

## **RACER BAND 2020 SEASON UPDATES**

After much consideration and discussion with Dr. Blanco, Dr. Unrau, Dean Balthrop, and the student leadership of the Racer Band, I wanted to put forth this plan for our Fall 2020 activities in the hopes of providing a taste of the Racer Band experience to all students involved. We believe, for all students involved, this is the best course of action to attempt to maintain the integrity of the Racer Band experience for the future.

Our season will begin August 10th with Leadership activities, August 11-14: Percussion/Color Guard Camp, August 14-15: Full ensemble Welcome Meeting and first rehearsals

We will offer services to athletics providing pep bands for the home football games as requested provided appropriate safety measures are in place for band students

We will continue with M, T, TH, F Racer Band rehearsals beginning on August 17th and conclude on October 9th. Please refer to the schedule posted at <http://www.racerband.com/calendar.html>

Festival of Champions will be cancelled for this season due to travel constraints on local bands and area high schools not competing.

There will be no end of band camp picnic this year.

**CULMINATING PERFORMANCE** - As requested by the student leaders, we will create a field show and present a one-time only performance open to Racer Band friends and family\* at Roy Stewart Stadium (pending University approval) on Saturday, October 10th. This will be an opportunity for family and friends to see the work their students have put in during this season and allows the students an opportunity to have a Racer Band experience. The performance would include a stand still concert of all music from the year as well as a performance of our show. We would like to have this event professionally video recorded so that it can be used for promotional purposes for the next few seasons. We would want to perform the show a few times to get multiple angles, close-ups and reactions. We would also hope to include some student interviews to use for future recruiting purposes. Invitations to this event could also be extended to local high school band students provided the university allows visitors to campus.\*

*\*As stated in the Racer Restart Initiative, a safety plan will be developed based on the Racer Restart Initiative "[Travel and Events](#)" and "[Visitor Policy](#)" and submitted to the University for approval*