The Washburn University Bands provide unique performance opportunities for the students of Washburn University. The Washburn Band program consists of the crowd pleasing, opponent teasing Marching Blues, the wonderfully popular WU Blues Pep Band, the nationally recognized Washburn University Wind Ensemble, the University Band, and the Aequaevus New Music Ensemble. While the concert bands perform the very best of contemporary and classical repertoire, the athletic bands provide true school spirit to many athletic functions on campus.

The Marching Blues and WU Blues Pep Band are vital to the overall athletic atmosphere at Washburn University. As the largest class at Washburn, the Marching Blues perform at every home football game and provide support for the Ichabods. The WU Blues Pep Band performs at all home basketball games supporting both the men's and women's teams. Students receive scholarships for their participation in these groups. Scholarships for participation in the Marching Blues and WU Blues Pep Band may total up to $2000.00 a year!

Whether you want to pursue music as a major or simply want to continue playing in college, there is a place for you in the Washburn Bands. – Be part of the tradition!

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In recent years, Mapp has guest conducted and adjudicated throughout the United States and has presented at the College Band Directors National Association. In March he will present at the CBDNA National Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. He has also served as producer/assistant producer on classical recordings for the Naxos and Centaur labels featuring the music of composers such as Michael Torke, Aaron Copland, Frank Ticheli, Mohammed Fairouz, Ludwig van Beethoven, and Tony Maglione.

Dr. Mapp is a member of KMEA, KBA, NAFME, CMS, CBDNA, Phi Beta Mu, and is the Kansas State Chair for the National Band Association.