

Congratulations to the U.I.L. State Marching Contest Participants

Congratulations to all the participants who qualified to participate in the 2008 U.I.L. State Marching Band Contest. Beginning last summer, these bands have practiced and worked hard on their marching program. All have made their schools and community proud!

The U.I.L. marching competition started in October with hundreds of bands competing at the Region level. The top bands were then chosen to compete at the Area level. Finally, the top twenty 3A bands and the top thirty-one 5A bands were chosen to compete for the coveted state title. All of the bands who performed at State deserve special recognition. Congratulations to these students and directors for their commitment to excellence.

Congratulations to the 3A Band State Champion: Argyle High School

Director: Kathy K. Johnson
Assistants: Ray Hilley, Matthew Johnson, Michael Lemish, Nathaniel Neugent, Nicki Neugent, Lucy Pascasio, Natalie Philips, Melanie Salazar, Glenda Starks, Nikki Switzer
Drum Majors: Adrianna Chrestopoulos, Brock Smith
Selections: 1. the Kingdom, 2. Departure, 3. Many Miracles, 4. One Sel



Seniors from Argyle High School celebrate their win! From left to right: Melody Schirato, Chloe Pourzan, Kourtney Kellar, Nicole Hamontree, Samantha Tutini, Mariana Harrison, Adrianna Chrestopoulos, Kristen Haltom, Meredith Devine, and Rachel Schermerhorn.

Congratulations to the following 3A Bands who competed in the state competition:

Andrews High School
Argyle High School
Atlanta High School
Burnet High School
Canton High School
China Spring High School
Crystal City High School

Fredericksburg High School
Gatesville High School
Hidalgo High School
Kennedale High School
New Boston High School
North Lamar High School, Paris
Port Isabel High School

Princeton High School
Rio Hondo High School
Seminole High School
Taylor High School
Wills Point High School
Wylie High School, Abilene

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Congratulations to the 5A Band State Champion: Marcus High School - Flower Mound, Texas

Director: Amanda Drinkwater
Assistants: Mike Blade, David Simon,
Dominic Talanca,
Kennan Wylie
Drum Majors: Garrett Smith, Leah Coming,
Timothy Fitzgerald
Selections: Gods & Goddesses, featuring
I. Apollo-God of the Sun
II. Dionysus-God of Revelry
III. Hermes-God of Motion
IV. Eros & Aphrodite-God &
Goddess of Love
V. Zeus-King of the Gods



*2008 5A State Champion representatives of the Marcus Band, left to right:
Colorguard Captain Kaitlyn Wetherbee, Assistant Drum Major Timmy Fitzgerald,
Drum Major Leah Coming, Drum Major Garrett Smith, Percussion Captain Alex Cheatham*

Congratulations to the following 5A Bands who competed in the state competition:

Akins High School, Austin
Bell High School, Hurst
Berkner High School, Richardson
Bowie High School, Austin
Brazoswood High School, Clute
Cedar Park High School
Churchill High School, San Antonio
Clements High School, Sugar Land
Coppell High School
Cypress Falls High School, Houston
Donna High School
Duncanville High School
Fossil Ridge High School, Keller
Haltom High School
Hanks High School, El Paso
Hanna High School, Brownsville

Harlingen High School
Harlingen South High School
Hebron High School, Carrollton
Keller High School
Langham Creek High School, Houston
Lopez High School, Brownsville
Marcus High School, Flower Mound
North Shore High School, Houston
O'Connor High School, Helotes
PSJA North High School, Pharr
Richland High School, N. Richland Hills
Spring High School, Houston
Westfield High School, Houston
Westlake High School, Austin
Vista Ridge High School, Cedar Park