

Honors 1010 Final Presentation: The Value of Music and the Interactions it creates between those who participate



One of the most influential relationships that I have developed through my college career thus far is that with the UC Bearcat Bands and its members. I am currently a member of the Clarinet section in its Marching and Pep Bands. Music is one of my favorite past times as it presents a release from the daily stresses of life and allows me to connect with others who share similar hobbies and interests. I was part of the Royal Regiment Marching Band during my four year of high school. My Participation in band fostered some of the most influential relationships that I developed in High School and so I was interested in joining the Marching band at UC; however, during the summer I was hesitant to join marching band due to the time commitment and the fear of not being able to adjust to life on my own fast

enough; however, after being an active member of the band for almost four months, I could not imagine what college would have been without band.

Drawing back to the first day of Band Camp I remember a time when all the rookies standing on the field learning basic marching technique. Suddenly the drum major directs us to turn around and there, standing on the rails of nipper stadium, were 200 members of the UC Bearcat Marching Band playing the Army Fanfare and Charging Down the Steps, something that I later found out was a longstanding tradition here at UC. It was one of the most amazing things I have ever experienced in band: seeing 200+ people working in unison, relaying a sense of immense pride, honor, and camaraderie. Being a part of the bearcat Bands has provided me with relationships with great individuals who share similar hobbies and interests with me, and this is what I would like to focus on.

I am from San Diego, California, a 6-hour direct flight, or a 34-hour car ride, or 707-hour walk, from my family. However, after joining the Bearcat Bands, I know I have a second family of 200 other people right here on campus. Because of band and the amount of time I spend with everybody in it, I have become so close with various individuals to an extent that I could never have imagined given the short time I've know all of them. I am extremely grateful, and extremely happy, for the opportunity I was given to join Band. The members of my section and the members of the band have eased my acclimation into college life by providing me with a friendly environment that makes me feel like I truly belong to something. Being a part of the band also allows me to participate in something much bigger than myself.

For my representation of what Band means to me, I decided to create a collage with different words to display all my experiences so far and to expose the emotions that each of these pictures brings along with it. With band I have learned that art is not the mere representation of stimuli (in the case of music, sound) but is both the exposure to external stimuli coupled with an expression of emotion. For this specific collage, I want you to be able to experience my personal feelings at that moment and experience them with me. This is why I want to present both visual representation of experience and emotion as well as a textual form.