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## **IWU Alumna to Tour with “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Trumpeter/cornetist Staff Sergeant Amy McCabe, a 2001 Illinois Wesleyan graduate from Bonfield, Ill., gave her first performance with “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band this past July.

The United States Marine Band provides music for the President of the United States and the Commandant of the United States Marine Corps. The Band performs more than 500 annual public and official concerts and appears at the White House over 300 times each year. Such performances include State Dinners and formal receptions, military and patriotic ceremonies in the Washington, D.C., area, Full Honors Funerals at Arlington National Cemetery and Friday Evening Parades in Washington, D.C. The band also travels across the country each October and November during its fall concert tour, a tradition that began in 1891.

The Marine Band is the country’s oldest professional musical organization. Established by an Act of Congress on July 11, 1798, the Band has performed for every president since John Adams and played at every presidential inauguration since Thomas Jefferson, who gave the Band the title of “The President’s Own.”

As a Marine Band musician, McCabe performs with the Marine Band, Marine Chamber Orchestra and Marine Chamber Ensembles at the White House, in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area and across the country during the band’s annual concert tour.

After graduating from Herscher High School in Herscher, Ill., McCabe double majored in music and educational studies at IWU, noting former faculty trumpeter Judith Saxton as a memorable professor. She received her master’s in trumpet performance from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. earlier this year and currently resides in Washington, D.C.

McCabe started her musical training at the age of six on the piano, adding the trumpet to her repertoire at age ten. She has been featured as a soloist in the Tony/Emmy award-winning show, *Blast!*, was a fellow at the Tanglewood Music Center in Lenox, Mass. and was a member of MusiCorps, a music education and advocacy program designed to promote music awareness, appreciation and training in Chicago Public Schools. She has performed with the Chicago Civic Orchestra, the Spoleto Festival USA Orchestra in Charleston, S.C. and the Walt Disney World All-Star Collegiate Jazz Band and Christmas Brass in Orlando, Fla.