

# Phi Beta Mu Band Directors' Support Network Offers Free Services to Directors

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During the summer of 2011, the Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Mu established the Band Directors' Support Network (BDSN) whose mission is to assist band directors throughout the state and nation by providing consultant services, professional development workshops and peer mentoring. At this time, there are 136 Phi Beta Mu members from all areas of the state who have volunteered to offer their experience and expertise free of charge to band directors throughout Texas.

Directors may go to the Alpha Chapter website at [www.pbmalpha.org](http://www.pbmalpha.org) to request services from the

BDSN. Once on the site, click on the "Band Directors' Support Network" link and then you can search the BDSN database to locate a specific person or you may search for a BDSN member in your specific city, region or area. Once an online request is submitted, an automated email containing your contact information is sent to the BDSN member you have selected so they can contact you to discuss the services you are requesting. The BDSN is currently offering consultant/clinician services, peer mentoring and class coverage to allow directors to observe other teachers in their area. These services

are being provided free of charge with a limit of one free service per year for each director submitting a request.

Phi Beta Mu believes that the Band Directors' Support Network can be a great resource for directors. We anticipate that the BDSN database will continue to grow and hope that more directors will take advantage of the services being offered. If you have any questions concerning the BDSN, please email Greg Countryman, Phi Beta Mu Alpha Chapter President, at [greg.countryman@fortbendis.com](mailto:greg.countryman@fortbendis.com).