



MARCHING KNIGHTS

THE PRIDE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

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Thank you for your interest in serving as a staff member for the 2025 Marching Knights! The selection of an excellent and dedicated student staff is one of the most critical components to preparing for a successful marching season, and we expect those choosing to apply will treat the process with the utmost respect and sincerity. Below is important information about the application process:

Timeline

- Applications Available on the Armory – Monday, February 17
- Application Deadline – Monday, March 10 at 5pm. In addition, Drum Major candidates will submit a paper titled, “My Contributions as Drum Major of the Marching Knights” to TK and Mr. Schreier’s email by Monday, March 10 at 5pm.

Those who pass the application round will have the following:

- **Wind/Percussion/SK Section Leader Interviews** – April 1-3 (Tuesday-Thursday). Sign up on google. A link will be sent out for those who are invited to interview.
- Drum Major Auditions (Round Two) – Friday, April 4 (Time 10am at the School of Performing Arts Courtyard/ Music Conference Room, M-143)
- 2025 Drum Major Auditions (Round 3 / Final Round) – Friday, April 12 (Call Time 2:30pm)
- 2025 MK Staff is Announced – Monday, April 14
- 2025 Staff Meeting (for those selected) – Tuesday, April 22 (1pm in M-150)
- 2025 Staff Inventory Day – Sunday, April 27 (10am-1pm)

Please let us know what questions you have regarding the audition process and position descriptions below. We are excited to get the 2025 Marching Knight season started with these extremely important events. Congratulations and we hope you considering applying for these important positions within the Marching Knights.

Sincerely,

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Position Descriptions

Drum Majors (*three will be selected*) The drum majors of the Marching Knights are the student conductors of the ensemble. The drum majors are responsible to the directors and work with them in leading rehearsals and performances. The drum majors are also involved in some administrative duties and are largely responsible for the promotion of pride and spirit within the MK. In addition, Drum Majors organize and lead accolade rehearsals and performances, lead/organize staff / MK meetings, and lead pep band performances for Jammin' Knights events. Any member who has been a part of the Marching Knights for at least one season is eligible to audition. Drum majors who wish to return for another season as drum major are required to re-audition each year.

Drum Major Audition Information

Drum major auditions will be open to any Marching Knights member who has been a part of the Marching Knights during the 2024 season. The second-round audition will consist of the following:

- Demonstration of marching fundamentals
- Conduct various patterns/tempo
- Conducting to a recording of **your choosing** (1:30-2:00 min in length)
- Score Study / Sight reading demonstration
- Respond to leadership questions in a brief interview

Attire for round two auditions will be the 2024 MK shirt, black shorts, and comfortable tennis shoes suitable for demonstrating marching fundamentals. Those candidates selected to advance to the final round will be notified over the weekend. The final audition will consist of conducting a live ensemble in a musical selection to be announced, and candidates will be notified immediately if they are a finalist for the position.

Section Leaders/Coordinators

Section leaders are charged with organizing and setting the example for their sections. These individuals should have strong leadership qualities and are charged with the responsibility of seeing that their sections are informed and prepared for all rehearsals and performances. Section leaders for winds and percussion will lead music rehearsals with their sections and assist with drill instruction while guard and majorettes will lead certain sectionals and drill instruction. Last, each leader is expected to promote MK Roundtable initiatives/activities. Any Marching Knights member who has been a part of the Marching Knights during the 2024 season is eligible to apply. From those chosen as section leaders, the directors will select section coordinators who will organize and collaborate with other staff members to provide effective administrative and musical leadership for their sections. Other expectations include:

- Assisting with the section staff inventory day
- Signing up and presenting at 3 (minimum) UCF summer orientation events