

Malcolm Helm Scholarship Winner

Daniel Brock, 2011 recipient



Daniel Brock started his junior year as a Music Education major at Stephen F. Austin State University this fall with an anticipated graduation in May 2013. His long term goal is to become a band director in a Texas public school.

Dan, as he prefers to be called, is a native Texan, born in Arlington and attended primary and secondary schools in The Colony. He was a recipient of the "Top 10 Award for Academics" and was an AP Scholar throughout his high school years. He received the Patrick S. Gilmore award for his musical accomplishments during his junior year.

At Stephen F. Austin, Dan is a section leader in the Lumberjacks Marching Band, president-elect of Kappa Kappa Psi for the 2011-12 academic year and is a member of the SFA Honors Program. He works part-time as a band manager for the Music Department, provides private instruction on the trumpet, and referees soccer games when time allows.

The Scholarship

TBA honors Past President Malcolm Helm, who passed away in 1993, with the presentation of the Helm Scholarship at our annual Business Meeting and Luncheon. Helm enjoyed an illustrious 23-year career as a Texas Band Director culminating in his service as Director of Bands at Lake Highlands High School in Richardson ISD. Long after becoming ill, he continued to serve his beloved profession tirelessly with uncompromising commitment to service and excellence.

The scholarship recipient is an outstanding undergraduate music education major at a Texas university who intends to become a band director. This scholarship is supported by an endowment funded by donations from friends and colleagues. Tax-deductible donations to this fund may be made as you register for the convention or be mailed to the TBA office at 1002 Central Parkway South, San Antonio, TX 78232.

He spent his second summer traveling with the Bluecoats Drum and Bugle Corps this year, performing in over 30 cities across the country. While in high school, Dan was a member of the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra and performed with the group on tour in China in 2008.

Dan recognizes that his development musically has come about not only because of his hard work, but because others have guided and inspired him over the years. To all those people, he is supremely grateful. Most notable are:

- **Dr. John Pasquale, Associate Director, University of Michigan Marching Band** – Dan considers "Mr. Pasquale", as he was known then, as his earliest musical influence in middle school and helped him to find that he really loves music.

- **Mr. Lance Flisowski, Director of Bands, The Colony High School** – Mr. Flisowski's high expectations and strong leadership produced significant improvement in Dan's musical skills.

- **Mr. Jeff Bridges, Assistant Band Director, The Colony High School** – Dan is sincerely appreciative of the overall support that Mr. Bridges has provided as his musical interests have matured.

- **Mr. Darwert Johnson, Director of Bands, Timberview High School, Mansfield, Texas** – Mr. Johnson's friendship and guidance have helped lead Dan on the path he has chosen. Dan remarks, "I hope to one day refer to him as 'colleague' in addition to friend."

- **Mrs. Tina Anderson, Coordinator of Special Education, Lakeview Middle School (The Colony)** – As Dan's soccer coach for several years, Mrs. Anderson helped him develop the humility that inevitably comes with competition – you win some, you lose some, but you always do your best.

There are many others who have provided unabated support for his musical and educational endeavors, including his family, teachers, and friends. Dan feels fortunate and blessed to be where he is and looks forward to an effective future as a music educator where he can begin to give back that which he has been given by so many.