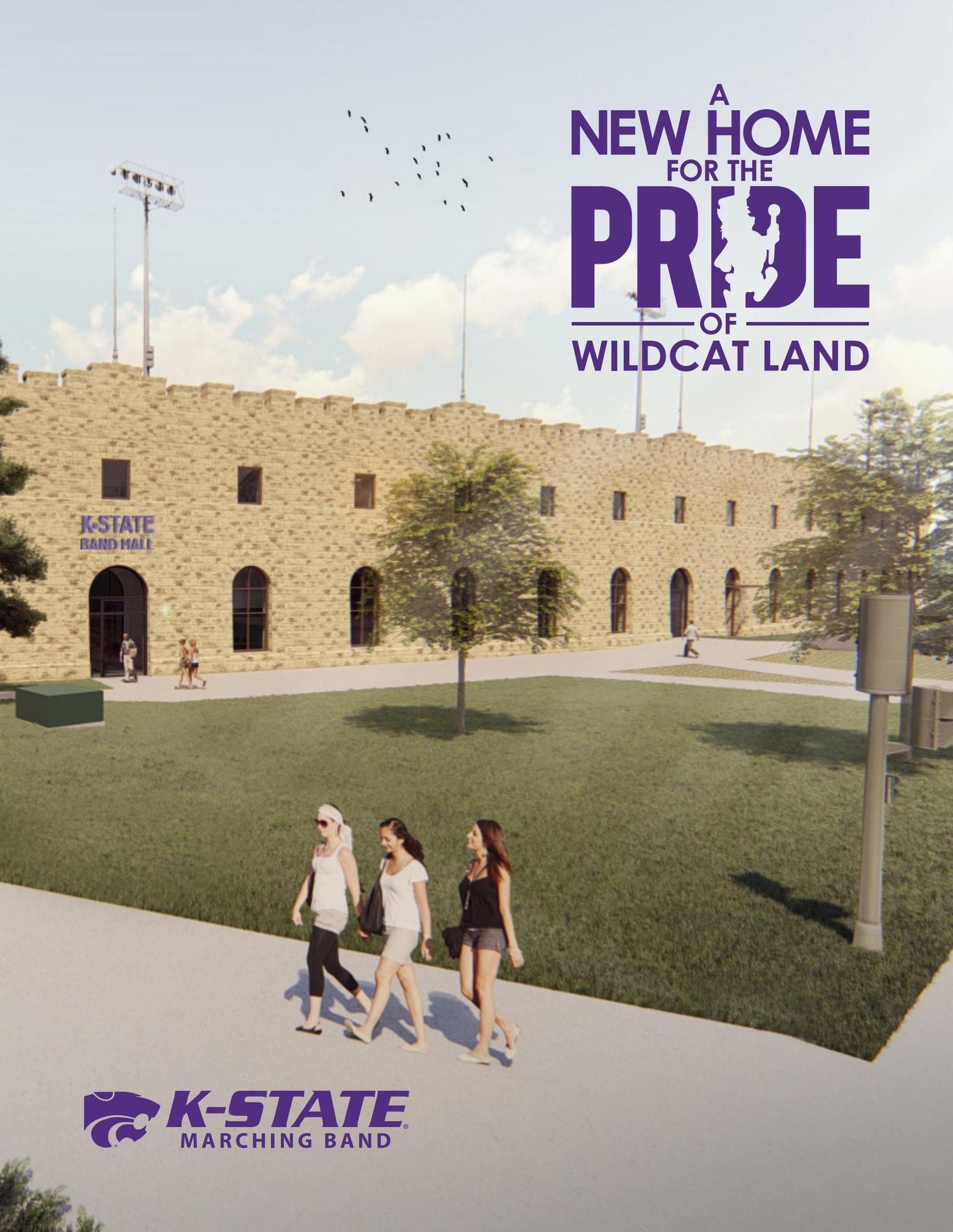


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Reception



The award-winning, 400-member K-State Marching Band is homeless.

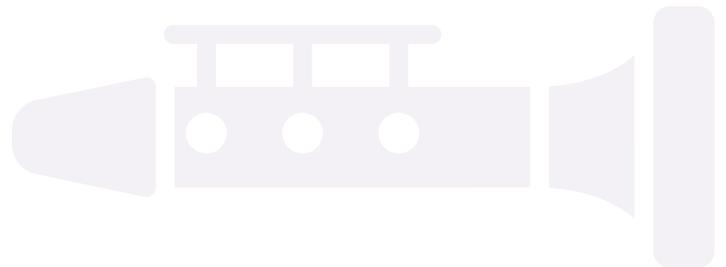
Currently, there is no one location where the band can rehearse, store equipment and prepare for performances. They are scattered across multiple buildings around campus and have to pay rent to use some of the facilities.

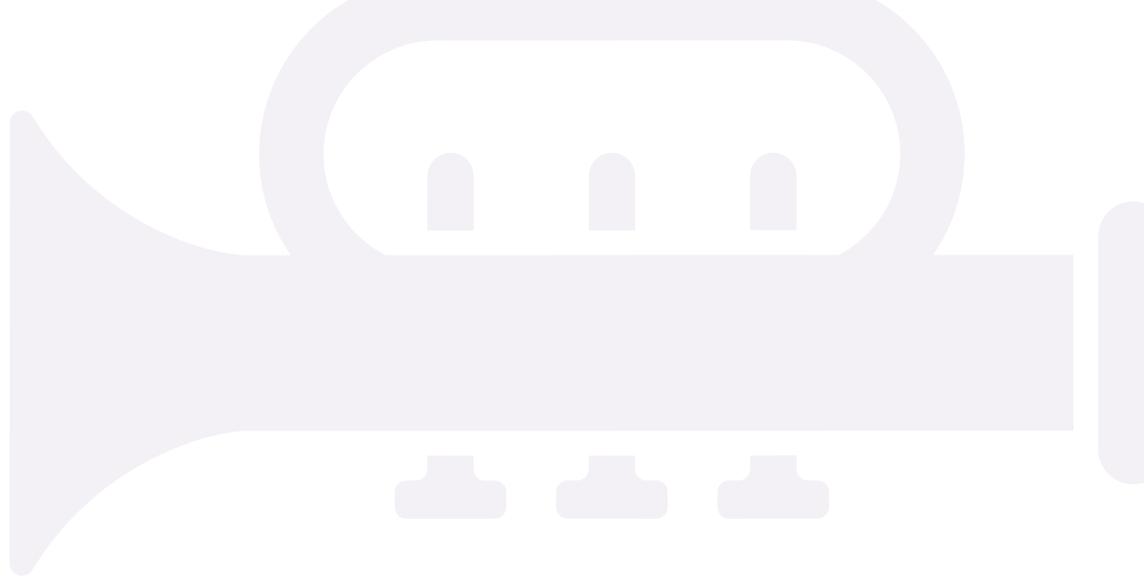
Renovating the northwest side of Memorial Stadium would bring the band together in one place, providing them a home that is safe, saves time and saves money.

“Everybody loves a home, and everybody deserves a home. This would be ours. A facility like this would help us recruit and retain band members and staff. We are the only Power Five conference school without a designated home for the marching band. This facility, as we envision it, would be a symbol of respect and pride in our organization from our alumni, K-State staff, donors and community supporters.”

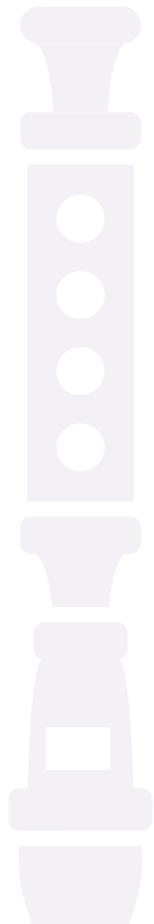


Frank Tracz, *director of K-State Bands*





Offices space for band staff





“ Having an indoor space that allows us to have rehearsals would mean never having to guess where we will be for a rehearsal on a rainy day in Kansas. So many times, the directors have to wait until an hour before rehearsal to decide what the best option is for that day and hope we can be in a big enough space for the entire ensemble. Students would know that they have a safe space, no matter the weather, for their instruments, gear and for themselves.”

**Indoor rehearsal area for the band,
Classy Cats, color guard and twirlers**

Allegra Fisher, graduate assistant for K-State Bands



One location for equipment, instruments and uniforms



“ Having an indoor space right next to Memorial Stadium would be incredible. I know this would ease a lot of the pressure band staff and band members have in carrying large speakers, field markers, first-aid equipment, drum major stands and instruments back and forth from McCain. Band rehearses three times a week, and if the time spent transporting things was eliminated, we could be so productive and continue to use that time to work hard.”

Ashton Thomas, Classy Cats member



Outdoor rehearsal space on the Memorial Stadium field

“ Having indoor and outdoor rehearsal spaces right next to each other would save a lot of time and money. We could spend time working on the music indoors, all together in one place, and then quickly transition outside to work on our marching skills. This would save us the time it takes to walk from McCain to Memorial Stadium.”

Brett Butler, graduate assistant for K-State Bands





“ To all our donors, every musically involved student at K-State thanks you. The gift you may give us will not only benefit the marching band students, it will support the entire School of Music, Theatre and Dance. Our ensembles and classes have overwhelmed the capacity of our one music building. Realistically, we only have two major ensemble rehearsal spaces to somehow host more than 15 different groups each week. With an entire building dedicated to The Pride, classrooms and space in McCain Auditorium will be free to host other ensembles, music classes, community programs and performers for all K-State students to enjoy. This project is the permanent mark of your love and selflessness to our music program that will last for decades.”

Meredith Casey, junior in music education and head drum major

You can make a difference!

By investing in the new K-State Marching Band facility, you are making a difference in the lives of music-loving students across campus.



“ The marching band is a family to all who join. A facility for the band, one that allows us to rehearse, to safely store our gear in a clean facility and be together as a group displays the pride we already feel for our band. The band works extraordinarily hard on every performance. We love our community, we love our school, and we love each other. This facility would ensure that we can keep doing what we are doing at a high level for our university.”

Allegra Fisher, graduate assistant for K-State Bands

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