

## **Foster Foundation Participates in Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Marching 100 Summer Band Camp**

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**TALLAHASSEE** -- The internationally famous Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University's (FAMU) Incomparable Marching "100" Band wrapped up its summer band camp recently in Tallahassee. From July 8-15, at FAMU's Alfred Lawson Multipurpose Center, more than 360 middle and high school students, locally and from around the nation, traveled to FAMU to participate in the band camp.

The Marching "100" Summer Band Camp is one of the most comprehensive band camps in the country. The band camp offers middle and high school students the opportunity to improve their music proficiency, improve their marching concepts, play in small chamber groups, as well as perform concert band and jazz ensemble music.

During the Summer Band Camp, the Dr. William P. and Mary Ann Foster Foundation (Foundation) participated in various activities, including the opening ceremony, the parade, and book-signings. Board Member Anthony F. Foster is the son of the late Dr. William P. and Mrs. Mary Ann Foster.

Every year, the Foster Foundation financially supports students who participate in the Marching 100 Band and the Summer Band Camp.

Renown Civil Rights Attorney and Foundation Board Member Benjamin Crump, attended the 2023 electrifying Marching 100 Band Camp's Final Performance in a show stopping moment. Crump pledged \$10,000 over the next four years through the Foundation to support the Summer Band Program.

The FAMU Band Camp is the result of a concept that Dr. William P. Foster developed in the early 1950s. After several years of contemplation, Dr. Foster devised a program to meet the needs of an increase in recruitment of talented and competent instrumentalists, an increase in the size of the FAMU Marching Band, and bring an increase in majors in the FAMU Department of Music.

### **About the Dr. William P. and Mary Ann Foster Foundation**

The Dr. William P. and Mary Ann Foster Foundation (Foundation) promotes increased awareness of the life, career, values and legacy of Dr. William P. Foster and his contribution in creating the legendary incomparable Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University's (FAMU) Marching 100 Band. He is known as the Maestro, the Law and the Legend. Through his creation, the Marching 100 became the brand of FAMU. The Foundation promotes the ideals, values, commitment to music education and historical legacy of Dr. Foster and further promotes greater civic engagement and recognition of

integrity in the public arena. It financially supports students who participate in the Marching 100 Band and the Summer Band Camp. The Foundation supports permanent and changing exhibits designed to promote historical literacy, conferences, educational outreach and other programs, both scholarly and popular.

Dr. Foster authored two books, *The Man Behind the Baton*, and *Band Pageantry* and are available through the Foundation's website at [www.drwpfosterfoundation.org](http://www.drwpfosterfoundation.org) . Proceeds help with the Foundation's mission to assist the Marching 100 Band, Summer Band Camp, and music education.

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