



Division of Student Affairs
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON



Department Highlights

- Cougar Marching Band- maintained target enrollment of 280 students, second year of 85% retention rate of eligible students
- Spirit Teams- new hires in Cheer and Dance, Cheer Team medaled at NCA National Competition in Daytona, continued mascot success post graduation
- UH Wind Ensemble performed at 2025 Texas Music Educators Association Conference
- New band hire- Madeline Gregory (former SOH Drum Major and alumnus)- marking first time that all UH Band Directors were graduates of the University of Houston

FY27 New Initiatives

- Cougar Marching Band- continue recruitment pushes through outreach and performances, more community engagement through performances, beginning planning for centennial celebration in 2027
- Spirit Teams- growth under new coaches and providing stability for students through transitions, cheer will move to a new division and competition in January, continue to elevate performance quality and production at both football and basketball games, new mascot costumes and ability to perform thanks to the President's Office

Budget Information

- Base Budget- work to maintain current budget while acknowledging and adjusting to current cuts
- One Time Allocations:
 - Marching Band Uniforms (purchase in FY27 for delivery by fall of 2027)
 - Travel Funding for FY27 (full travel to UH vs Texas Tech, cheer national competition, high school marching band exhibitions, and more once schedule is finalized)