2024 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!

Miranda Basart

Drum Major Years (Colts): 4

Hometown: Waukee, Iowa College: University of Iowa

Major: Environmental Engineering

Impact On Your Life... My involvement with the Colts has truly made me who I am today. The opportunities I have been given here are unlike anything I could get from any other activity or corps, and I will forever be grateful for the Colts for showing me how to live up to my potential.

Best Memories... I will never forget the times I've gotten to step off the finals field at the end of each season knowing that we left everything on the field for one last time. It's bittersweet to know that we've reached the end of such a fulfilling journey.

Thank You... I'd like to thank my parents, grandparents, sister, and everyone else in my family who has supported me in this journey over the last several years. I'd also like to thank my band directors, brass/visual techs, and all educators who have not only helped me as a performer but also as a person. Finally, I'd like to thank my drum corps family for welcoming me back home year and year like no time has passed at all.

Emma Beddow

Color Guard / Flag Years (Colts): 3

Hometown: Mahomet, Illinois College: Illinois State University

Major: Music Business

Most Significant Lessons... I learned that it is a privilege to be challenged and be pushed to your limit. I also learned awareness in all situations I may be in. (Thanks Fergie!) As well as how to work effectively and efficiently as a team. (Also, always wear sunscreen and never put mio in your fanny pack.)

Impact On Your Life... The Colts have given me a family and place to call home for the last 3 years. I have met people that are some of my best friends and memories that I will cherish for the rest of my life.

Best Memories... Making finals for the first time in 15 years in 2022 and hearing the crowd roar as we entered the field. Also, every inconvenience the Colts experience always turn into some of the best memories!

Thank You... I want to thank my mom, dad, my sister, Hannah, and my roommates, Alex and Mac, for being the most supportive in my drum corps adventures for the last 3 years! I also want to thank all of the Colts color guard staff for teaching me valuable life lessons and pushing me to be the best performer I can be. Thank you Fernando for believing in me in '22 when I was a train wreck. I would not be where I am today without your quidance.

Words To Supporters... Thank you for making my dreams a reality every year for the last 3 years! We genuinely could not get through the entire summer without you!!

Closing Thoughts... Live in the present, no matter how hard that present may be, live in it, be in it. Hold on to morning. Let's get it Colts!

Duncan Bennett

Brass / Tuba Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Ankeny, Iowa College: Iowa State University Major: Chemical Engineering

Most Significant Lessons... Unrealized potential is the worst regret you'll ever have.

Impact On Your Life... The members have become like family to me that I can turn to at any time for support.

Best Memories... Sharing the singular brain cell with all of the other tubas.

Thank You... To my family.

Words To Supporters... Thank you for your dedication to the corps.

Devlin Bittner

Brass / Trumpet Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Andrews, Texas

College: University of Texas at Permian Basin

Major: Electrical Engineering

Most Significant Lessons... One of the most valuable lessons I learned was from our Brass Caption Head, Chad Miller. He is always telling us, "...who you are on your worst day is who you really are." This quote has really stuck with me throughout all spring training and has helped me through all my struggles. No matter how hard things get, I can't let things get to me and drag me down. That's not who I am.

Impact On Your Life... The biggest thing I have taken away from marching with the Colts is, honestly, listening skills. Whether it's listening to instructions of a rep, or listening to your peers when they are having a rough time. Listening will take you a long way in drum corps, and allow you to meet the most interesting people.

Best Memories... Some of my best memories are made with my friends while at meal or during free days. I really enjoy talking with multiple people and learning more and more about them.

Thank You... I would like the thank my parents for encouraging me every step during this journey of mine. Without them, I wouldn't be in the place I am today.

Words To Supporters... Thank you so much for making this experience something I will never forget and cherish forever.

Closing Thoughts... Age Out Rage Out! I'm making the most of every moment I have with these lovely people.

Ryan Carr

Percussion / Snare Years (Colts): 2

Hometown: Louisville, Kentucky College: Morehead State University

Major: Music Education

Most Significant Lessons... There are very little problems in life and a lot of inconveniences.

Impact On Your Life... Made me more responsible outside of drum corps.

Best Memories... Getting yelled at and pushed during block.

Thank You... Josh Nelson

Words To Supporters... You are more appreciated than you'll ever know.

Vincent Carrion

Percussion / Snare Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Lewisville, Texas

College: University of Texas at Arlington

Major: Music Industry Studies

Most Significant Lessons... You have more potential than you give yourself credit for.

Closing Thoughts... During the final days of the season when you realize you're running out of reps, do you want to know you could've done more in the past or do you want to know you've done everything you could in the moment?

Evan Fowler

Percussion / Tenors Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Fort Walton Beach, Florida

Most Significant Lessons... Hard work, sweat, blood and a few tears make for unforgettable moments I never thought were possible.

Impact On Your Life... The friends I've made who influenced me to come to the Colts have legitimately impacted my life completely. All hail CQB!

Thank You... I wanna thank Aaron Sanchez and Alex Fulkerson for pushing me to be great.

Words To Supporters... Thanks!

Closing Thoughts... I'm so stoked to see how far we can push this season as a quadline, percussion section, as a corps and as humans playing these Colts diddles on this watery rock called Earth!

Alex Fulkerson

Percussion / Tenors Years (Colts): 2

Hometown: Zionsville, Indiana College: Indiana University Major: Arts Management Most Significant Lessons... It is more powerful to work together as a unit than as individuals.

Impact On Your Life... Made myself mentally and physically stronger and I made lifelong friendships and memories.

Best Memories... Performing at finals, riding the bus, drinking squinch.

Thank You... Josh Nelson and JJ Miller.

Words To Supporters... Thank you so much for all the work you people have done to help this corps thrive and continue to be one of the best homes for people to do this activity.

Amanda Gootee

Percussion / Marimba Years (Colts): 3

Hometown: Gulf Breeze, Florida College: Indiana University

Major: Psychology

Most Significant Lessons... I learned how to be resilient and work as a team when things get tough.

Impact On Your Life... It's had a really big impact. Several people I marched with at Colts became my closest friends and even my roommates. The memories made in this organization are priceless.

Thank You... Friends, family, and instructors who always believed in me even when I didn't believe in myself.

Words To Supporters... Thank you!

Jacob Heroux

Conductor Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Warren, Rhode Island College: Western Carolina University

Major: Music

Most Significant Lessons... To keep pushing forward no matter what.

Impact On Your Life... The Colts gave me a home when all my other corps folded and allowed me to march my age out and for that I'm forever grateful.

Best Memories... When team hands had our first bonding moment and started to click.

Thank You... My band director in high school for selecting me as a drum major.

Words To Supporters... Thank you for your support over the season!

Closing Thoughts... I can't wait to finish out the season and start giving back to the community.

Logan Hille

Brass / Baritone Years (Colts): 3

Hometown: Avon, Ohio

College: Ohio Northern University

Major: Computer Science

Most Significant Lessons... How to push through when things get hard and be able to embrace it when things are difficult.

Impact On Your Life... Colts has given me a home with my best friends and family. I feel like I truly belong at the Colts.

Best Memories... There are a lot but some of my absolute favorites have been the wrap ups after finals. When Jack Borland screams in excitement of how the run went. Or when Chad yelled, "Yes" after the tech feature last year.

Thank You... Shawn Coleman and my parents.

Words To Supporters... Thank you for supporting the Colts and letting us be able to do this every season.

Closing Thoughts... I can't wait to see where this show takes us. And though I am sad that my drum corps career is ending, I couldn't think of a better group to end it with.

Miles Huberty

Percussion / Snare Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Fridley, Minnesota College: University of Minnesota Major: Aerospace Engineering

Most Significant Lessons... If you can laugh in the face of life's hardest challenges and smallest inconveniences. life becomes more fun.

Impact On Your Life... I learned how to play variation 1, 12 inches, stepping out at an 8 to 5, going forward.

Thank You... I would like to thank my parents for helping me balance life's challenges and my girlfriend for being the reason I started in this activity.

Closing Thoughts... Count down the days because it really does go by fast. Pretty soon we will all be back home and never see everyone together ever again.

Ethan Johnson

Brass / Mellophone Years (Colts): 2

Hometown: Milton, Georgia College: University of Georgia

Major: Music Education

Most Significant Lessons... To push through adversity. Fight through struggle and hardship to achieve greater than you ever thought possible.

Impact On Your Life... To grow as a community. A hive mind mentality that works towards a single goal, Excellence.

Best Memories... Escape room in San Antonio. Being surprised by my partner at a show, and listening to "Morning" after finals.

Thank You... My mother, Jennifer. Gianna and my grandparents.

Words To Supporters... Your efforts and contributions help to create a Colts experience that is worth coming back to year after year, even after one ages out.

Closing Thoughts... Lift up and try harder.

Grace Jolliffe

Color Guard / Flag Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: London, Ohio College: University of Dayton

Major: Pre-Medicine

Most Significant Lessons... One of the most important lessons I've learned so far is to just keep going and that you CAN do hard things even if it takes time. You just have to keep pushing and not give up.

Impact On Your Life... So far this has been the hardest and most rewarding 29 days of my life and I will forever be a different person after this experience. I can't wait to see what the rest of the season has in store.

Best Memories... At the end of my first ever (and last ever) spring training season of drum corps (shout out to being a rook-out) I have to say I loved when all of vis staff was out on

the field with rakes to clear our practice field, when the "houses" and "points" system was introduced in the guard with house of boots forever having negative points, and all the friends I have made along the way.

Thank You... I would like to publicly thank each and every member of the 2024 Colts color guard for accepting me as a rookie and an age out and making me feel like I have always belonged here. And a thank you to the amazing staff of the Colts color guard for taking a chance on me and giving me a contract that has allowed me to have an amazing experience this summer and hone my craft. They have taught me so much already and I'm sure will only continue to teach me more! I love all of the fun and even the not so fun memories I have made so far and I am so very grateful to be able to be here, marching with all of these amazing people, preparing for an incredible season.

Words To Supporters... Thank you so much for your donations and generosity to make this even possible!

Closing Thoughts... This is the only season of drum corps I have ever done and I am so thankful to be marching it with the Colts. Here it feels like a huge family which is exactly what I think is the best part of the marching arts. I have no idea what to expect for the rest of this season but I am so excited to experience it all for the first and last time with this incredible group of people and to make memories that will last a lifetime. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of you and may we have an incredible season together.

Jeremy Jones

Brass / Tuba Years (Colts): 4

Hometown: Phoenix, Arizona College: Arizona State University

Major: Music Education and Composition

Most Significant Lessons... In my time here, I've learned that personal abilities are a choice, you can always push farther than you think.

Impact On Your Life... I've made another family that I know will be by my side for the rest of my life.

Best Memories... BP dances were always great.

Thank You... I'd like to thank my family and friends who've supported me over the past 4 years as well as the Colts staff and admin who've pushed me to realize my potential.

Words To Supporters... Thank you so much for making the Colts possible. The impact on my life that this organization has had, as a direct result of your support, will follow me for the rest of my life.

Closing Thoughts... Looking at how far I've come not only as a marcher (which is quite far) but also as a person makes me realize how impactful the Colts have been in my life.

Hirokazu Kasuga

Brass / Tuba Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Kanagawa, Japan College: Rissho University

Major: Law

Most Significant Lessons... You say mam.

Impact On Your Life... They taught me the joy, hardship, and sense of accomplishment of marching. They encourage each other and work hard even when they are tired. They also give their all during practice on their days off.

Best Memories... When all the shows are over, when spring training is over.

Thank You... Parents and high school teachers.

Words To Supporters... Thank you for your support. We will continue to deliver great shows.

Closing Thoughts... I want to praise myself for coming this far.

Satvik Katpadi

Percussion / Snare Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Chaddsford, Pennsylvania College: The Pennsylvania University

Major: Data Science

Most Significant Lessons... I learned how to play Variation 1 at 12 inches 8 to 5 going forward.

Impact On Your Life... Doing this has helped me figure out who I am and made me a better drummer.

Best Memories... Working the hardest I ever have next to my friends. Also being goofy in our free time.

Words To Supporters... Thank you for your kindness, commitment, and patience.

Ike Kellogg

Percussion / Vibraphone

Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Brandon, South Dakota

Most Significant Lessons... I have learned to stay positive and push through any stressful situation.

Impact On Your Life... I have made lasting connections with people from all around the world.

Best Memories... Spring training having theme days that make no sense.

Thank You... My parents, Maggie and Tony.

Words To Supporters... Thank you to every supporter we have ever had. It makes all the difference.

Closing Thoughts... Do everything with a positive attitude.

lan Lankton

Brass / Tuba Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Minneapolis, Minnesota College: St. Cloud State University

Major: Music Therapy

Most Significant Lessons... The importance of consistency and hard work.

Impact On Your Life... The high expectations at Colts drives me to be better every day, and also recognize my own potential.

Best Memories... Free blocks with my section mates.

Thank You... My mom, for literally driving me to be here.

Words To Supporters... Thank you!

Closing Thoughts... Let's go Red Team!

Ethan McCulloch

Brass / All Instruments Years (Colts): 3 Years (Colt Cadets): 1 Hometown: Olathe, Kansas

Most Significant Lessons... How to push through adversity and look at hard things in life with confidence instead of fear.

Impact On Your Life... My lifelong friends all bear the silver triangle. They are the people I love and are my family.

Best Memories... The love and outpouring of kindness that occurred after my injury, it truly showed how much this corps cares.

Thank You... My family, my God and every person involved with the Colts and their mission.

Words To Supporters... Thank you for changing my life with your generosity. The money and time you gave has seen a return in my life and the lives of my many friends.

Closing Thoughts... I'm excited to take the drum corps mindset into the "real" world, and I'm excited to come back and help push the Colts even further in whatever capacity that may be.

James Meehan

Brass / Trumpet Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Kingsport, Tennessee

Most Significant Lessons... I learned to hold myself accountable for anything I do and to push regardless of how I feel in the moment.

Impact On Your Life... The organization has made a very positive impact in my life by endless support throughout members, staff, and volunteers. We motivate each other and continue to move forward each and every single day.

Best Memories... Laundry trips! Going out to eat with members and having fun.

Thank You... Chad Miller!

Words To Supporters... Thank you for keeping this organization present in the drum corps world! You are really appreciated.

Closing Thoughts... I am excited to embark on a difficult journey ahead and push through until the end.

Austin Redding

Percussion / Cymbals Years (Colts): 4

Hometown: Lithia, Florida

Most Significant Lessons... Some of these lessons would be understanding that there are a lot more inconveniences than problems. Try to look at things from a new light, a different perspective, and see what outcome can become with that new attitude and mental change.

Impact On Your Life... The impact the Colts have on me is that most things are inconveniences rather than problems. There are constantly ways that you can help yourself prior to something becoming a "problem" by being more prepared beforehand and understanding that there is a lifeline all around you to help with anything you may need. It's okay to ask for help, those who are here around you are here for the right reasons and want to help you be the best performer, member, and person you can be.

Best Memories... My best memories would be looking back at all of productions I have been apart of and understanding that through each one, they have broken previous records that nobody thought was possible. Although I am just one person, I was able to help contribute to something greater than myself and be able to lead those around me to do the same and there is no greater feeling than that. I am excited to see where the trajectory of the corps leads and to see growth this takes over the next couple years after I'm all old and aged out.

Thank You... I would like to thank my mom and dad, Beverley and Kyle Redding, for supporting me through all of it, thick and thin. They have been nothing but supportive of my time away at drum corps and I couldn't do any of this without them. My mom is also by far my biggest supporter with coming out to the cook truck since '22 and volunteering her time to come and help keep the organization running and getting to understand the activity better while she is here. So to both of my parents, thank you for everything you've done for me and I love you both so much!

Words To Supporters... To those who have supported me, thank you! I've seen all the

Facebook comments and the messages sent directly and I read and appreciate all of them, even if it does take me a while to get back to everyone. Without the support over the past five seasons, I'm not sure I would be where I am and enjoying this activity as much as I am currently. So to everyone out there, thank you so much for not only supporting my time at drum corps, but for my time at the CCL and the legacy I have helped to build upon.

Closing Thoughts...My closing thoughts is that I'm excited. I'm excited to finish out this production and to continue pushing to the end. Reality hasn't kicked in that this really is the end so I'm going to use this mindset to keep pushing myself and those around me to the very end. Never settle and never get comfortable. Once we've done that, it's game over. So it's time to push to the very end! Let's do it up one last time Red Team!!!!!

Aaron Sanchez

Percussion / Tenors Years (Colts): 3

Hometown: Houston, Texas

Most Significant Lessons... Sheer Grind to make something perfect

Best Memories... Mike Bus

Thank You... JJ Miller and Mike Lang

Closing Thoughts...Body hurts. If I have to crawl off of the Lucas Oil Stadium field, I 100% will. Age Out RAGE out.

Noah Swart

Percussion / Snare Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Arcadia, Indiana

Most Significant Lessons... The Colts vibe, it's very strong, aggressive, and consistent.

Impact On Your Life... I will never forget the 2024 RTS, everyone has so much to tell, these are my brothers.

Best Memories... Cranking during spring training.

Words To Supporters... Thank you for supporting my last season of DCI ever, wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

Tristan Watson

Brass / Baritone Years (Colts): 3 years Hometown: Waukesha, WI

College: University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Major: Music Education

Most Significant Lessons... How to truly work hard towards a goal and be rewarded for it, how to push through a wall and try your hardest even when you aren't feeling your best, and how to avoid the desire of instant gratification.

Impact On Your Life... The Colts is one of 2 groups I have been a part of where I have truly, without any doubt, felt like I belonged. I never did band for the social aspect and I never made most of my friends from it, but I have definitely made friends from the Colts and the bond that we have been able to share is unlike any other group of people in the world.

Best Memories... Making it to finals in 2022 and taking in the finals crowd both during the performance as well as the retreat, and bonding with my sections over things like "Morning" and all of our various season milestones.

Thank You... My mom and dad for supporting my dream of doing drum corps, my past band director Stephen Mattson for helping me audition for the Colts, our excellent brass and visual staff for constantly pushing me forward, Vicki MacFarlane for being an incomparable corps director, and Michael J. Miller for getting me involved with the Colts to begin with.

Words To Supporters... Your generosity keeps the organization moving forward when most needed, and I along with all Colts appreciate it so much.

Closing Thoughts... Drum corps has quite literally changed my life; not just as a musician or as a performer, but as a member of society. It's very sad that my career as a performer in the marching arts is ending, but I hope I can give back to the activity for many years to come.

Jackson Weinberg

Percussion / Rack Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Minneapolis, Minnesota Major: Manufacturing Engineering

Technologies

Most Significant Lessons... It's always doable. Comparison is the thief of joy. You always have a little more left in the tank, the trick is finding the fumes.

Impact On Your Life... They've made the hard moments silly and shown me just because a situation is seriously hard, does not mean you have to make it harder by falling into it head first.

Best Memories... Side 1 Saturdays.

Thank You... Jake Esterberg.

Words To Supporters... The program you've built is brutal but irreplaceable, I'm so glad I pushed myself to do this.

Closing Thoughts... Just hoping for more memories and lessons. I know they are there, I can't wait to find them.

Austin Wells

Color Guard / Flag & Weapons

Years (Colts): 2

Hometown: Sun Prairie, Wisconsin

College: University of Wisconsin - Whitewater

Major: English Education

Most Significant Lessons... Perseverance is something I will always take with me. Throughout drum corps. I found a lot of inconveniences, but I also learned the difference between an inconvenience and a problem. Being able to recognize that something really sucks, and still being able to leave the situation just a little bit stronger. Drum corps has taught me how to stay on my toes and be ready for anything. Things can change on a dime, and it's never to early to plan ahead. But sometimes no matter how many backup plans you have, things don't always work out. Colts helped me learn how to bounce back when conditions aren't ideal. It taught me the value of focus, being able to concentrate on one thing and put my everything into it. Colts taught me how to always be engaged and present in

the moment — which has helped my age out experience so much, in being able to truly enjoy the memories I am making.

Impact On Your Life... I've found some of my closest friends through this organization, and it also has opened the doors to so many amazing opportunities within the marching arts. From being a performer, to teaching the next generation, Colts has taught me so much that I take everywhere I go.

Best Memories... One of my favorite memories was from our show premiere in 2023. The color guard woke up that day to 40 mph winds. The wind made rehearsal just laughable. Sometimes the wind can be so bad all you can do is laugh at it. I remember our captain, Jake Jennings, tossing his flag into the air, just for it to fly right over his head and land on our equipment stack about 30 feet away. Somebody got it on video and I always look at it when I've had a rough day. It reminds me of a time when life was so simple; when all I had to worry about was tossing something and catching it.

Thank You... I would love to thank my parents, for constantly supporting my efforts within the marching arts, and showing their support for me until the very end of my marching career. You have made so many opportunities possible. From late car rides to section meals, to volunteering on cook trucks, you've done so much for me, and for that I am forever greatful. You've invested so much of your time to make sure that I have an amazing experience, and that does not go unnoticed. Thank you so much.

Words To Supporters... Thank you for supporting a lifelong dream of mine, and I'm sure many others that belong to this organization. You've made it possible for me to stand here today and be recognized for my time in the activity.

Closing Thoughts... I'm so excited to see how far the Colts and the Colts color guard will be able to go this summer. This group feels so special, and is going to be doing amazing things, both on and off the field.

Greg Windsor

Brass / Baritone Years (Colts): 1

Hometown: Winchester, Virginia College: Longwood University

Major: Finance

Most Significant Lessons... I learned how to push through the hardest days and make myself better.

Impact On Your Life... I clicked so fast with many of the members and feel as if those bonds will last a lifetime.

Best Memories... Learning about "Morning" and getting my shako link was such a special moment and made me feel at home.

Thank You... I would like to thank my parents Scott and Beth Windsor for their years of support. My band directors throughout my life: Chris Fairchild, Jamie Tucker, and Mike Waddell for helping me develop my skills and improve greatly. Finally, all of my family and friends who donated to help my dream become a reality.

Words To Supporters... Thank you for creating such a healthy and well run environment where I feel safe and well taken care of. I can't think of any place I would rather be than here at the Colts for my age out year!

Closing Thoughts... Go Colts!



