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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.— Ouachita Baptist University has named Jim Lloyd, Ouachita alumnus, as director of athletic bands and instrumental music education effective fall 2019.

“I am so excited to be returning to my alma mater as athletic band director,” Lloyd said. “Great things are on the horizon for the Ouachita Marching Band.”

“At Ouachita, we aspire to have one of the largest and most accomplished marching bands in the country for universities our size,” said Ouachita President Ben Sells. “Jim Lloyd, with his experience, is the right person to lead his alma mater to a higher level of excellence.”

Lloyd earned his Bachelor of Music Education degree from Ouachita and his Master of Music Education degree from McNeese State University. Lloyd has 28 years of experience as a music educator in the public schools of Carlsbad, N.M.; Marion, Ark.; and Arkadelphia, Ark. Under his direction, the Arkadelphia High School Marching Band has been the Arkansas AAAA State Marching Champion for the past three years. He also has served as an adjudicator and clinician in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico and Tennessee.



“I am very excited about Mr. Lloyd joining the Ouachita instrumental faculty,” said Dr. Craig Hamilton, Ouachita’s Lena Goodwin Trimble Professor of Music and director of bands. “I look forward to working with him in this new chapter for the Ouachita bands. Our students will benefit greatly from Mr. Lloyd’s experience and expertise.”

“Ouachita is such a special place to me and my family,” Lloyd said. “I hope to carry on the proud traditions of the Tiger Marching Band while adding some contemporary ideas of my own.”

“Many things have changed over the years since I walked the halls of Mabee Fine Arts Center as a student, but the loving spirit of OBU faculty and students is still the same,” Lloyd added. “It feels like coming home.”

Students interested in joining the Ouachita Marching Band or auditioning for band scholarships may contact Dr. Craig Hamilton at [hamiltonc@obu.edu](mailto:hamiltonc@obu.edu) or (870) 245-5137. Color guard tryouts will be held Saturday, April 27.

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