

2021 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 students together share 84 years of 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!

Lauren Adamow

Brass/Baritone

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Frankfort, Illinois

College: Colorado College

Major: Music

Most Significant Lessons...Discipline and respect.

Impact On Your Life...I've learned that my limits are beyond what I thought they were and that I am stronger than I know.

Best Memories...Meal times when all of us could sit, eat, and talk about our day.

Thank You...My mom, dad, and band director, Jeremy Van Hoy for all of their support.

Patty Averkamp

Color Guard

Years (Colts): 3 / Years (Cadets): 2

Hometown: East Dubuque, Illinois

College: Des Moines Area Community College

Major: Nursing

Most Significant Lessons...How to be a leader, efficiency, and to strive to be great in everything you do.

Impact On Your Life...I have met some of the most amazing people, life long friends, role models. There are no words for have much impact a group of 150 people can have on you.

Best Memories...Spending time with other members after shows. Also when

a staff member tried motivating me and uplift me while I was struggling my first season in 2017.

Thank You...I would like to thank my parents for always supporting me and believing in me, along with myself for never pushing through the mental and physical barriers that came.

Words To Supporters...You're amazing and the reason why we are able to do what we do.

Closing Thoughts...Time is extremely valuable, do not take a moment or a rep for granted.

Holly Beber

Color Guard

Years (Colts): 2

Years (Cadets): 1

Hometown: Fort Wayne, Indiana

College: Indiana State University

Major: Dietetics

Most Significant Lessons...Time management, friendship, perseverance, and that I can do anything I set my mind to

Impact On Your Life...Memories I'll forever cherish, lifelong friendships, and growth in my Colorguard skills

Best Memories...My first dome show in St Louis in 2018, full ensembles under stadium lights, and learning I can do something I never thought was possible

Thank You...My family and friends

Words To Supporters...Thank you for helping us continue to live out our drum corps dreams!

Closing Thoughts...I'm so thankful to be here! I love this show, and I'm ready to leave it all out on the field one last time!

Emma Bruce

Brass/Mellophone

Years (Colts): 2 / Years (Cadets): 1

Hometown: Charleston, Illinois

College: University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Major: Kinesiology

Most Significant Lessons...At the Colts I've learned to push myself to be the best that I can at everything I do, and then to be even better than that. I've also learned that I am stronger and more capable than I think I am.

Impact On Your Life...The Colts has given me the opportunity to meet some of my best and closest friends and given me another family.

Best Memories...One of my best memories is my rookie year at Colts there was a tornado warning on the night we moved in and we took shelter in the locker rooms and I got to meet so many new people! Also when it snowed at April 2019 camp! And Zumba Fridays of course!

Thank You...My parents! Their support means everything to me and is the reason I am able to march drum corps!

Devon Buchanan

Percussion/Snare

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Medford, New Jersey

Most Significant Lessons...During my time with the Colts, I've learned that hard work and tough days are always worth it, and that anything you put your mind to is possible.

Impact On Your Life...The Colts have

given me the world class experience I've dreamed of for years, and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Best Memories...Jug Chugs, ensemble blocks at sunset, Josh Nelson quotes, and getting stronger with my friends every day.

Thank You...I would like to thank my parents for their support throughout my marching career, my brother for his Midwestern hospitality, and my girlfriend and her family for their support of my journey this summer. I would also like to thank the percussion staff for giving me this opportunity.

Words To Supporters...Thank you so much for allowing us to go out on the road and live our dreams once again.

Closing Thoughts...I really can't believe that I'm aging out, and it's even harder to believe that I'm doing so with such a prestigious ensemble. It's been such a long journey since my rookie year and I'm so incredibly honored to be finishing it with the Colts. I don't know where life will take me after this tour, but I do know that the memories, lessons, and friendships I've gained from this experience will be with me forever.

Carli Castillon

Brass/Baritone

Years (Colts): 4

Hometown: Port Orange, Florida

College: Colorado State University

Major: Trombone Performance

Most Significant Lessons...You can accomplish anything you set your mind to and are much stronger than you think.

Impact On Your Life...Colts has given me some of my best friends, taught me how to come out of my shell, and to grow as not only a musician and leader, but as a person as well.

Best Memories...Getting to perform with all of my friends...and the baritone

frog incident of 2018 is a close second.

Thank You...To my family for supporting my drum corps dreams, to staff for taking a chance on me to fill that hole back in 2017, and to the Colts baris and hornline for always having my back and helping me hold on to morning.

Words To Supporters...Thank you so much for all you do!

Closing Thoughts...Five lines.

Paul Circo

Brass/Trumpet

Years (Colts): 3

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

College: University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Major: Electrical Engineering

Most Significant Lessons...There are no shortcuts if you wish to achieve something to the point of perfection.

Impact On Your Life...Through my time with the Colts, I have met some of my best friends in the world and have felt myself mature into the man I want to be.

Best Memories...All of the good times I've had with the bois™

Thank You...I would like to thank my family for always supporting me and my dreams, and to the family I've made here, for making the decision to come back so easy.

Words To Supporters...Thank you all for allowing me to live this amazing chapter of my life.

Closing Thoughts...Do not be afraid to try new things, you never know how crazy of a ride it may lead you on.

Ethyn Corfield

Percussion/Snare

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Goodyear, Arizona

Most Significant Lessons...Self accountability and responsibility.

Impact On Your Life...It showed me how important community is.

Best Memories...The first full run of the show.

Thank You...My parents and my girlfriend for always pushing and supporting me.

Words To Supporters...Thank you!

Closing Thoughts...It's been a long ride, but I wouldn't change it for the world.

Nic Englin

Brass/Baritone

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Rockwell City, Iowa

College: University of Northern Iowa

Major: Music Education

Most Significant Lessons...I think the most important thing the Colts taught me was resilience. We all have bad days and rough patches. However, it's how you bounce back that defines who you are and how you push through.

Impact On Your Life...While this is my only year of drum corps, I have felt embraced by my section and have always felt like I had someone to turn to if I needed. The memories I take away from this season will be enough to last me a lifetime and for that I'm truly grateful.

Best Memories...My favorite memory so far is probably putting the last few sets of the show on the field in Winterset and having my family there to see our first full run-through.

Thank You...I would like to thank my family, friends, instructors, and corps family for pushing me to be the best version of myself and supporting me on this amazing adventure. It's one that I'll hold close to me forever.

Words To Supporters...Your support for the corps and the impact it's had is felt by every one of us here in everything

we do. Without you, we wouldn't be able to do most of the things we do. Your support is truly amazing and so greatly appreciated.

Closing Thoughts...As a "rook-out," I truly feel blessed to be a part of such an amazing organization. I was taken in so quickly, that it was almost a seamless transition between my life back home and my life with the Colts. While there have been hard days and good days, I have always felt like I belonged here. The friendships I have made here I hope will last far beyond the six weeks I have with this corps. I'd like to offer one last thank you to this corps that has truly had such a huge impact on my life and for helping me to realize a dream that has been in the works since I was in junior high. Thank you, Colts.

Alexa Estrada

Color Guard

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Dallas, Texas

Most Significant Lessons...It's never too late to find your family.

Impact On Your Life...Kindness and acceptance.

Best Memories...Traveling for the first time after the COVID.

Thank You...Vicki!

Words To Supporters...Thank you so much for accepting me with open arms.

Closing Thoughts...It's been a wild ride, grandmas ready to retire.

Kason Fiedler

Brass/Tuba

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Lincoln, Nebraska

College: University of Nebraska–Lincoln

Major: Music Education

Most Significant Lessons...I have learned to be myself and to do my best.

Impact On Your Life...I have learned much more about myself and how I interact with others. Colts has also taught me to become a more disciplined person.

Best Memories...Having my first real drum corps experience after such a long time of waiting.

Closing Thoughts...Although my overall drum corps experience was cut short, I am glad I got to come have a real drum corps experience. I wish I would've had more time to bond with everybody in the Colts and I am sad to be aging out so soon.

Reed Gordon

Brass/Contra

Years (Colts): 4

Hometown: Aurora, Illinois

College: Western Illinois University

Major: Communications

Most Significant Lessons...Always hold on to your dreams, and with dedication to pursuing excellence you will reach those dreams.

Impact On Your Life...Made some of my closest friends in my life here at this organization and have helped me through hardships and been there for celebrations too.

Best Memories...Bus rides and shows!

Thank You...Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for the colts in any capacity especially the RED TEAM THREAD TEAM!

Words To Supporters...Thank you for making our dreams financially possible!

Closing Thoughts...MFRT

Alyssa Harrington

Color Guard

Years (Colts): 2

Hometown: Phoenix, New York

College: SUNY Geneseo

Major: Theatre and English

Most Significant Lessons...Enjoy every moment while it lasts. Try not to doubt yourself, and be confident in everything you do.

Impact On Your Life...Colts as a whole has been my home away from home. Everyday of tour I find someone or something new to talk about that just makes me happy or burst out laughing. From the volunteers on the cook truck, to even the drill move in between horn line members that is complicated to say the least. There is always someone who will be there for you for support.

Best Memories...Riding the Mike bus in '19 for sure. The first time that the corps plays Morning. And how many PB&Js I consume when its hot dogs for any meal.

Thank You...I would like to thank my parents for helping me with my drum corps journey. My sisters for supporting me all the time, even if it was hard to explain the first year. And lastly Vicki and Fernando for giving me the opportunity to march my age out with this amazing organization. I will remember this season forever.

Words To Supporters...Thank you for helping us as an organization ! Every penny that is donated or physical support that is shown, does not go unnoticed. We appreciate everything you do for this organization.

Closing Thoughts...Thank you Colts, for being my home away from home. I may not miss sleeping on a gym floor, or testing my luck with the showers at every housing site. But, I will miss the memories made with each member and performing at every show possible. Thank you again.

Angel Izaguirre

Percussion/Tenors

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Austin, Texas

Most Significant Lessons...Pay attention to the little things and trust yourself.

Impact On Your Life...Made me learn social skills and as well that someone has your back.

Best Memories...The sunsets in Tama and Creston.

Thank You...Thank you to the battery staff and as well as the CQB :)

Words To Supporters...Thank you so much for your generosity, you keep us going!!

Closing Thoughts...Push yourself now rather than later and trust the process.

Dillon Jensen

Percussion/Bass Drum

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Ball Ground, Georgia

College: University of North Georgia

Major: Psychology

Most Significant Lessons...There's always more work to be done.

Impact On Your Life...I dunno man, I think I've learned that the harder you work the greater the reward.

Best Memories...The block Taylor Ransom showed up.

Thank You...My late uncle Robert Jensen.

Words To Supporters...I just wanna say thank you for supporting this amazing organization.

Closing Thoughts...Don't take any moment for granted.

Nicholas Kataryniak

Percussion/Cymbals

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Old Bridge, New Jersey

College: Rutgers University

Major: Engineering

Most Significant Lessons...Always have a positive mindset and you are always capable of more than you think you are.

Impact On Your Life...The Colts allowed me to make new friendships with people I used to look up to in the cymbal community.

Best Memories...My best memories are practicing with the other cymbal members trying to learn and create new flips and tricks that have never been done before.

Closing Thoughts...I am thankful for all of the experiences I have had throughout my time in drum corps.

Wesley Kopis

Percussion/Tenors

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Indianapolis, Indiana

College: IUPUI

Major: Social Studies Education

Most Significant Lessons...
Responsibility and time management.

Impact On Your Life...I've made so many lifelong friends and rock solid connections.

Best Memories...Working hard on rehearsal days, and getting stronger with the people around you.

Thank You...My parents Dwight and Bonnie for being so supportive of my passion for this activity.

Words To Supporters...Thank you for making my ageout a reality!

Closing Thoughts...I really wish I had my 2020 season with the Colts. And I really wish I had one more year to March. Ive had a lot of ups and downs coming to terms with my DCI career cut short. But I'm happy to at least have this experience, and I will never regret doing it here with the Colts.

Dean Luke

Brass/Baritone

Years (Colts): 3

Hometown: Blue Springs, Missouri

Most Significant Lessons...I am much stronger than I think I am

Impact On Your Life...I am much more confident and outgoing

Best Memories...Housing and rehearsing in Hondo, Texas in 2018. It felt like one big family there, and the overall corps morale created a wonderful environment.

Thank You...Chad, Vicki, Jeff Duffy

Words To Supporters...Thank you for supporting me and my peers so we can do what we love every year.

Closing Thoughts...I'm very thankful for this season, and I'm glad that admin has made this logistically possible. I love the Colts organization and I'm extremely thankful for this activity.

Colin McKeon

Percussion/Tenors

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Raleigh, North Carolina

College: Appalachian State University

Major: Music Education

Thank You...My parents for all of the support they have given me throughout my life and in my musical development.

Robert Nakonechnyj

Brass/Baritone

Years (Colts): 2

Hometown: Tarpon Ssprings, Florida

College: St. Petersburg College

Major: Music Education

Most Significant Lessons...Keep pushing forward.

Impact On Your Life...Helped me in my lowest point of my life.

Best Memories...Making new friends.

Thank You...All the staff for being there for me.

Words To Supporters...Thank you for everything.

Closing Thoughts...Just keep your head up.

Bethany Olson

Drum Major

Years (Colts): 2

Hometown: Council Bluffs, Iowa

College: University of Northern Iowa

Major: Instrumental Music Education

Most Significant Lessons...Your mindset means everything. Stay dedicated and persevere because you can accomplish more than you think everyday.

Impact On Your Life...The Colts members have become some of my strongest friendships. They taught me that I can accomplish so much more in life with positivity and strength. The relationships I've made with several people involved with the Colts organization has pushed me to become a stronger person everyday.

Best Memories...One of my best memories was running brass visual block when the brass were learning how to do a few visuals including hyping up the crowd and every time I repeated instructions to them I tried to simplify what Jeff Duffy said, but it walkways just came out in a funnier way than I had intended. A lot of laughs were had by the Hornline that block. Another memory was just hyping anything and everything that I could! I remember a day in 2018 when the Colorguard was walking to morning block and the sky seemed gloomy so the overall energy was a bit lower than usual SO I decided to start yelling and hyping up the Colorguard and staying positive so the guard and the corps could have a positive and impactful day. There was also a Colorguard block in 2018 shortly after we put wheels on the bed props where I acted as if the bed was a boat and I was rowing with my flag and actually managing to push myself down the field. I also loved singing Christmas songs on hot days. Let it snow let it snow let it snow!

Thank You...I would like to thank my mom, Kay Olson first and foremost. She is one of the most strong-willed, caring and resilient people I know. If it weren't for her pushing me to persevere and be my best every day I'm not sure I would have become the person I have become today. She gave me courage to pursue this dream so I am dedicating each performance to her. Thank you, Mom! I love you! I also want to thank my high school band director, Stephen Moore for believing in me and pushing me to pursue my dreams of marching drum corps and becoming a future band director. His knowledge and inspiration really pushed me to go the extra mile and work hard to accomplish my goals. And lastly, I want to thank the Colts staff as a whole, both past and present, for pushing me to become a more well rounded and strong person.

Words To Supporters...This activity and organization has helped me become a version of myself that I didn't believe could exist before I marched with drum corps. I have become such a resilient and hard working person and for that I am so grateful. My hope is that there are many more members in the future who can continue to pursue their dreams and march drum corps with the help of the amazing continuous support for the Colts.

Closing Thoughts...I am in disbelief. I never thought I would be able to march drum corps in the first place, let alone be a drum major for a world class drum corps! This has been such an amazing experience and opportunity for me to grow in so many ways. I cannot wait to step foot on the Lucas Oil Stadium field one last and leave it all on the field with the Colts. Thank you, Colts for believing in me and pushing me harder each and every day. Also, I am 23 and my birthday is June 18th, 1998... I have become one of the oldest people to ever march world class drum corps and that blows my mind!

Daniel Olson

Percussion/Front Ensemble

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Holly Springs, North Carolina

College: Western Carolina University

Major: Education and History

Most Significant Lessons...That if you want to achieve something you should put in the extra hour now to enjoy an extra hour later.

Impact On Your Life...Performing in DCI was on my bucket list and the staff and other members were so helpful in allowing me to cross this off my list.

Best Memories...Laundry day and eating takeout food with my friends. Taking a few hours to relax and just chat was much needed after weeks of hard work.

Thank You...I would like to thank my friends at Western Carolina University, mainly Collin Tastet and Tucker McGrew for helping me with auditions and my family for always supporting me in my musical journey.

Words To Supporters...Thank you for making this possible in such difficult times.

Closing Thoughts...A wise philosopher once said, "We do have a lot in common. The same air, the same Earth, the same sky. Maybe if we started looking at what's the same instead of always looking at what's different."

David Peterson

Percussion/Cymbals

Years (Colts): 2

Hometown: Springfield, Missouri

Most Significant Lessons...You can almost always add more to something

Impact On Your Life...Thinking with efficiency in mind

Best Memories...All the inside jokes of the cymbal lines as time goes on

Thank You...Cathy, for always being nice and helpful

Words To Supporters...Thanks for making what we do possible!

Closing Thoughts...The grind is the best part. 21 is the age out for a reason. LOL

Samuel Raker

Brass/Trumpet

Years (Colts): 3

Hometown: Lakeland, Florida

College: Polk State College

Major: Aviation Maintenance Administration

Most Significant Lessons...No matter how long it takes, never back down

Impact On Your Life...Massive improvement in time management

Best Memories...Getting woken up to morning in 2018, and seeing the power & impact it had on the veteran members at the time. Mokey.

Thank You...The entire corps for helping find my place

Words To Supporters...Thank you for supporting such a astounding organization

Closing Thoughts...I'm gonna miss it for sure

Bradley Rivera

Percussion/Cymbals

Years (Colts): 3

Hometown: Rock Hill, South Carolina

Most Significant Lessons...Colts helped me learn how to power through and be the hardest working version of myself, on and off the field.

Impact On Your Life...The people I've marched with are some of the closest friends I've had. They've helped me grow as a person and keep me driving.

Best Memories...Obviously rehearsal and shows are fun but spending time on the bus with the homies was always a good time.

Thank You...Karen Kuzma

Words To Supporters...Thanks so much for everything you've done and will continue to do!

Closing Thoughts...It feels really bittersweet to be aging out so soon. I really want to thank everyone that's helped me get to this point. I'll be leaving it on the field for all of them.

Tom RUOCCO

Brass/Baritone

Years (Colts): 3

Hometown: Brick, New Jersey

College: Ocean County College

Major: Liberal Arts

Most Significant Lessons...I've learned how to be self accountable, how to live in the moment, and how to achieve my goals in life by approaching them the same way I do as a member of the Colts.

Impact On Your Life...The Colts and the members have changed my life. The people that I've met are some of the best I've ever met and I cannot thank them enough for making my experience here so amazing.

Best Memories...My best memories are putting on the Colts uniform for the first time, getting my first triangle, and that one time I got yelled at for not having my dot book on the field when it was actually in my pocket – and I didn't know it was there until the next day.

Thank You...I would like to thank my parents, my sponsors, the brass and visual staff, and all of the friends that I've made at the Colts over the years for making my experience something that I'll remember for the rest of my life.

Words To Supporters...Thank you so much for making this possible. This

activity has changed my life.

Closing Thoughts...MFCBLPRLMF

Alcira Sanchez

Percussion/Front Ensemble

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Garrison, Texas

College: Stephen F. Austin State University

Major: Music Education

Most Significant Lessons...Hold on to your dreams.

Best Memories...My very first run through of the show with the full corps was amazing. And getting to know the members!

Thank You...My family, friends, Vickie, John Gaal, Megean and Josh Nelson, Nina, and Kyle. And special thank you to my mom for supporting me through this whole process.

Words To Supporters...Thank you all so much for your love and support. Because of you guys, we are able to do what we love.

Closing Thoughts...I love the Colts! Thank you all for being amazing!

Benjamin Sawyer

Brass/Baritone

Years (Colts): 4 / Years (Cadets): 2

Hometown: Oskaloosa, Iowa

College: William Penn University

Major: Music

Most Significant Lessons...As long as you put in the mental effort to do something, everything else is easy.

Best Memories...The day in Texas in 2018 when it was so hot DCI made the show an exhibition with no uniforms and we got bowls of frozen fruit every time we went inside.

Closing Thoughts...Y'all have given me the best six years of my life

Reagan Scherpe

Color Guard

Years (Colts): 5

Years (Cadets): 2

Hometown: Galesburg Illinois

College: Illinois State University

Major: Athletic Training

Most Significant Lessons...Drum corps taught me how to have a positive attitude while in tough situations. I learned how to dig deep and fight harder to push and become the best version of myself.

Impact On Your Life...Because of the colts I have some of the closest friends I will ever have in my entire life. I wouldn't know what to do if I never met my best friend, Tess Perkins. My friends ive made at the colts will be with me forever. The colts also made me a better leader for my future and I cant wait to see where these new skills take me.

Best Memories...Probably in 2016 when the corps played "Morning" on a beach at sunrise. Or when I received my first CC triangle and then my first Colts triangle knowing how much hard work I put into getting through those tough seasons and how I grew so much to be who I am today.

Thank You...I would like to thank my parents for the endless support they've given me and for following me around on tour and being my biggest fans.

Words To Supporters...Thank you for all the support in anyway!! Everything you do to help us get down the road is amazing and allows us to enjoy this amazing once in a life time experience. We couldnt do it without you.

Closing Thoughts...I can't believe im finally aging out...I would never have been here if my high school color guard director never told me what Colts was and my parents agreeing to take me to a camp after watching a video on YouTube of the 2013 Colts. I am forever grateful for my time as a member of the Colts.

Evan Seidel

Percussion/Front Ensemble

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Austin, Texas

College: University of Texas at San Antonio

Major: Music Education

Most Significant Lessons...Paying extra attention to detail and learning to be honest with yourself about your progress will have a beneficial effect on the rest of your section and corp. While this process may seem relentless, if you have the drive and the right attitude, you can accomplish anything.

Impact On Your Life...The Colts have had a profound impact on my life. This experience has taught me to always go for the top and never settle for anything less. Seeing my fellow section members and corps members become better musicians and people day by day has been an extremely rewarding experience.

Best Memories...Nailing a doumbeck solo in front of the whole pit at the one 2020 camp I went to before the season was shut down. Meeting everyone for the first time and talking about our experiences with band and drum corps. Performing for crowds again, making musical magic, and seeing everyone's face light up with nothing but pure energy. Every pit inside joke ;) But most of all, getting to play with a full musical ensemble for the first time since March 2020 by performing with the whole corps for the first time.

Thank You...I would like to thank my mom and dad, Heather and Phil for their love and support, as well as the rest of my family and friends at home. Thank you to the UTSA percussion Colts alumni for inspiring me to do this, thank you to all the music educators who have taught me over the course of my life, and thank you to all the percussion techs and caption heads at the Colts for pushing us to our limits to reach our fullest potential. I would not

be the person I am today without all of your love, help, and support.

Words To Supporters...Thank you so much for continuing your undying support for Iowa's corps. We are grateful for your contributions and we would not be the organization we are without all of you.

Closing Thoughts...I am very emotional and excited to finally live out a dream I've had since I was 17 and put a cherry on top of my marching career. When I am an educator, I will use the experiences and skills I learned to inspire the next generation.

Maya Struhar

Color Guard

Years (Colts): 4 / Years (Cadets): 2

Hometown: Creston, Iowa

College: Cottey College, University of New Orleans

Major: Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership, Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning

Most Significant Lessons...I can do hard things! Hard things are actually very easy to do, as long as you have friends doing them with you.

Impact On Your Life...I wish there was an easy answer to this.

Best Memories...My favorite life memories are my drum corps memories. If I have to choose one, it's having the ability perform in J. Birney Crum Stadium at the Allentown Regional every year. For many members, it's the least popular regional because it's the only one performed outdoors. It's my favorite, however, because it's one of the only fields still on our tour that my dad performed on with the Colts in the 1980s.

Thank You...My parents, John and Adonica Struhar, who have supported me endlessly year after year as I pursue my dreams of marching.

Words To Supporters...Thank you for everything you do. Whether you recognize it or not, you are changing 150+ lives every season.

Closing Thoughts...If I even try to answer this right now I will cry :/

Morgan Thoma

Color Guard

Years (Colts): 2

Hometown: Fort Wayne, Indiana

College: University of Saint Francis

Major: Art Education

Most Significant Lessons...There are too many to name. The colts have taught me to promote excellence on and off the field. I have become a better person with all the lessons I have learned here. Impact On Your Life...The Colts have helped me grow as a person and the members have helped shape so many memories that will stay with me throughout my life.

Best Memories...There are too many to name. Every memory I have is so precious and to name only a few wouldn't bring my experience to justice.

Thank You...Thank you to my parents as family for always supporting everything I have done within the world of color guard and thank you to my current and past guard instructors for always pushing me to be my best self on and off the field.

Words To Supporters...Thank you for always being such a huge support for the Colts.

Closing Thoughts...I can't wait to share the field with 165+ incredible humans.

Alayna Verduyn

Drum Major

Years (Colts): 3

Hometown: Waukee, Iowa

College: University of Nebraska–Lincoln

Major: Broadcast news

Most Significant Lessons...I never understood the true meaning of hard

work until I began my time at the Colts. Being a part of this organization unlocked a part of myself that I didn't know existed, and since then I have become a leader and person I am very proud of. Nothing can teach you hard work and determination like drum corps can.

Impact On Your Life...It goes without saying, but the bonds created over a summer tour are unlike any bonds that I've ever made. The Colts has given me so many lessons to carry on into my future career and taught me many values about how to succeed.

Best Memories...The best memories seem to come from the worst moments. It's funny, there might be blocks that in the moment, you'd wish to be anywhere else. But looking back, I'd give anything to relive those. Also the bus and member gym. Drum corps people tend to be very funny.

Thank You...I'd like to thank my parents and family for supporting me through this crazy process 4 years ago, and continuing to support me. I wouldn't have been able to do any of this without them, but have been changed forever because of it.

Words To Supporters...To supporters and donors— your support has changed more lives than you probably realize. From members to audience members, drum corps is impactful and unforgettable.

Closing Thoughts...All I can say is I wish I still had more years!

Alex Weinzierl

Brass/Trumpet

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Belton, Missouri

College: University of Missouri

Major: Music Education

Most Significant Lessons...Drum corps gave me a new approach to how I approach life. Just like in life, every

new day has unexpected challenges that come out of no where. The Colts taught me that these challenges are a normal and important part of life and how we react to them both reveals and shapes who we are.

Impact On Your Life...Nothing will make you appreciate the luxuries you have in the real world until you march Drum Corps.

Best Memories...Show day energy. There's something beautiful about the time right before you're about to do something you love with a group of people that share that same passion.

Thank You...My friends and family for their support and sacrifice throughout this whole process.

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Color Guard

Years (Colts): 3

Hometown: Odessa, Florida

College: Southern Pacific College

Major: Performing Arts

Most Significant Lessons...How to be a leader.

Impact On Your Life...They helped me learn how to love myself again.

Best Memories...My best memories is when things get tough on the field we always find away to motivate each other.

Thank You...I would like to thank all my staff who took a chance on me even when i didn't believe in myself

Words To Supporters...The Colts is an amazing organization and there is no place I would rather be.

Closing Thoughts...Take in every moment because I know my future self will say, "Just on more time."