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# 2014 BLAST FROM THE PAST

Let me start by saying thank you to everyone for making this year's Blast from the Past a big success.

If it wasn't for everyone taking time away from their busy schedules to come back on a cold Saturday afternoon to watch our Boys in Blue duke it out on the gridiron, then we wouldn't have a Blast.

Homecoming is that time when we put our daily lives on hold and we travel back to a time when Bo roamed the sidelines and Cavender demanded more damn sound. Homecoming is a special time of year when we get to catch up with old friends and reminisce about that time when Mario Manningham caught the game winning touchdown against Penn State with second left on the clock or when Desmond Howard struck the Heisman pose during a win against that state to the south. Homecoming is a wonderful time of year.

This year we had 289 returning alumni! Our alumni represented classes from as far back as 1946 and as recent as 2013 (hooray for breaking the (insert bad word here) 5-year rule!!). Currently holding the record for the most seasoned member is Doris English. Congratulations and we hope to see you again next year, Doris!

This year's Blast took place on November 1, 2014. The Meechigan Wolverines stomped the Indiana Hoosiers 34-10. Michigan currently holds the all-time record at 53-9. This year the alumni band performed "I Can't Turn You Loose (Blues Brothers Theme)" and "Respect", along with our traditional tunes.

Again, thank you to everyone who made this year's Blast from the Past a success. I also want to thank the students of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma for their help this fall in preparing all of the flip folders and music. Special thanks to Gary Straffon and Linda Ridley for helping me with all of the data and registration that goes on behind the scenes. Thank you to the UMBAA board for all of their help in getting Blast off the ground. And a final thank you to my wife, Danielle Aguilar, for putting up with me the few weeks leading up to Blast and for all her support.

We look forward to seeing everyone again next year when the Wolverines take on the Northwestern Wildcats on October 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or suggestions for Blast, feel free to email us at [umbaasec@umich.edu](mailto:umbaasec@umich.edu).

Thank you and Go Blue!

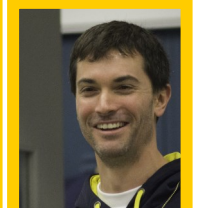
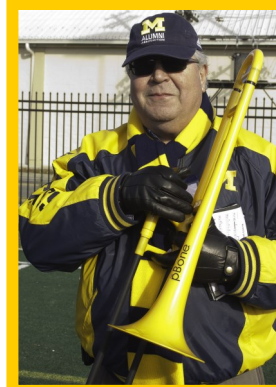
**David Aguilar '05, Blast 2014 Chair**

Images  
captured on at  
**Homecoming**  
on November 1.

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# YOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

**Stephanie Upplegger Gage** graduated in 2009 with a BSN and was a member of the MMB, Women's Basketball Band, and Campus Bands. She currently works for the U-M Trauma Burn Center as a RN. She plans to attend graduate school in the next couple years for either nurse practitioner or anesthesia. She is currently a member of the Alumni Pep and Concert Bands, and lives in Brighton with husband Aaron and dog Jackie.



**Stephanie Gage**

**Amanda (Mandy) Siegel** is originally from Westminster, MD and has lived in Michigan since graduating from UofM with a BSE in Industrial Engineering. She currently works as a Quality Engineer in Dexter, Michigan. Mandy played trumpet in the MMB, hockey band and women's basketball band from 2000 to 2004 and blames her time in the hockey band for her current college hockey obsession. She has traveled across the United States to see Michigan's hockey team from Boston to Fairbanks and every CCHA and Big Ten rink in between, with a goal of seeing a game at every Division I arena. Mandy is an active member of the Alumni pep band and looks forward to serving the Michigan Band community that has given her such great friends, opportunities and experiences.



**Mandy Siegel**

**Devonie Townsend** is a newly elected member of the UMBAA Board of Directors. Previously, she was the Assistant Pastry Manager of Zingerman's Bakehouse, which is ground zero for all of the delicious coffee cakes, brownies, cookies, cakes and pies sold under the Zingerman's name. Devonie holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Michigan, where she joined the tenor sax section in the Michigan Marching Band in 1996. She is an avid runner, weight trainer and baker. She regularly volunteers at local running events and the Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary. Devonie lives in Ann Arbor with her husband, Jason Townsend (MMB Drumline '96 and fellow board member), their rabbit, Winston, and black German Shepherd Dog, Optimus.



**Devonie Townsend**

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# ELBEL CLUB CAMPAIGN UPDATE

## HELP US PROVIDE AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME!

UMBAA members at BLAST 2014 were updated on the Michigan Marching and Athletic Bands Elbel Club Victors for Michigan Campaign by John W. Stout, '76, and Marianne Swenson '78.

**The Elbel Club Victors for Michigan Campaign will complete a \$25 million goal by 2018. As of November 1, 2014 we need just \$9 million to complete endowments for:**

- Graduate Student Instruction
- Percussion Instruction
- Flag Instruction
- Instruments
- Student Scholarship Aid

As all of us know first hand, participation in the Marching and Athletic bands provides students with unique opportunities to learn life lessons that reach beyond the boundaries of the academic environment. Many of our alumni report using leadership, teamwork, and time management skills learned in the MMB to excel in their current careers. Our mission is to continue to provide students with world-class instruction, valuable life experiences, and unforgettable performances.

To be clear, the Elbel Club **does not** supplant the absolutely vital UMBAA Student Scholarship Program, which provides much needed support to the students of the University Bands. While the Elbel Club does have scholarships endowed by numerous generous donors, Elbel Club also supports the vital material components of the program such as uniforms, instruments and instructional support, areas not supported by UMBAA scholarship funds.

**You** will have a hand in making sure our students receive the instruction, instruments, and scholarships they need for years to come.

Private support is critical in continuing to provide these outstanding opportunities. **YOUR** active involvement not only benefits the students and faculty who continue our great MMB traditions, but will also provide the resources needed to pass on these life-changing experiences to the next generation.

Once achieved, fully endowing the Marching and Athletic Band program vastly reduces dependency

on annual funding from the university. Currently, donors contribute nearly 70% of the annual budget for the Marching and Athletic Bands, the remainder covered by university funds.

There are 4,700 living MMB & Athletic Bands Alumni. **SEVEN PERCENT** of our band alumni are currently donors to the program. To illustrate where we need to be to meet our goals, it's important to note that the national average of alumni giving for the top universities is about FIFTY-EIGHT percent.

We **CAN** do better than 7% band alumni donor participation. Any amount helps, and giving is pretty painless. It can be made in a variety of ways, and over a period of time. We're asking all of you to step up and become a donor to the Elbel Club Victors for Michigan Campaign. All donations count. People from all walks of life are gifting to the MMB in all amounts. Your gifts make the student experience better. And gifts are tax deductible. You get equal value for your Athletic Priority Points with gifts to the MMB.

**DONATE NOW (before the end of the year) for your 2014 tax deduction!**  
**Contact Development Officer Kimberly Baumgartner at (734) 764-6525 or at [elbelclub@gmail.com](mailto:elbelclub@gmail.com)**



**YES, WE ARE ASKING YOU!**



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**BE A VICTOR FOR MICHIGAN**



You'll never forget your first Pregame Experience. You can feel a dull roar reverberating through your whole being. Rumbles and vibrations of sound come from above you, around you -- everywhere. In the tunnel you stand, one behind the other, looking through plumes toward the light, anticipating the controlled chaos of the Big House. Both fear and excitement well up in your body as you wait for the cue. Stepping forward into the mouth of the tunnel, suddenly the only thing you can hear was the sound of your own heart pounding in your chest. There is a split second of silence, suddenly cut short by the four quick tweets of the whistle. You run into a wave of over 114,000 fans cheering to our cadence, in our colors: Maize and Blue. Folding out into the **BLOCK M** formation, you take a deep breath and play the opening chord of the **M** Fanfare. The sight of each person, raising their fist into the air to symbolize the Victor, solidifies that there is no place you'd rather be. You are ho**M**e.

Being a member of the **MMB** is a cherished experience that with your help will remain available for generations of young band members to come. Our goal is to ensure that each spot in the **BLOCK M**, each member of our ensemble, will be provided with the instruments required to perform what John Philip Sousa called "the greatest fight song of all time."

Replacing the instruments is a never ending process. We ask you to support the **MMB BLOCK M** Initiative. For a gift of \$2,500, payable \$500 per year, to the Instrument Endowment, you will be able to sponsor your spot in the Pregame Performance Block. As a sponsor, your name will be displayed prominently in Revelli Hall and on our website.

With your gift, we will be one step closer to completing the Instrument Endowment and ensuring we have the best possible instruments for years to come!

Reserve your place today in the **BLOCK M** by contacting Kimberly Baumgartner at (734) 764-6525 or at [elbelclub@gmail.com](mailto:elbelclub@gmail.com).

Be a Victor for the **MMB**!

*Kimberly Baumgartner*

Kimberly Baumgartner  
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# UMBAA PEP BAND #23 IS UNDERWAY

Under the co-direction of Jim Nissen and Evy Rodriguez, UMBAA Pep Band again has a very busy season. It's not too late to join in on the fun. **The 2014/15 Schedule:**

Date	Time	Event
Saturday, November 22 - Hockey	7:35 pm	Michigan vs. Penn State (Yost)
Friday, November 28 - Hockey	7:35 pm	Michigan vs. Rensselaer (Yost)
Saturday, November 29 - MBB	4:00 pm	Michigan vs. Nicholls State (Crisler)
Saturday, November 29 - Hockey	7:35 pm	Michigan vs. Rensselaer (Yost)
Tuesday, December 16	8:30 pm	REHEARSAL (Revelli)
Friday, December 19 - WBB	7:00 pm	Michigan vs. Canisius (Crisler)
Saturday, December 20 - MBB	12:00 pm	Michigan vs. SMU (Crisler)
Monday, December 22 - MBB	8:00 pm	Michigan vs. Coppin State (Crisler)
Sunday, December 28 - Hockey	3:30 pm	Michigan vs. Michigan Tech (JLA)
Monday, December 29 - Hockey	3:30/7:00 pm	Michigan vs. MSU/Ferris State (JLA)
Tuesday, December 30 - MBB	3:00 pm	Michigan vs. Illinois (Crisler)
Sunday, January 4 - WBB	2:00 pm	Michigan vs. MSU (Crisler)

Attendance at every event is not required, but we do expect players to attend at least one rehearsal as we do play more than the traditional Michigan tunes and are adding new music every year. All rehearsals take place at Revelli Hall. Game times shown are game start times and players should expect to be at the game venue at least 45 minutes prior to the start of the game. A uniform shirt and music will be provided and arrangements can be made to borrow instruments if needed. You must be a current dues paying member of the University of Michigan Band Alumni Association (UMBAA) to be eligible to participate. If you're interested in joining in the fun, or have any questions, please contact Pete Dalton via email, [loudtuba@umich.edu](mailto:loudtuba@umich.edu)

## UMBAA CONCERT BAND

With another concert behind us, the UMBAA Concert Band is already looking forward to the Winter Session! Rehearsals will start on January 8th through March 19th at 7:30pm in the band room at Skyline High School in Ann Arbor. (No rehearsal on February 19th.) The winter concert will be at 3 pm, March 22nd in the Auditorium at Huron High School in Ann Arbor. Registration details will be coming out soon, so watch your inbox and [umbaa.org](http://umbaa.org)! See you in January!



## IN MEMORIAM

**Walter Metzger (1943) Sam Szor (1948) Burt Barnes (1949)**  
**Daniel Kovats (1949) Allen Abrams (1952)**  
**Linda Alt Olsen (1980) Mike Schwark (1980)**

# UMBAA Marketplace

FOR YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING NEEDS



BE PRESENT

## UMBAA Group Tickets for UMS Performances

The University of Michigan Band Alumni Association has partnered with the University Musical Society to offer UMBAA members, family, and friends discounted tickets and group seating for several performances this year. It's now easier than ever to order tickets. Simply use the promo code: **UMBAAHAIL** when placing orders online, by phone, or in person to receive the discount and be seated with other UMBAA members.

**Mariinsky Orchestra, Saturday, January 24th at 8pm**, Hill Auditorium - **group discount 15% off** - **promocode expires 1/10/2015 at 1pm** \$40.80/ea Front Center Balcony <http://ums.org/performance/mariinsky-orchestra/>

The program features pianist Behzod Abduraimov in a performance of Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 3.

**Mendelssohn's Elijah, Saturday, February 14th at 8pm**, Hill Auditorium - **group discount 25% off** - **promocode expires 1/31/15 at 1pm** \$21/ea Front Center Mezzanine <http://ums.org/performance/ums-choral-union-mendelssohns-elijah>

Mendelssohn's epic oratorio is scored for four vocal soloists, boy soprano, full symphony, and a large chorus, and this performance features the well-known talents of the UMS Choral Union and the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, all under the baton of Jerry Blackstone.

**Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis, Sunday, February 15th at 4pm**, Hill Auditorium - **group discount 15% off** - **promocode expires 1/31/15 at 1pm** \$34/ea Rear Center Mezzanine <http://ums.org/performance/jazz-at-lincoln-center-orchestra-with-wynton-marsalis-2/>

Since 1988, Marsalis has led the 15-piece Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra. From swinging to supple, sophisticated to spirited, it's all sheer jazz perfection.

The promocode **UMBAAHAIL** can be redeemed over the phone at [734.764.2538](tel:734.764.2538). In-person at the Michigan League Ticket Office (911 N University Ave). M-F 9am-5pm, Sat 10am -1pm.

Online the code may be redeemed at [ums.org](http://ums.org). Fees apply for phone & online orders. Please be aware that UMS prices are dynamic and may increase as the concert gets nearer so members are encouraged to book their tickets soon for best pricing.



## NEED A BAND JACKET?

Were you shivering at Homecoming? Has your band jacket grown a bit threadbare? Do you wear a size small? If you answered yes, then do we have a deal for you! UMBAA has a limited number of band jackets, size small, that we are willing to part with for the low price of \$50! Please contact Kristy Penney, [kmvpenney@yahoo.com](mailto:kmvpenney@yahoo.com) if you'd like one!

## SHOW YOUR COLORS WITH AN ALUMNI BAND SIDELINE SHIRT!



**Shirt 1:** Adidas bright maize Football Sideline Coordinator polo shirt, Embroidered "Michigan Alumni Band" centered around Block M, Blue trim on sleeve cuff, Plain back. Available in men's Medium and Large [NOTE: The same shirt (less the Alumni Band embroidery) is offered at M Den for \$65]



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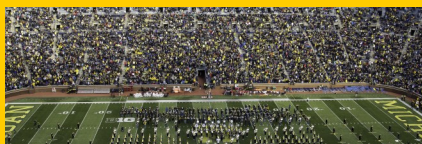
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