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THE LAST MARCH

When Bulldog spirit transcends borders

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Waves of people lined the streets of Ireland as the 2023 St. Patrick's Day parade shuffled through downtown Dublin. With a heart full of pride, senior psychology major Mackenzie Lazarus marched alongside her bandmates for the last time as a Fresno State Bulldog, crashing her cymbals and sometimes breaking stride to high-five the cheering crowd. Her time in the Bulldog Marching Band has been one of the highlights of her college experience and the chance to travel abroad to represent Fresno State on an international stage became the perfect, bittersweet ending.

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See below for more of Mackenzie's unforgettable experience and some of the most memorable moments as members of the Bulldog Marching Band travelled to Ireland where they performed together with other universities in the Mountain West Conference All-Star Band.

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→Did you know? The Fresno State Bulldog Marching Band is an NCAA Division I marching band in the Mountain West Conference that performs at all Fresno State home football games and various other events on campus and in the community.



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→Did you know? In the past decade, the Bulldog Marching Band has performed at five bowl games and two NFL games. The band was also featured in the 2023 Tournament of Roses Parade and the launch of Just Dance 2019 at the 2018 E3 Expo.



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→Did you know? The Bulldog Marching Band was recognized by the College Band Directors National Association as one of the top eight college marching bands in the country with the 2017 Ensemble of Excellence award.



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→Did you know? The 280-member band represents all eight schools and colleges on campus, comprising a diverse group of students from all over California, the United States and beyond.

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