



2018-19 President, Michele Johns, with fellow board members Brandon Knight (left) and Eric Turpen (right)

The Power of Possibility

by Michele Johns, President, Marching Hundred Alumni Council

In March, I had, for the first time, the opportunity to tour the Ray E. Cramer Marching Hundred Hall. While walking through this amazing new venue, I thought back to the recent years when the Hundred was essentially homeless and practices were subject to the elements. Experiencing the reality of the beautiful building, made me, admittedly a little teary eyed, but profoundly grateful for those

with the vision, persistence, and dream of building this home for the Hundred, and the understanding that when we work

together, anything is **POSSIBLE**. (Hopefully you can join us for the Hundred Hall's dedication on October 12, 2018).

Thank you Marching Hundred Alumni Council ("MHAC") for permitting me to serve as your President, and I hope to continue on exploring and pushing what is **POSSIBLE** into reality. How did I get here? Raised by IU Alumni parents in Clarksville, Indiana. Learned to sing IOI at an early age. Was always permitted to stay up way past bed time to watch IU basketball games. Graduated from IU Bloomington, in 1982, having marched with the Hundred as a RedStepper for the 1979 to 1981 football seasons. Have served on the MHAC board for the past 6 years, and loved every minute.

Welcome new and experienced Marching Hundred Alumni members. Homecoming is our annual Super Bowl, when we gather in Bloomington, whether in person or in spirit, to play, march, cheer, dance and sing. This newsletter is full of information about that weekend and your MH Alumni Council Board is working hard to make it another wonderful weekend. **But, we are so much more than just Homecoming.** The action continues year round, with strong participation in April for IU Day, tremendous work year round on the next **POSSIBLE** thing, fundraising to purchase shiny, new matching instruments for the Junior Band, and Alumni Band performance opportunities (for **fun** and **fundraising**) at weddings, graduations and other gatherings.

There is always room for you at the table; in fact we actually have to get a bigger room for our next MHAC board meeting, in order to hold both the alumni and the enthusiasm. So whether you are interested in serving on a committee, joining the board, sharing ideas and positive energy, or just showing up occasionally to play for an alumni gig or homecoming, we welcome your participation at any and all levels. Please reach out at any time to mjohns1@iuhealth.org with ideas to continue exploring what is **POSSIBLE** when we work together.

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