

*“The Pride of West Virginia, the Mountaineer Marching Band.” There is nothing like hearing those words come across the loud speaker at a football game as the band runs onto the field at pregame. As a member of the Pride from 1988-1992, and serving as drum major my senior year, nothing made me prouder as a Mountaineer than to say I was a member of the marching band.*

*The band renders as much respect and awe today as it did 30 plus years ago when I was a member. To gain that appreciation from the Mountaineer fan base, there comes much hard work and many practices; practices that are on a painted football field in the parking lot at the Coliseum, yes, a parking lot. As a proud alumnus of WVU, I may not be running out of the tunnels, directing on the podium or forming the state and playing Country Roads on the field but when I come to a football game, it is like I never left. I am sitting in the stands directing, and singing and playing my baritone parts with each step the current members take (embarrassing my kids along the way).*

*It is time for the Pride to move to the next level and be given the practice facility on a “green” field that is long overdue. The Pride deserves to have a facility that limits injuries and replicates running onto a “real” field. Please donate to the Pride Practice Facility to give the ambassadors of WVU and WV, a proper practice facility and not a parking lot. Help the band to continue running out of the tunnels, forming the Simple Gift circles, getting the fans into the game with Country Roads and Mountain Dew, and leading the way in the stands at the game and halftime.*

*Thank you for your support of “The Pride of WV, The Mountaineer Marching Band!!!”*

Amy Brockway Griffin

WVU Pride of West Virginia, 1988 – 1992