

TBA News

Michael Brashear, TBA Executive Director

Greetings from the Texas Bandmasters Association! I hope you had a successful fall semester and are looking forward to a much deserved winter break. What a great opportunity to spend quality time with families and friends and to enjoy the holiday season. Make time to rest and recharge your battery so you will be prepared to offer your band students their best experience ever this spring!

TBA is pleased to recognize the bands that advanced to the U.I.L. State Marching Contest in Classes A, AA, and AAAA on page 31. What an incredible display of talent on those two days in the Alamodome! Congratulations to the students, directors, parents, schools and communities represented. The standard of excellence and quality of bands seems to rise higher and higher each year at the State Marching Contest. On the inside back cover we recognize the many Texas students who were chosen to perform at the Midwest Clinic this December. No wonder Texas bands are the envy of the nation!

The TBA Board of Directors under the leadership of President Brian Merrill and your TBA office staff have had a productive fall beginning to plan another great convention July 25-28, 2010. I am pleased to announce the following groups will perform:

The Lone Star Wind Orchestra

Eugene Migliaro Corporon - Principal Conductor

The United States Air Force Band of the West

Capt. Cristina Moore Urrutia - Commander/Conductor

Carrollton Wind Symphony

Jim McDaniel - Conductor

West Texas A&M University Band Camp Directors Band

Don Lefevre - Director

The United States Army Medical Command Band

CW5 Douglas Paarmann - Commander

Phi Beta Mu Directors' Band, Danny Prado - organizer

President Merrill will be finalizing clinic offerings in the near future. Please contact him or the TBA office if you would like to suggest a clinic topic or clinician. We remain committed to presenting the very best clinics possible. I also encourage you to note the Professional Development Clinics being offered this January. They are open to all band directors and college students.



TBA will once again offer the High School Student Day at the summer convention. This past year over 1300 students attended. We plan to expand this program with an even broader offering of sessions designed to motivate your students and to help prepare them for their best year ever in your band program. TBA will also offer a special day of training for your band boosters

to help maximize their effectiveness. They will work with David Vandewalker and have the opportunity to visit our extensive Exhibit Hall. Please share David's articles in each *Bandmasters Review* this year with your Band Booster leaders. These articles are designed to help your parents with challenges unique to each stage of the year. (See page 25.)

TBA Convention/Clinic registration begins soon! Your TBA office staff is ready to assist you in every way possible. Registration for Business Members will begin January 11. Active and Retired band directors may register beginning February 1. Visit our web site www.texasbandmasters.org for further information. If you are one of those who always attends the TBA Convention/Clinic, help spread the word to all your colleagues to be in San Antonio July 25-28, 2010 for the greatest summer band convention anywhere!

Please make note of our new office address: 1002 Central Parkway South, San Antonio, Texas 78232. You are always welcome to stop by for a visit when you are in San Antonio!