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Dear UM Percussion Students,

I hope you are enjoying your summer. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the 2017 Pride of the South Drum Line Auditions. Auditions will take place on Saturday, August 12, 2017 in the Ole Miss Band Facility. It is very important that you come prepared for what you plan to audition for and to be open-minded. With a large number of percussionists currently on our roster, it is impossible for everyone to make the instrument that they want. If you should be placed on an instrument that you were not planning to play, please maintain a positive attitude and work hard to help our percussion section and band achieve the best possible sound and image.

If you are auditioning for snare or tenors, you must show strong technique, good playing skills, and prepare the audition music to the best of your ability. You will also be asked to play a couple of rudiments and perform a short sight-reading excerpt. Please practice with a metronome. The audition music can be found online at <http://band.olemiss.edu/marching-percussion>. There is also a terminology key and a tutorial video that go along with the snare audition music. Please take advantage of these helpful tools.

Snare auditions will take place between 8:30am and 10:45am. Tenor auditions will take place between 11:00am and 12:00pm. You will only need to come during these times for the audition only. **All percussion members will meet at 1:00pm in Nutt Auditorium.** If you have played Snare or Tenors in the Ole Miss Band for three consecutive years, you are exempt from the audition process. You will need to be present at 1:00pm ready to play. Those who want to audition for bass drum will be able to do so at 1:00pm on August 12. There is no prepared music for this audition.

This is going to be an outstanding year and I am very excited to begin our journey. Most of you know that we have brand new beautiful Pearl drums that look and sound incredible. They need good hands and attitudes to complete the experience. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have, and I will see you on August 12<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,



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