## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF BANDS

Dear Guest,

My name is Dr. Shelby R. Chipman, Director of Bands at Florida A&M University. Welcome to the new website of the FAMU Incomparable Marching "100," the university's legendary marching band. The band program at Florida A&M University has a rich history and legacy of musical and marching excellence dating back to 1892.

We are very excited to present to you the Marching "100", as you may have never seen it before. We hope you will enjoy over seventy years of history featuring, "The Most Imitated Band in America," in a format never seen before. Florida A&M University Marching Band Motto: Qualities to live by to guide our thoughts and to rule our actions/lives:

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"Highest Quality of CHARACTER"

"Achievement in ACADEMICS"

"Attainment in LEADERSHIP"

"Perfection in MUSICIANSHIP"

"Precision in MARCHING"

"Dedication to SERVICE"

The Florida A&M University Bands, a role model of excellence.

The marching band is highly supported by the university, alumni, friends, and business associates throughout the world. The students are focused on achievement and their matriculation towards their degrees, the importance of supporting campus/community wide events, and poised to maintain the Marching "100" standard.

As we support our outstanding students with resources and funding, I challengedalumni and friends to contribute towards our various initiatives such as our 70 for 70 campaign, new instruments, equipment, trailer, recruitment, band camp, concert band festival, small ensembles, and special events. As a reminder, all gifts toward any of the mentioned are taxed deductible through the FAMU Office of University Advancement. Learn more about how to support the band program by visiting http://foundation.famu.edu.

In closing, the Bands at FAMU appreciate the great support from our friends, alumni and university. This year's edition of the Marching "100" will be wearing brand new uniforms and prepared to electrify our audiences. Our band members and world-class faculty/staff are working to provide a first class experience. On behalf of all RATTLERS near and far, I thank you and look forward to seeing you this fall.

