



The 2018 Edition of The Marching Virginians

Welcome, Prospective Tones!



We hope everyone is having a great summer and that you are excited about being a Hokie - because you should be! While you're checking off lists of things to buy for college, organizing a game plan for Move-In Day, and enjoying your last few days at home before

relocating to your new home in Blacksburg, you're probably also thinking about band camp. That's where we come in!

Rookies, meet your Tone leadership!



Stephanie Quesenberry ~ Section Leader

Hi everyone! My name is Stephanie Quesenberry and I will be the Tone Section Leader this year! I'm a senior majoring in Music Technology here at Virginia Tech and this will be my fourth year marching with the Marching Virginians and my second year as a section leader. I'm looking forward to helping you all throughout the band camp process and throughout the season!

Captain

Hi new friends! My name is Duncan Elston and I will be one of the two Tone Rank Captains this year! I will be a senior music education major and will be graduating in May. This is my fourth year in The MV's including all of the pep bands that branch off from them! I bleed maroon and orange and Hokie sports give me life! I can't wait to see all of you at band camp, so come with your best attitude because I'm going to be totally hyped up! #StartJumping

Duncan Elston ~ Rank



Daniel Nette ~ Rank Captain

Hey guys, my name is Daniel, but you can call me Nette, and I'm so excited to be one of the Tone rank captains this season! I'm a senior majoring in Packaging Systems and Design, and it's my fourth year in the MV's. I've also participated in the Volleyball pep band, the Basketball pep band, and Low Brass

Ensemble here at Tech. I'm a second generation MV and a third generation Hokie, so I'm super excited to show you all what a great place Blacksburg and Lane Stadium can be!

The Tones are a very close-knit group of people. We're the smallest section in the band, and we like it that way! You will very quickly find a home amongst the Tones. We have many traditions, including Tone Mario Kart, sleeping in public, creating Tone Flowers, and being known as the best dancers in the band!

Band Camp is going to be a blur of activity. Every day is full, but you will get to know people who will very likely become lifelong friends. As far as instruments go, we will use bell-front Yamaha baritones (these will be provided). You don't have to bring a lyre with you, but you should plan on bringing your own mouthpiece! Bring your enthusiasm and a great attitude and get ready to have fun!

As for audition music, you will be getting a packet of pieces which will include some of our most commonly played tunes. This will not only be a good way to get you started with getting your lips back into shape, but also to help you start getting the pieces you'll be playing all year under your fingers. You will not have to play everything in the packet for your audition, but anything is fair game, so be sure to practice all of it! (Hint: You will not have to play the MV Warm-Up, but that's a GREAT warm up to use in your daily practice!)

Coming from high school to college is a big transition, and we want to make sure you feel comfortable, and help to make the transition as smooth and stress-free as possible. So don't hesitate to contact any of us if you have any questions about The Marching Virginians, academics, or just college life in general. We can't wait to see everyone in August, it's going to be a lot of fun!

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Useful Links:

-**Black Shoes** (cheapest ones we found): <http://www.swbandproducts.com/store/patent-showstopper.html>

-**Scatman** (we have the keyboard part in the background):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hy8kmNEo1i8>

-**Tech Triumph** (it's good to know the lyrics!):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2NDdc4xYKX8>



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