

Liberty University Students Given Special Honor for Trump's Inauguration

Members of Liberty University's marching band will head north this coming Monday after being asked to participate in President-elect Donald Trump's second inauguration.

The 250-member Spirit of the Mountain Marching Band will travel from Lynchburg, Virginia, to Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., to perform in the Presidential Inaugural Parade on Jan. 20, according to a report from WSET-TV.

The marching band first announced on Christmas Eve its members had been invited to perform during the day of ceremonies commemorating the country's transfer of power from outgoing President Joe Biden to Trump.

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Several months ago, Dr. Larry Seipp, director of athletic bands at Liberty, asked Stephen Muller, dean of the college's school of music, if he would be open to applying for the marching band to participate in Inauguration Day.

Muller was excited by the idea. "I said, 'Yes, go for it, and then we'll get permission,'" he recalled.

With that, Seipp applied, the request was accepted, and then they sought approval from the university, which ultimately green-lit the opportunity.

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“Our session is over—class is finished,” said Seipp. “And so we have students really making sacrifices; some had graduated and are flying back just to be a part of this event.”

Muller added, “Inauguration is a wonderful event for our country, and we’re so happy to be a part of it.”

During the parade in the country’s capital, the Liberty marching band will play “God Bless America” and the college’s fight song.

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