



SWDAA

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Welcome New and Current SWDAA Members!!!

Greetings everyone,

I first want to welcome back our current members and welcome our newest members of the Southwest District Alumni Association. The purpose of The Cadence is to provide monthly SWDAA content as well as information from the alumni associations of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma. We love to feature our members in our monthly newsletter, ranging from community bands, awards, marriage, Women in Music, etc.

National Convention is so close, and we are looking forward to seeing you there! The Southwest District Alumni Association Board of Directors is excited to be working with y'all for the 2023-2024 year. If you have not yet selected a committee to be a part of, reach out to us. Our contacts are listed on Page 11.

I hope all of you continue to have a great Summer and we hope to see you at National Convention and at our first general body meeting July 27th!

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Lea Sanchez

23-24 SWDAA Communications Director

Life Member of the Alpha Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi



NEED A PACKING LIST FOR CONVENTION? SWDAA HAS ONE JUST FOR YOU!



NATIONAL CONVENTION PACKING LIST

BELOW IS A LIST OF ITEMS THAT WE SUGGEST YOU PACK FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION. THE LIST INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

- CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD & PINS
- 4+ PAIRS OF SHORTS AND PANTS
- 4+ PAIRS OF UNDER GARMENTS/SOCKS
- 4+ SLEEPWEAR
- 1-2 BUSINESS CASUAL/DRESS OUTFITS FOR RITUAL
- 1 BANQUET ATTIRE
- LAPTOP/TABLET & CHARGER
- DRESS SHOES/SNEAKERS/FLIP FLOPS/BELT
- FACE MASKS & HANDSANITIZER
- PHONE CHARGER, POWER BANK, & BACKPACK
- TOILETRIES: BODY WASH, SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, DEODORANT, MAKEUP, PERFUME/COLOGNE, BRUSH/COMB, RAZOR, HAIR PRODUCTS, HAIR TOOLS, TOOTHBRUSH, TOOTHPASTE, SUNSCREEN, AND ANY MEDICATION

REMEMBER TO BRING EXTRA MONEY FOR FOOD, MERCHANDISE, AND OTHER PURCHASES!

#NATCON2023

NEW CHAPTER VISITATION ASSISTANTS IN TOWN!

SWDAA HAS AN LAA ACES FULL HOUSE!



Chelsea Zuniga
Life Member - Alpha
Oklahoma State
University

Tyler Hern
Life Member - Beta Nu
Arkansas Tech
University

Ciara Gibbs
Life Member - Eta Pi
Northwestern State
University

2023 LAA ACES CHALLENGE PROGRAM COMPLETERS

Congratulations to the 5 LAAs who connected with their members, engaged alumni, and completed service activities to complete the ACES challenges and earn the full ACES deck. These LAAs also completed the bonus challenge by giving to Tau Beta Sigma or submitting their renewal paperwork on time.

We would like to congratulate SWDAA members Chelsea Zuniga, Ciara Gibbs, and Tyler Hern on being selected by the National Leadership of Tau Beta Sigma to serve as Chapter Visitation Assistants!

This year, SWDAA participated in the Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association LAA ACES Challenge Program and we're so excited to be one of the 5 LAAs to earn the full ACES deck!

COMMUNITY BAND SPOTLIGHT



SANG! SINGING SCAT AND HIGHLIGHTING NEW WORKS WITH THE NORMAN COMMUNITY BAND

The Norman Community Band was one of the best summer opportunities I got to participate in. Having that first rehearsal under a severe weather watch was not only the usual Oklahoma nature, but a way to make music with each other should a tornado appear. The Norman Community Band is made up of former and current band directors, their students, undergraduate and graduate students from the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma City University, and others in the Norman area that still play their instrument and love everything band.

One of my favorite pieces the band performed was *Sang!* by American composer Dana Wilson. The first four bars included a rhythm that we had to sing as written in the music, with great energy. Sometimes the southern twang kicks in whenever we sing the rhythm but overall, it was a fun piece to learn. This piece was conducted by Sarah Fitzgerald, Assistant Director of Bands at Norman North High School.

One of the newest works on our program was entitled *Trailbreaker* by Grace Baugher Dunlap. This was the second time performance of this piece was performed in Norman since it was premiered not that long ago with the Norman North High School Band. Johnnie-Margret Mc Connell and the rest of the NCB Coordinators emphasize the one of the main goals of the NCB is to highlight the importance of performing new works by female composers and beyond. The program also included Jack Stamp's arrangement of *The Star-Spangled Banner*, Percy Grainger's *Horkstow Grange* from *Linconshire Posy*, Karl King's *Coast Guards March*, James D. Ployhar's arrangement of *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, and to cap off the June concert, we played *Oklahoma* to get everyone on their feet.

I remember interviewing Dino Cardenas (Immediate Past SWDAA Communications Director 21-23) and we did a little segment on the importance of playing in a community band. After my first concert with the NCB, I've gained a lot more band director friends and casually enjoyed the fun instrument wars that would happen in rehearsals. This experience was amazing and was the first time I've heard a conductor say that the clarinets were louder than the trumpets. Now that's a compliment a clarinetist like me enjoys!

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FIRST REHEARSAL OF THE NCB HELD IN THE NORMAN HIGH SCHOOL BAND ROOM ON JULY 12, 2023



STICKERS



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BUTTONS



HEADBANDS



SWDAA BUTTON TRADING



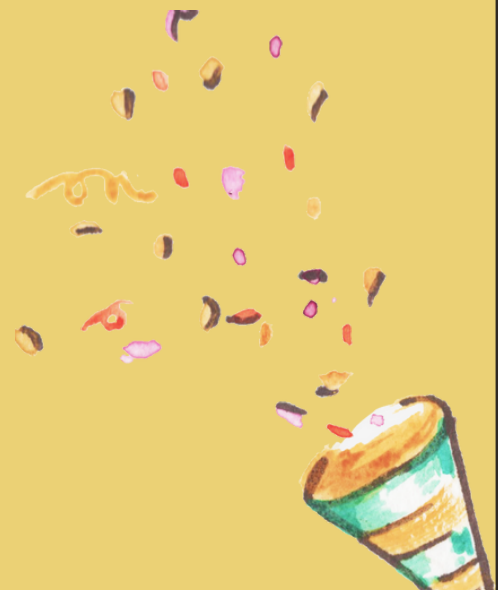
Stay tuned on our social medias to see what SWDAA will have for button trading at NatCon!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JUNE MEMBERS!



- Shaundollyn King - June 1st
- Sarah Griffith - June 2nd
- Rebekah Franolich - June 7th
- Kathryn Howell - June 13th
- Linnetta Ratliff - June 16th
- Shelby Lowder - June 18th
- Brady Gilleran* - June 22nd
- Marissa Archuleta - June 26th
- Arial Taylor - June 27th

(*) - Distinguishes SWDAA BOD, National Leadership, or Governor/Counselor





HAPPY PRIDE MONTH TO ALL OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION!

UPCOMING SWDAA EVENTS



**I'M AN ALUMNI,
NOW WHAT?**

How to navigate Alumni Life in All Stages of Life

Saturday, July 1st
7PM CST

Register now at:
<https://tinyurl.com/swdaalumnipanel>

PANELISTS

- JENNIFER VILLARREAL**
Life Member of the Beta Area Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma
- KIARA PENN**
Member of the Omega Beta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi
- MELINDA ROBIT**
Life Member of the Beta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma
- BRADLEY HAMMETT**
Life Member of the Beta Xi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi
- BRIANNA TEEGLER**
Life Member of the Alpha Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma
- RUBEN AMFOSO**
Member of the Gamma Delta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi

Join us on Saturday July 1st, 2023 at 7PM CST for SWDAA Alumni Panel: I'm an Alumni, Now What? All are welcome! Register here at: <https://tinyurl.com/swdaalumnipanel>

SOCIAL! **JOINT EVENT!**

BROTHERS AT THE BALLPARK: SWDAA EDITION

TEXAS RANGERS VS HOUSTON ASTROS
GLOBE LIFE FIELD
JULY 2, 2023 AT 2:30PM

SWDAA is collaborating with the Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association in Brothers at the Ballpark! This is a joint event! Join us on July 2nd at Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas! This is a great opportunity to meet some amazing brothers and sisters in SWDAA!

SOCIAL! **JOINT EVENT!**

BROTHERS AT THE BALLPARK: SWDAA EDITION II

HOUSTON ASTROS VS TEXAS RANGERS
MINUTE MAID PARK
JULY 24, 2023 AT 7:10 PM

Join us on July 24th for Brothers at the Ballpark: SWDAA Edition II in Houston as part of our collaboration with KKPsiAA! This is a joint event and an amazing opportunity to meet some amazing brothers and sisters in SWDAA!



**COMMUNITY
BAND
DIRECTORY**

Arkansas

- Arkansas Winds, Inc.: <http://www.arkansaswinds.org/>
- Hot Springs Community Band:
<http://www.hotspringsband.org/>
- North Little Rock Community Concert Band:
<http://www.nlrcommunityband.com/>

Louisiana

- Bayou Community Band (Thibodeaux):
<https://www.facebook.com/BayouCommunityBand/>
- Jefferson Community Band (Metairie):
<http://www.jeffersoncommunityband.org/>
- Lafayette Concert Band: <http://www.lcband.org/>

New Mexico

- Albuquerque Concert Band:
<http://www.abqband.org/>
- Mesilla Valley Concert Band (Las Cruces):
<http://www.mesillavalleyconcertband.org/>

Oklahoma

- Norman Community Band:
<https://www.facebook.com/NormanCommunityBand/>
- Stillwater Community Band:
<https://stillwatercommunitybands.weebly.com>
- Tulsa Community Band:
<http://www.tulsacommunityband.org/>

Texas

- Allen Community Band:
<https://www.allencommunityband.com/>
- McKinney Community Band:
<http://www.mckinneyband.com/>
- Plano Community Band: <http://www.planoband.com/>
- New Horizons Band of Dallas:
<http://www.nhbdallas.org/>
- Lubbock Concert Band:
<http://lubbockconcertband.com/>
- Band of the Hills: <http://www.bandofthehills.org/>
- Cinematic Symphony:
<http://www.cinematicsymphony.com/>
- Austin Symphonic Band:
<http://www.austinsymphonicband.org/>
- San Antonio Symphonic Band:
<http://www.sanantoniophysymphonicband.com/>
- County Line Community Band: <http://www.clcbtx.com/>
- Montgomery Community Band:
<https://www.facebook.com/p/Montgomery-Community-Band-100087843397607/>
- Lone Star Symphonic Band: <http://www.lssb.org/>
- LolliePops: <http://www.lolliepopsband.com/>
- Houston Brass Band: <https://houstonbrassband.org/>
- Houston Pride Band: www.houstonprideband.org
- Oak Lawn Band: <https://www.oaklawnband.org/>
- Pride of San Antonio Showband:
<https://prideofsashowband.org/>

Know anymore community bands around the Southwest?
Contact Lea Sanchez, Communications Director at
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WISH UPON THE STARS WITH SWDAA



2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION

ORLANDO, FL | JULY 11-14, 2023

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