



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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Dear UT Colleagues,

As you know, next Thursday, September 2, our football season will kick off in Neyland Stadium. This evening is also the debut and an exciting start for our Pride of the Southland Band.

These 370+ students will need to prepare for their role, as they do for every home game, hours before kickoff. Their official call to be in uniform and on the practice field is 1:30 p.m. Before this, they need to get adequate nutrition and hydration and get into their uniform.

Therefore, I am requesting that you excuse all Pride of the Southland Band members from classes and other obligations at noon on that day.

All members know that they are responsible for work due and missed on that day. Anything you can do to help them stay on track will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeffrey Pappas
Director