

2018 Colts Age-Outs

These members represent the heart and soul of the Colts in many ways, and have contributed outstanding leadership to the entire corps. These members together share 56 years of Colts membership. They will be missed. We thank them for their dedication, commitment, hard work and character. They have perpetuated the momentum of the Red Team!

Isaac Barden

Brass/Baritone

Years (Colts): 2

Hometown: Waupaca, Wisconsin

College: University of Wisconsin - Platteville

Major: Electrical Engineering

Most Significant Lessons...Working closely with a fleet of effective teachers and leaders has significantly developed my own leadership skill, and has ingrained my idea of a world class organization.

Best Memories...2018 has already been phenomenal, and the first show is my favorite memory so far. Aside from performances, though, simple banter during meals and bus rides with members I'm close with make the experience for me.

Thank You...A big thank you to my parents for moral and financial support, and another thank you to grandpa, Uncle Tim, Mike and Bernadette, and anyone who helped with my financial burden. Finally, thank you to Caleb Goodness, for getting me into this activity.

Words To Supporters...The Colts organization loves their members, and has continuously brought out the best in those who spend a summer there.

Closing Thoughts...So far, the 2018 hornline has no limits, and I'm ecstatic to see the individual and group development accelerate to the end!

John Bolander

Percussion/Vibraphone

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Marion, Ohio

Most Significant Lessons...Tomorrow is the most important day.

Impact On Your Life...I feel like a stronger person now.

Best Memories...Not sure yet.

Words To Supporters...Thank you for the experience that you help provide .

Amy Caulk

Conductor

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Lake in the Hills, Illinois

College: Illinois State University

Major: Music Education

Most Significant Lessons...I think the biggest one is how to push yourself regardless of the circumstances and as a result you learn how to perform in a such an intense and passionate way.

Impact On Your Life...It's like having another family. A family that grows by pushing and being uncomfortable. It's not always fun and sometimes people get under your nerves but at the end of the day we're that much closer and that much stronger. It's a unique kind of family but it's the most connected I've ever felt to a group of people.

Best Memories...Performing with a group of people you love and together leaving it all on the field. There's nothing like it.

Thank You...Anyone who has contributed to make this experience possible.

Words To Supporters...Every year you donate and change 150 lives. 150 people you probably won't meet but you believe in this organization so much and what it does that you continue to donate even when you don't see the reward. Thank you. It takes a special kind of person to do that.

Trey Clark

Percussion/Vibraphone

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Lexington, Kentucky

College: University of Kentucky

Major: Music Education

Most Significant Lessons...How to quickly adapt and be super flexible under a large amount of pressure.

Impact On Your Life...I've met some amazing people and have learned so much valuable information from the staff that I would not have gotten anywhere else.

Best Memories...Sometimes, the front ensemble gets together and just listens to music. There was one song in particular that helped me feel so vulnerable and allowed me to get super close to my section.

Thank You...The entire percussion staff. I was really bad during the auditions process, but they still took a chance on me and I will always appreciate that.

Words To Supporters...Thanks to everyone that supports the efforts of past, present, and future Colts. All of the members do so much just to be a part of this group. So, thanks to all who help with the growth of the organization and its members.

Closing Thoughts...I've waited six years to make this a reality, and now that I'm finally here, it's time to finish strong. MFCFEMF!

Ryan Clousing

Brass/Contra

Years (Colts): 4

Hometown: Kankakee, Illinois

College: Kankakee Community College

Major: Nursing

Most Significant Lessons...I learned how to adapt quickly to unfavorable conditions, work with others, and how to be more efficient.

Impact On Your Life...The biggest impact has been gaining an external family through the tribulations of traveling and living together for three months.

Best Memories...All of my memories include getting better in block – pushing through the roughest conditions with the greatest people.

Thank You...I would like to thank God, my parents, and the organization for believing in me.

Words To Supporters...I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity provided to everyone through their support.

Closing Thoughts...Push through.

Melinda Combs

Color Guard

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Fairborn, Ohio

College: Sinclair Community College

Major: Business Management

Impact On Your Life...They have taught me how to hold myself to a higher standard.

Best Memories...The feeling of everyone coming together for the same goal and achieving it through our combined effort.

Thank You...Troy high schools color guard members and staff, and my grandparents and parents.

Words To Supporters...Thank you for making this summer the best it can be.

Closing Thoughts...I'm glad I could spend my last summer in the activity with such an amazing group of people who not only make me feel special as a performer but as a person.

Aidan Connolly

Brass/Baritone

Years (Colts): 2

Hometown: DeWitt, Iowa

College: University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Major: Journalism

Most Significant Lessons...I've learned most things are possible through hard work and mental toughness. I've learned how to critique myself and improve every day. I've learned how to be vulnerable and how to rely on others for help.

Impact On Your Life...The Colts and those involved with it have given me another place to feel loved and accepted. I'm truly thankful for all of the love and care they've shared with me.

Best Memories...Most of my best memories are from those moments at the end of performances. One of my happiest memories is after our last performance in 2015, and I can't wait to see what we accomplish this year.

Thank You...I'd like to thank my parents and family for their financial and emotional support, and I'd like to thank my friends for encouraging me to participate in this activity.

Words To Supporters...Thank you for continuing to help make this opportunity available for me and others. It's a life-changing experience, and I appreciate your support.

Closing Thoughts...This has already been a fantastic summer. I'm thankful for every memory I'm able to make,

and I want to encourage anyone who's thinking about marching to give it a shot.

Andrew Creech

Percussion/Marimba

Years (Colts): 2

Hometown: Cumming, Georgia

College: Kennesaw State University

Major: Percussion Performance

Most Significant Lessons...Being "all in" means you give everything you can and more, even if it's difficult at times. But doing so gives the most amazing and indescribable of outcomes that no one else can understand.

Impact On Your Life...Colts has taught me that if I stick with people I trust and who trust me, that anything can be possible.

Best Memories...The time the marimbas got hype shirts, the time that we had our first real bonding moments as a front ensemble, and seeing how much this corps means to the rookies in my section.

Thank You...Jake Lyons and Benjamin Pyles for being the reason I went to Colts in the first place and for their trust in me.

Words To Supporters...Thank you for everything. If it weren't for you and your help with keeping Colts the way they are, I likely wouldn't be marching my ageout.

Closing Thoughts...It took me a while to find this thing I'm looking for. Not a corps, not a certain show, and not a score, but for a season where I can get so close to the people in my section that it's indescribably the best feeling in the world. I do music for the unspeakable and powerful connections that can't be shared amongst anyone else. Thank you Colts 2018.

Dominic Dingmann

Brass/Trumpet

Years (Colts): 4

Hometown: Rochester, Minnesota

Major: Band Instrument Repair

Most Significant Lessons...I've learned that I can do anything I set my mind to. Colts has shown me how to be a leader and a team player.

Best Memories...Meeting up as a full corps after shows. The breathing blocks. The walk to the show. Being apart of a family.

Thank You...Thank you to the volunteers and staff for making this corps truly special. I'd like to thank my mom and dad for supporting me through all these years even when they didn't know what I was getting into. Thank you Aunt Liz for your support each year. Finally, thank you to my girlfriend, Katie, for being there every step of the way. I couldn't have made it though these years without you.

Closing Thoughts...Colts has provided me with an experience of a lifetime. I could not be more proud of my time here. I plan to enjoy every last moment.

Veronica Easton

Color Guard

Years (Colts): 4

Hometown: Channahon, Illinois

College: North Central College

Major: Business

Most Significant Lessons...I learned my time is more valuable than I could ever imagine. And I need to use every minute to better myself as a person.

Impact On Your Life...I've gained great friends that I know will last me a lifetime and the connections I will forever hold close to my heart.

Best Memories...My semifinals run in 2017 and feeling so much love in one place. I've never felt that before.

Thank You...Mary & Bob Easton

Words To Supporters...Without you we could not function at the level we do.

Closing Thoughts...I'm extremely sad this chapter is coming to an end but I'm so thankful for the the people I have met and the relationships I've gained for the rest of my life.

Casey Fitzpatrick

Percussion/Vibraphone

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: White Lake, Michigan

College: Western Michigan University

Major: Music Education

Most Significant Lessons...You can't give up, because if you do you not only let yourself down, you let everyone else in the corps down

Impact On Your Life...The Colts have made me a better team player, realizing that every single member has their own responsibilities and jobs and that without one single person, the product is thrown off. This concept has made me more self aware and this is something I hope to take home and apply to the real world.

Best Memories...So far, my favorite times are after shows when we have a couple hours of down time before BIS to hang out with each other and reflect on our show and day.

Words To Supporters...This organization would not be anywhere without its supporters and donors. I am so thankful for everyone who provides for us and makes our time here more comfortable and enjoyable.

Closing Thoughts...The season is moving so fast and I don't want it to end, so in these last weeks I am trying to soak up as many memories as I can and make my time last as long as possible.

Brianna Flores

Percussion/Synthesizer

Years (Colts): 2

Hometown: San Antonio, Texas

College: University of Texas at San Antonio

Major: Music Education

Most Significant Lessons...I've learned that so much can be achieved through giving your all and focusing on the goal at hand and the ones around you with that same goal.

Impact On Your Life...I have gained so much more confidence in myself as an individual and performer, from the unconditional support and drive for success that the corps and my fellow members have instilled in me.

Best Memories...My best memories are spent performing so many amazing shows with my closest friends by my side.

Thank You...Thank you to my family and friends who have given me unconditional love and support throughout both of my summers, I couldn't do this without you and I hope I'm making you proud. To my mom and grandma – thank you for being my biggest fans, and for all you've done to make this dream possible. I love y'all so much.

Words To Supporters...Thank you so much for all the love and support you give to our members, staff, and administrative team to help us achieve our goals throughout the season. We couldn't do it without you!

Closing Thoughts...I can't wait to see how much both myself and the corps can grow in the next month, and how many more wonderful memories will be made.

Carolyn Jackson

Color Guard

Years (Colts): 2

Hometown: San Marcos, Texas

Most Significant Lessons...Always be the best version of yourself.

Impact On Your Life...I've made friends that I will have for the rest of my life.

Best Memories...Butt Party show hypes.

Thank You...Danette Jackson, for making my dreams come true.

Words To Supporters...Thank you for giving me the experiences that I will carry for the rest of my life.

Closing Thoughts...Make it everything you dreamed it would be.



Katy Jansen

Color Guard

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio

College: University of Cincinnati

Major: English

Most Significant Lessons...Trust.

Impact On Your Life...Positive.

Best Memories...The times we hype and support each other.

Thank You...My family for constantly supporting me, even if I trip on the 50.

Words To Supporters...Thank you for making my season so incredible and enjoyable.

Closing Thoughts...I am so happy I get to ageout with these people and this show.

Caylan Laundrie

Brass/Trumpet

Years (Colts): 3

Hometown: Oregon, Wisconsin

College: University of Wisconsin - Platteville

Major: Computer Science & Trumpet Performance

Most Significant Lessons...There is always room to improve. Tenacity and focus are everything. The friendships you make here will last a lifetime. Life is a performance and a contest.

Impact On Your Life...I realized my love for music-making at Colts and altered my career path to pursue both computer science and music. I am orders of magnitude more sociable than I was before Colts. I approach even small tasks in the off-season with the tenacity and focus needed in drum corps.

Best Memories...Member induction, crowd reactions, focused rehearsal days, raucous bus rides, positive judges tapes.

Thank You...I'd like to thank my parents for their unwavering support. From playing youth hockey to marching drum corps, they have done everything to help me pursue my passions.

Words To Supporters...You support a truly life-changing experience. Young adults leave a season with the Colts better people, better performers, and with strong relationships that will last a lifetime.

Closing Thoughts...This is shaping up to be my favorite year marching, and I can't wait to see the progress of the corps.

Connor Maher

Color Guard

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Muncie, Indiana

Most Significant Lessons...I've learned to be comfortable with being uncomfortable.

Impact On Your Life...The members have shown me a family that I know I can always count on.

Best Memories...Bus rides are what I'm going to remember most! That's when I'm truly given the chance to get to know everyone who isn't in my section.

Thank You...I want to thank my mom and dad for helping me accomplish my dreams for three seasons now.

Words To Supporters...Thank you so much for everything, but mostly for making my summer what it was. We can't do this without the help.

Closing Thoughts...#AgeOutRageOut

Chiaki Matsuda

Percussion/Snare

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Hyogo, Japan

Danny Matthew

Brass/Trumpet

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: St. Francis, Wisconsin

College: Illinois State University

Major: Music Education

Most Significant Lessons...Always try to give 100% no matter what.

Impact On Your Life...They have helped me push through difficult times life both in and out of drum corps.

Best Memories...Exploring local towns after laundry blocks with friends.

Thank You...My parents for always believing in me.

Words To Supporters...Thank you for helping me be a part of this organization.

Closing Thoughts...Make sure to smell the roses because time will fly.

Abbie Riedeman

Brass/Mellophone

Years (Colts): 3

Hometown: Indianapolis, Indiana

Most Significant Lessons...That if you work hard, believe in yourself, and never give up...anything is possible.

Impact On Your Life...Because of being at the Colts, I am now pursuing my dream of becoming a recording artist. I would've never had the courage to pursue my dreams if it wasn't for the Colts teaching me to believe in myself and showing me that anything is possible with hard work and dedication.

Best Memories...Looking into the crowd and seeing that you made someone feel something. I'll never get over that feeling. And just getting to spend time with your friends.

Thank You...Everyone who has become a part of my life through this organization, thank you. Thank you to

the admin, staff, members, everyone. My life wouldn't be the same without you guys. I would also like to thank the VCH, Bob Barfield, for pushing me and for always believing in me. Being under your direction everyday is inspiring. Thanks for making my ageout one to remember!!

Words To Supporters...Thank you so much for all of your support. You have no idea how much your contribution means to us!! You are truly appreciated and we couldn't do all that we do without you.

Closing Thoughts...As the number of days I have left on the field get shorter, I can't help but think how blessed I am to be apart of this organization. Being a Colt has truly changed my life and made me the best possible version of myself. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else. I love you Colts. Hold on to your dreams.

Patrick Riley

Brass/Baritone

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Canyon, Texas

College: West Texas A&M University

Major: Music Education

Most Significant Lessons...Hard work will get you wherever you want it to. The hardest things you do are often the ones that are worth doing.

Impact On Your Life...These friendships will be and already are invaluable for the future.

Best Memories...Every show, right after the horns down, where the crowd lets what just took place sink in, and then roars.

Thank You...I'd like to thank my parents for their never ending support and love. I wouldn't be here without you guys. I'd also like to thank my Aunt Tina and Uncle Kevin.

Words To Supporters...Thank you for being there for us. You're the reason we do what we do.

Closing Thoughts...Don't ever think you can't do this. I wish I had started earlier, but don't be scared to do it. You'll surprise yourself!

Tristan Rosal

Brass/Trumpet

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Naples, Florida

College: University of South Florida

Major: Music Education

Most Significant Lessons...Time management, persistence.

Impact On Your Life...They've shown me that I'm much stronger than I thought I was, and made me feel welcome in a strange place.

Best Memories...The moments that I really feel like I'm a part of something special; I'm sure those moments will grow more and more frequent as the season progresses.

Thank You...I have immense gratitude for my family and friends for their support, and my staff for helping to make me better as a performer and person.

Words To Supporters...Thank you for facilitating the best experience a young person could have, at the best organization I could imagine having it.

Closing Thoughts...I can only imagine the things I'll say later in life as I think back to this summer's indescribable experience.

Derek Sautter

Percussion/Bass

Years (Colts): 3

Hometown: Mansfield, Ohio

College: Capital University

Major: Music Industry

Most Significant Lessons...High achievement can only be fostered in an environment of high standards.

Impact On Your Life...I have met some amazing individuals here at the Colts, and through the organization and the people I have learned valuable lessons that have shaped me into the person I am today.

Best Memories...Probably hanging out with all the people I've marched with in and out of block. That is my favorite part about marching. The people and good rehearsals.

Thank You...I'd like to thank my parents, Ron and Terry Sautter, my high school band director that helped fuel my passion to pursue corps, Ron Graham, and Chris Baños for giving me a shot my rookie year with the corps.

Words To Supporters...Thank you for giving to this wonderful organization and allowing me to enjoy three incredible summers at the Colts.

Closing Thoughts...It hasn't hit me that this is my last go as a Colt in DCI yet so I'm going to continue to ignore that and keep maxing out everyday with my best friends until finals!

Joey Scanlon

Percussion/Tenors

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Fairfax, Virginia

Most Significant Lessons...I've learned how much being efficient and working hard now, can pay off later.

Impact On Your Life...My fellow members have helped pushed me farther than I thought I could go this summer and created life long friendships.

Best Memories...My best memories are cracking jokes with the quads in sectional rehearsals.

Thank You...Crech for dressing me before every show.

Words To Supporters...Thanks for making this summer possible.

Closing Thoughts...Let's make the most of our time together Red Team!

Haley Schoenfelder

Brass/Baritone

Years (Colts): 3

Hometown: Waconia, Minnesota

College: University of Wisconsin - Madison

Major: Music Education

Most Significant Lessons...I've learned a lot about leadership and education, but the most significant lesson I have learned is how to believe in myself.

Impact On Your Life...The people that I have connected with at the Colts are my greatest support system. I can always count on them to be there for me.

Best Memories...My favorite memories are ensemble practices at night under the stadium lights, working hard with all my best friends.

Thank You...I would like to thank Phil Snyder for introducing me to the Colts organization and for all of his support. I would also like to thank everyone that has believed in me along the way.

Words To Supporters...Thank you so much for supporting the Colts. This organization has greatly impacted my life and it wouldn't be possible without you.

Carter Schunk

Brass/Trumpet

Years (Colts): 2

Hometown: Elk River, Minnesota

College: Anoka Technical College

Major: Software Development

Most Significant Lessons...I learned new ways that I never would have thought of to advocate for myself,

to meet awesome new people, and I learned how working hard at something I want can really pay off in the end.

Impact On Your Life...Being in the Colts has made me a much, much more confident person than I have ever been before. It has given me amazing friendships that I know will last a lifetime.

Best Memories...No specific memories come to mind, I just love all the times of being able to put a fantastic show together, and doing something amazing with some of my favorite people.

Thank You...I would like to thank all my friends and family back home for supporting me in doing this crazy thing. I'd like to thank my instructors for being, without a doubt, the most amazing, influential teachers I have ever had. And I would like to thank my fellow Colts members for being some of the best friends I have ever had. They have all become my family, and I couldn't imagine life without them.

Closing Thoughts...The last few years have been a wild ride, and I am beyond excited to finish it out in a fantastic way. I'm not ready for it to be over, but for now, it's time to push to the end.

Robbie Sholl

Color Guard

Years (Colts): 2

Hometown: Manhattan, Kansas

College: Kansas State University

Major: Food Science

Most Significant Lessons..."Live to inspire and be inspired" - Vicki MacFarlane

Impact On Your Life...I can't describe the impact this organization has had on me. It has made me a completely different person in such a short period of time. A significant amount of who I am has changed for the better thanks to the Colts.

Best Memories...Late night movement blocks both brass and guard, watching my friends lose their minds and still try to be graceful.

Thank You...My mother and father for more reasons than I can list. Friends and family who helped me get to where I am through their continuous support. The entire Colts brass and visual staff for making my first season one of immense growth. And the Colts guard staff for patiently helping me work towards living this incredible dream.

Words To Supporters...I urge you to take a vacation to come watch a rehearsal day in the South so you can witness the true passion you help bring to life. These kids fight through the greatest of odds for their art and your support makes that possible.

Closing Thoughts...To anyone continuing on as a performer in this activity, hope your blocks drag on forever. They're limited, and you will miss them. Don't waste time hating this activity.

Alexander Spenceri

Brass/Baritone

Years (Colts): 5

Hometown: Des Moines, Iowa

College: University of Iowa

Major: Music Composition

Most Significant Lessons...I've learned how to set and achieve goals, how to trust and work with others, and how to push through adversity.

Impact On Your Life...Everything I'm proud of about my character has come from my time at the Colts.

Best Memories...I cherish the end of long rehearsal days or performances in which the energy and love of my fellow members resounds in my heart without inhibition.

Thank You...Cathy Spenceri, my biggest supporter and the best head cook in DCI.

Words To Supporters...You are enriching lives in ways you could not begin to imagine.

Priscilla Szollosy

Color Guard

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Wellington, Florida

College: Florida Atlantic University

Major: Elementary Education

Most Significant Lessons...Efficiency.

Impact On Your Life...Lifetime friends.

Best Memories...All the laughs with my team.

Words To Supporters...Thank you!

Orion Wysocki

Percussion/Snare

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Bastrop, Texas

College: Texas State University

Major: Music Education

Most Significant Lessons...Trusting my peers undeniably.

Impact On Your Life...The Colts has raised my standard and drive for excellence.

Best Memories...My favorite memories are drumming with my friends in random places all over the country.

Thank You...Thank you Mom and Dad for supporting me through my drum corps career!

Words To Supporters...Thank you all so much for your support! You've helped change my life for the better.

Closing Thoughts...I'm looking forward to what each day brings as I hold on to each moment knowing it's my last time taking the field as a performer.