



WVU Alumni Band, Inc. Alumni Pride Since 1969

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Greetings fellow Alumni Band, Inc. members,

We hope everyone is doing as well as possible during this crazy time. As we're sure most of you know, WVU is shut down for the rest of the spring semester, and what happens this fall is still dependent on how well the virus is contained. Practically all projects at the University have ground to a halt so it was a big surprise to us to learn that, in collaboration with University leadership, progress continues to be made on the construction of a Pride Practice Facility.

There have been several iterations of how the Pride Practice Facility would come to fruition – including the possibility of multiple partnerships across campus – but as of now, the field will be exclusively for the “Pride of West Virginia” WVU Marching Band. Your WVU Alumni Band Inc., in partnership with the WVU Foundation and the College of Creative Arts, is deeply committed to this project and has accepted the responsibility of fundraising in support of the project.

The WVU Foundation is currently ramping up several fundraising ideas in support of the Pride Practice Facility, and will be reaching out to the University's entire alumni community. Also, architectural renderings of the new field and facilities will soon be available to share. Shortly after the renderings are revealed, WVU Alumni Band Inc., will be introducing our first major fundraising campaign that will only be available to YOU, former Pride members and their families. It is an exciting campaign that we can't wait to reveal to you! Because of the band not traveling last year, the Pride Travel Fund is in good shape this year. We hope that you can direct those donations toward the new field this year instead.

We would also like your feedback on how we can best fundraise to support the construction of a Pride Practice Facility. We need your input, and your support, to make this project a success. Are you willing to share some fundraising ideas? We want to hear from you! For example, maybe a place in your town that has a WVU watch party will have a night dedicated to the band and have a donation collection. We will need auction items in the future if anyone knows how to obtain them. We would also like to see some Alumni pep bands getting donations to play events and parties.

Do you have ideas to share? If so, please email us at info@wvualumniband.org. Let's make the bands forever home, as well as ours, a reality instead of a dream.

Sincerely,

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