

2022 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 50+ 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!

Alexander Almeida

Percussion / Front Ensemble

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Fort Worth, TX

College: University of Arkansas

Major: Electrical Engineering

Most Significant Lessons... Look in for the attack, and enjoy the time you have with the people around you.

Impact On Your Life... My section makes me more confident in my ability as a musician.

Best Memories... When I'm able to hang out with my section after a long rehearsal day, or the first last couple of minutes of meal breaks when the entire front is playing sections of the show before block starts.

Thank You... My instructors and techs who helped push me to be the player I am today.

Words To Supporters... Thank you for making the current show designs and drum corps experience possible.

Closing Thoughts... I'm glad I was able to march my last year. I was prepared to not age out and I'm glad I found this opening a week before spring training. I'm excited to put this show on the field in Indy.

Denton Bodine

Brass / Baritone

Years (Colts): 2

Hometown: Oologah, OK

College: Pittsburg State University

Major: Music Education

Most Significant Lessons... I learned how to focus my energy and enjoy the process of learning.

Impact On Your Life... It has made me be more mature and responsible in my daily life and I plan to apply my excellence to my future career.

Best Memories... Getting a hair cut and everyone hyping my new hair cut up before our laundry block.

Thank You... I would like to thank my family, my girlfriend and my late professor for pushing me to take this leap.

Words To Supporters... I'd like to thank all the supporters of this organization and say that this is a very special organization and it would not be the same without you all.

Closing Thoughts... I'm excited to put this show on the road and show what the Colts are all about this year!

Matthew Brooks

Brass / Trumpet

Years (Colts): 3

Hometown: Gainesville, FL

College: Santa Fe College

Major: Health Science

Most Significant Lessons... Overcoming adversity and always pushing to deliver the greatest possible result.

Impact On Your Life... Some of my closest friends that I still talk to daily were Colts alumni.

Best Memories... My best memories would have to be relaxing (as much as possible) and getting food with friends after shows.

Thank You... My parents, because none of this would have been possible without their support.

Closing Thoughts... I'm very excited to be back here and can't wait to have one final summer with the Colts.

Lane Burwell

Brass / Trumpet

Years (Colts): 4

Hometown: O'Fallon, MO

College: University of Missouri - St. Louis

Major: Business Administration - Supply Chain Management

Most Significant Lessons... I learned patience, perseverance, and focus.

Impact On Your Life... It's invaluable to me. It's given me lifelong friends and family that are there for me if it's July or December.

Best Memories... My ridiculous conversations with Sean Kelley during reasonable times of the evening.

Thank You... My parents, Heidi and Greg, for letting me pursue this dream in the first place. Also my family, friends, and all of the outstanding individuals at the Colts.

Words To Supporters... Thank you so much for all you do. This organization wouldn't be what it is without your support.

Closing Thoughts... Thank you for everything. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

Jonathan Dallaire

Percussion / Snare

Years (Colts): 2

Hometown: Québec City, Québec

Most Significant Lessons... I learned to trust myself and other people.

Impact On Your Life... I feel very confident about everything I do now. Colts made me into a different person.

Best Memories... Funny enough, it's mostly the free days and socializing after spring training.

Words To Supporters... You change lives by supporting this organization.

CJ Deerman

Percussion / Cymbals

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Grove City, OH

Most Significant Lessons... How to push past your limits mentally and physically.

Impact On Your Life... Had a positive impact that I'll look back on with positive memories for years to come.

Best Memories... Being able to hang out with friends during free days.

Thank You... My family for their support and my friends for all the advice they've given me throughout tour.

Words To Supporters... Thank you for helping the Colts continue their success!

Phil Denzmore

Brass / Baritone

Years (Colts): 2

Hometown: St. Louis, MO

College: Illinois State University

Major: Music Performance

Most Significant Lessons... The Colts taught me how to more effectively strive for excellence in all areas of my life, and how to push forward and get it done even when you're feeling terrible.

Impact On Your Life... They've had a profound impact on my performance mentality, musical ability, and overall

life outlook. Not to mention the weight loss.

Best Memories... Lane teaching me how to march over the course of three weeks leading into 2021, and stepping off for that first 2021 show in La Crosse. More 2022 memories incoming!

Thank You... My parents for supporting my aspirations to perform at such a high level in DCI; the Colts staff for always pushing me to be the best version of myself; Lane Burwell, for being one of my best friends and the one who gave me the tools for success and has been there for me in my moments of need.

Words To Supporters... Thank you. From the bottom of my heart. Your support enables the Colts to continue doing what they're doing and build this program into something better every day.

Closing Thoughts... I'm just striving to stay in the moment. That's the #1 goal of drum corps, in my opinion.

Yanna Gindlesperger

Percussion / Cymbals

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Macomb, MI

Most Significant Lessons... I learned that excellence is worth every moment you spend chasing it.

Impact On Your Life... I feel more confident in everything I do, and having the Colts around me makes me feel seen.

Best Memories... I really liked how I felt when I broke through my first wall.

Thank You... I'd like to thank my mom and dad because cymbals are not the easiest instrument to listen to for hours at a time and I'd like to thank my best friend Logan for being there through my cymbal journey and

for growing with me as a person and musician.

Words To Supporters... Thank you so much! Everyone involved in drum corps works really hard, from members to volunteers and staff it takes a village to keep things going so thank you!

Closing Thoughts... Enjoy every moment because its the first and last time you'll ever get to savor it.

Neo Greiner

Percussion / Bass

Years (Colts): 2

Hometown: Pensacola Florida

Most Significant Lessons... Managing and planning my days thoroughly!!

Impact On Your Life... Always be kind to everyone! Enjoy the little things.

Best Memories... Having a full run of a show and hopping right back on the busses. Hanging out with the friends until the lights go out.

Words To Supporters... Thank you for everything! With your help the organization still stands for generations upon generations

Closing Thoughts... Thank you to the staff for tasking me with the job these past couple of summers!

Ryan Henry

Brass / Trumpet

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Jacksonville, FL

College: Florida State College at Jacksonville

Major: Trumpet Performance

Most Significant Lessons... How to stay focused on my worst days, no matter how bad.

Impact On Your Life... I went into my video audition assuming that I wouldn't get to march my age out, having been cut from three corps previously.

I gained a lot of confidence in my abilities after I was contracted

Best Memories... Finishing our first full run of the whole show, and remembering what I had been missing for the last three years

Thank You... Thank you Allie, for supporting me throughout the whole audition process, helping me figure out if it was feasible for me to do it, and being the greatest cheerleader of mine when I earned the contract. It's great to know that you will always have my back on my best and worst days, and I can't wait to marry you soon. Another thanks to my mom who has supported me through beginning band all the way to now. I wouldn't have even made the camps without you driving me all over the US to give me as many opportunities as possible. I am very grateful for everything you have done to help me get to this point.

Words To Supporters... Thank you for supporting such a welcoming and loving corps family.

Closing Thoughts... Thank you to Vicki and Chad for putting their trust in me from just one video audition, and continuing to trust me throughout my worst moments during move ins. I wouldn't be near here if you hadn't, and you have made me one step closer to achieving my musical dreams.

Atticus Holmes

Percussion / Cymbals

Years (Colts): 2

Hometown: Pace, FL

College: Pensacola State College

Major: General Education

Most Significant Lessons... You're never going to be given time to explain yourself so keep things short and sweet.

Impact On Your Life... I've grown into more of a man than anything else,

because of the experiences I've shared with my fellow percussion brotherhood.

Best Memories... The time outside of rehearsal on free time when people show their true side and there is no stress in the air. It's a beautiful feeling to share with your band family.

Thank You... Elanders Frazier and Josh Nelson. The two percussion caption heads I've had through my independent marching career. I want to thank them for their wisdom and energy that they push on all their students and performers.

Words To Supporters... Thank you so much, the Colts would not be such a special and safe place for such talented musicians to commune and create beautiful art without these people.

Closing Thoughts... It's been a really long ride getting to this point but I wouldn't want to finish it out with any other batch of friends and musicians.

Adam Kehoe

Brass / Mellophone

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: O'Fallon, MO

College: University of Central Missouri

Major: Education

Most Significant Lessons... Accountability and responsibility.

Impact On Your Life... I've become harder working and more compassionate due to the surrounding influences.

Best Memories... The first time we all had our uniforms on for the community performance in Monmouth, seeing the show light up in a new way was exciting.

Thank You... Lane Burwell for constantly pushing me to come to the Colts year after year.

Words To Supporters... Thanks for keeping this whole operation on the road.

Closing Thoughts... AGE OUT RAGE OUT BABY. LET'S GET IT.

Aaron Kim

Brass / Mellophone

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Winchester, VA

College: Virginia Tech

Major: Computer Science

Most Significant Lessons... I am always stronger than I think myself to be. Colts taught me to be confident in myself and to strive for excellence in everything I do. To be a relentless performer even at my worst should always be my goal.

Impact On Your Life... Colts has given me a family and a skillset based on experiences I couldn't get anywhere else. My musicianship, marching, and approach towards being a performer on and off the field have all been made stronger through the people I have come to know. I appreciate the countless members who have helped me, be it with technique, choreo, music, or even just someone to talk with during the long hot summer days.

Best Memories... Spring training and any free days! Move ins was very challenging in many ways but I came out stronger from it. Car wash in Dubuque was a lot of fun as well, and a great chance to interact with the community.

Thank You... I would like to thank my family and friends who made it possible to achieve my dream of marching in a World Class drum corps. I would also like to thank the amazing Red Team mellophone section!

Words To Supporters... Thank you for your support! We couldn't have done it without you! I hope to be able to give back to the Colts someday too.

Closing Thoughts... I'm excited to hit the road with this incredible group of people and I'm going to hold on to every moment of it. My rookie year is going to be great!

Jackson Klestinske

Brass / Mellophone

Years (Colts): 3

Hometown: Olathe, KS

College: University of Colorado Boulder

Major: Biochemistry

Most Significant Lessons... How to persevere through the toughest of challenges.

Impact On Your Life... I've learned how to open up and trust people on and off of the field.

Best Memories... The final B flat chord at the end of 2019 semifinals, and bursting into tears with all of my best friends.

Thank You... I would like to thank Colts brass staff for always pushing us to be better and stronger.

Words To Supporters... Thank you for giving so many people like me the opportunity to do this life changing activity.

Closing Thoughts... I would give anything to do this one more time, everyone should cherish the time that they have here.

Audree Narkawicz

Conductor

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: South Bend, IN

College: Indiana University South Bend

Major: Music Education

Most Significant Lessons... I've learned so many positive life skills here at the Colts just during spring training alone. I learned that great things come from lots of hard work and having patience to get to the end result is so much more worth it! I learned how to be a

better musician and conductor with the help of the staff here at Colts. I learned how to be professional with logistics and not everything will always go as planned and a sense of flexibility to go along with that. I learned the meanings of the Colts tradition and how those define what drum corps really is. I love my family here at the Colts and I've learned to really cherish these moments with what little time I have left!

Impact On Your Life... The Colts have brought me a sense of connection among a large group of people that I haven't had in years. The people here are so down to earth and will do anything for you in a pinch. They have changed my mindset about leaning on others can get you so much farther when you're struggling.

Best Memories... So far, my best memories have been trying on my corps jacket and uniform for the first time. It is such a surreal feeling being apart of a drum corps for the first time will be something that I will remember for the rest of my life.

Thank You... First, I would like to thank my friends, family, and teachers for pushing me in music to keep going. I also would like to thank the Arts board at IU South Bend for providing me the scholarship opportunities that made Colts possible for me this year. I would not have been as successful in drum corps if it wasn't for these people and I will cherish these memories and be grateful for the rest of my life!

Words To Supporters... Colts supporters and donors keep this activity going! I love how fortunate we as a drum corps are because of these people year by year! No amount of gratitude can express their efforts in keeping Colts going on the road and I personally thank you for your hard work and dedication!

Closing Thoughts... I'm so ready to hit the road and take this show on tour! Hearing staff talk about how great we can be has a lot of people, including myself, very excited to show the world what we're made of! Hold on, Colts!

CJ Parker

Brass / Tuba

Years (Colts): 4

Hometown: Davenport, IA

Most Significant Lessons... Being purposeful with every decision you make, and making sure your life lines up with your actions.

Impact On Your Life... The Colts have completely changed my life. I wasn't sure what I was doing with my life my rookie year, or how I was going to continue on. The Colts gave me a home. They gave me love that I've never experienced. My best friends, my comrades, people I love, all come from this corps. It has taught me professionalism at the highest degree, that I use in my everyday life. The Colts are a superior organization.

Best Memories... Walking off of the field in '21 with the feeling that this corps is finally getting the respect it deserves.

Thank You... I'd like to first thank my parents, for always supporting me in everything, and loving me unconditionally. I wouldn't be with this organization without them. I'd like to thank all the staff, volunteers, and admin team here at the Colts that work tirelessly to make sure that this organization runs smoothly.

Words To Supporters... Your support changes LIVES. It truly changed mine, and I am quite sure it has changed so many others. The support you give the Colts not only raises the performance level of this corps, but instills a future and a positive impact for all students involved. Your support reaches more than just the member, it reaches that

young fan watching, who dreams of marching in a world-class organization such as the Colts. Thank you!

Closing Thoughts... We got a job to do.

Jonathan Rohr

Brass / Baritone

Years (Colts): 3

Years (Cadets): 1

Hometown: Joplin, MO

College: Pittsburg State University

Major: Music Education

Most Significant Lessons... How to be effective and efficient with my time.

Best Memories... One of my favorite moments was the end of the final show in 2021 the amount of emotion that was there and the enjoyment of performing something that well was amazing.

Thank You... I'd like to thank my parents for helping me out every year with getting me to camps and move ins and other things.

Words To Supporters... Thank you so much for everything your help makes the summers more enjoyable.

Closing Thoughts... I'm sad it's coming to an end.

Matthew Roos

Brass / Trumpet

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Mount Laurel, NJ

College: Rowan University

Most Significant Lessons... Be early to everything you do and strive to be the best you can possibly be.

Impact On Your Life... It has given me a home for my age-out when I was going through a dark time.

Best Memories... All the trips to Dairy Queen with the section.

Thank You... Marcel, Joyce, Mackenzie & Marcel Jr. Roos for supporting my dream to march and to Brad Donoris for helping me prepare for the season.

Words To Supporters... Thank you for All your support and helping students like myself find a second family within the drum corps community.

Closing Thoughts... Push to your limits and beyond but also enjoy the small details alongside the journey.

Jacob Ruiz

Percussion / Bass

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Midland, TX

College: University of Texas Permian Basin

Major: Music Education

Most Significant Lessons... Always keep your goals in mind when things get difficult.

Impact On Your Life... Finding such supportive people who push you to be your best has made the entire experience so much better.

Best Memories... The first public performance in the uniforms and getting my shako link at the end of spring training.

Thank You... Huge shout out to my parents, sister, and friends and family for the large amount of support.

Words To Supporters... Thank you!

Closing Thoughts... Being a rook-out has made this season so bittersweet but I'm so grateful for the amazing staff and members.

Mario Sanchez

Percussion / Snare

Years (Colts): 2

Hometown: Houston, TX

Most Significant Lessons... You have to keep your head up, even when things

aren't going your way. Be patient and trust the process.

Impact On Your Life... The people here are amazing and very accepting. I feel like I can truly be myself.

Best Memories... Some of my best memories are from our meal times. I love meal times with the homies. We always have some great laughs.

Thank You... I'd like to thank my mom and dad for always supporting me throughout my musical endeavors. They ALWAYS have my back.

Words To Supporters... Thank you so much for everything you do for us and supporting the arts!

Closing Thoughts... This has been a wild ride, and this show is freaking amazing. I'm so glad that I'm able to be a part of something like this. I will be talking about this for many, many years.

Jessi Southerland

Conductor

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Franklin, TN

College: University of Tennessee at Martin

Major: Psychology

Most Significant Lessons... There are some situations you can't change, but you can always change your attitude and reaction to those situations.

Impact On Your Life... I have gained a family by being here, these people have helped me so much both on and off the field and I'll appreciate that forever.

Thank You... I would like to thank my parents for letting me live out this crazy dream, the med staff for taking such good care of me this summer, and everyone who was involved in helping me thrive as a conductor!

Words To Supporters... Thank you so much for helping us do what we love so much!

Sean Stepnowski

Percussion / Tenors

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Atlanta, GA

College: Kennesaw State University

Most Significant Lessons... I've learned how to keep pressing and persisting past what you think you are capable of, and how to get more comfortable with the uncomfortable.

Impact On Your Life... The Colts have given me a chance to march my age out which is something I will be forever grateful for, and the members have done nothing but lift me up and support me through my whole journey here.

Thank You... I want to thank everyone who has taught me along my musical journey leading up to this point, as well as my family and friends that gave supported me making my dreams of marching drum corps possible.

Words To Supporters... You make this activity possible for all of us and that means an incredible amount to us

Closing Thoughts... I can't wait to hit that last downbeat in Lucas Oil for my first and last time, lets rage!

Zoe Stuart

Brass / Trumpet

Years (Colts): 3

Hometown: Greenville, SC

College: University of Minnesota

Major: Chemistry

Most Significant Lessons... That I'm capable of more than I thought.

Impact On Your Life... I've made friendships that'll last for years.

Words To Supporters... Thank you for making some of the best experiences of my life possible.

Aubrey VanderBeek

Color Guard / Flag

Years (Colts): 2

Hometown: Waukee, IA

College: Iowa State University

Major: Psychology (Minor in Criminal Justice)

Most Significant Lessons... I learned that no matter how hard things are right now, you can always get through them with the right people around you. This corps is a family, and I love that about the Colts and it's why I came back.

Impact On Your Life... I still am in touch with the people I marched with my rookie year and whenever I see them it's like we saw each other yesterday and that is something rare. Colts itself showed me that I'm stronger than I think, and that I'm able to do anything I put my mind to.

Best Memories... My best memories are being around my teammates and just enjoying doing life together when we are all so far from home. We have each other's backs always and that's something you don't find very often.

Thank You... I would like to thank my family, for their unconditional love and support, specifically my mom who has taken the time to bring me to each and every one of my audition camps and who has come to every performance she can in the seven years that I have done color guard. I also want to thank my boyfriend Brock for his unconditional love and even though he has no clue what color guard is cheers me on because he knows it's my passion.

Words To Supporters... Thank you to all of the Colts supporters and donors for allowing so many of us to follow our dreams and march with the Colts. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

Closing Thoughts... I just want say that my life truly would not be the same if

I had never marched with the Colts, I am absolutely a better performer and better person because of it. Thank you Colts!

William Welden

Percussion / Front Ensemble

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Oklahoma City, OK

College: East Central University

Major: Music Education

Lara Wibbenmeyer

Percussion / Front Ensemble

Years (Colts): 2

Years (Cadets): 1

Hometown: Arnold, MO

College: University of Missouri - Columbia

Major: Textile and Apparel Management

Most Significant Lessons... A lot of difficult things can be achieved with a strong and determined mindset. The physical strength comes after.

Impact On Your Life... It has taught me how to shut out negativity to pursue my goals. My Colts friends have taught me that this is just band, and to not stress too much about it.

Best Memories... The laughs here are incredible. Full runs and shows get my blood pumping, even when I'm feeling down. And the Gatorade room at Tipton is a top tier moment.

Thank You... Thank you to my family for being proud of me and supporting me through my musical journey. My friends from Colt Cadets '19, you mean the world to me. Thank you for being my first drum corps experience.

Words To Supporters... Thank you for making the Red Team possible, I appreciate you!

Closing Thoughts... I am going to miss the drum corps world so much. It hurts to leave the Red Team, but feels amazing to have made these memories. I am eternally grateful for

the good people I have met because of the Colts, and I will hold you in my heart forever. Keep being wonderful to yourself and those around you.

Adaiah Wigfall

Color Guard / Flag

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Charleston, SC

Major: Elementary Education

Most Significant Lessons... To keep pushing no matter what, never count yourself out.

Impact On Your Life... Welcomed me into my RookOut season of drum corps.

Best Memories... Spinning next to old and new teammates. Full ensemble, when you can feel the energy first Set 1. Popsicles and frozen grapes on the extra hot days. Pushing myself everyday to be the best member I could be.

Thank You... Ryan Glover, thank you for be attentive and checking up on me. Michael House, positive feedback helps a lot.

Words To Supporters... Thank you.

Closing Thoughts... Age Out, Rage Out. Ready to leave it ALL on the field!

Christian Zuniga

Brass / Tuba

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Corsicana, TX

College: University of Texas Permian Basin

Major: Music Education

Most Significant Lessons... Everyone here is my family and they'll all have my back as I have theirs.

Impact On Your Life... Family is the most important thing that you can have.

Best Memories... The premiere show. Seeing this years uniforms. Learning the corps song.

Thank You... My parents. My friends back home. The entire brass and visual staff

Words To Supporters... Thank you for the continued support.

Closing Thoughts... Even though this is my first and last year of doing this activity I have enjoyed every minute of it. I'll make sure to enjoy the people around me who have been making this experience worthwhile.

