

TBA News

Michael Brashear, TBA Executive Director

Greetings from the TBA Office! I hope that your performances at contests and concerts this spring have been successful and that the goals you set at the beginning of the year have been met. Using feedback from competitions is a great way to evaluate your students' progress and plan for future performances. Even though it is difficult to do, maintaining a healthy perspective on contest ratings and festival results is necessary to ensure a long successful career as a band director. After contest season is over, it is very important for students to feel that all their work paid off and that you as a director are proud of their efforts. Making time to express your appreciation to students will pay huge dividends in the end. Good luck with the many year-end activities!

We are happy to highlight the 2013 TBA Convention/Clinic in this magazine. This year the convention opens on Sunday, July 21 and goes through Wednesday, July 24. The dates this year will allow you to attend the convention and be able to return home with your staff to begin summer band programs. Register now to take advantage of the Pre-registration fee.

Once you see a list of clinics on the inside back cover, I think you will agree that this is one TBA convention you cannot afford to miss. You will be motivated and inspired by the many outstanding clinics, concerts, and activities. On Saturday, July 20 you can attend the DCI Competition at the Alamodome. The traditional TBA BBQ Dinner will be held Tuesday evening, July 23. This year, the La Villita Assembly Hall is

closed for remodeling, so we are moving the BBQ to Lonesome Dove Room and surrounding areas in the Convention Center. More details will be provided in the future.



The TBA Academy returns this year on Sunday, July 21. Feedback from last year's Academy was very positive. All beginning teachers can attend the TBA Convention/Clinic FREE their first year by registering and attending the Academy for \$75. See page 20.

TBA Student Day will also be held on Sunday, July 21. If you are looking for a way to motivate your students and help prepare them for a great start to the school year, bring them with you to the convention! Frank Troyka, Dr. Tim and staff provide outstanding information for the students and each attendee leaves with their personal copy of a Student Leadership Manual that is full of practical leadership information.

Band Booster Day will be Monday, July 22. Nationally recognized educator and author David Vandewalker will present a full day of training for band boosters.

Last year over 1700 students and over 200 band boosters attended the convention. See page 20.

See page 22 for exciting news concerning our Spouse's Division. With the many family-friendly activities located in and around San Antonio, you can bring your entire family and enjoy one last get-away before school begins.

There's no better way to start the school year than attending the 66th Annual TBA Convention/Clinic. See you there!