

# TBA News

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Best wishes to all of you as you begin your school year! As a band director, it is easy to get so involved in the day to day details of your job that you don't step back and really enjoy the time you spend with your students. You may be the one teacher that is able to influence a student in a positive, life-changing way!

**THANK YOU.** I want to thank YOU for taking time out of your summer to attend the TBA Convention/Clinic. It is because of YOU that TBA has grown to be the largest summer band director convention in the country. This year, over 18,851 hours were spent by YOU attending clinics, concerts, and product showcases. In addition, many more hours were spent in the Exhibit Hall surveying the many products and services on display there. No wonder Texas is able to have so many great band programs—all because of the commitment and dedication of the many outstanding directors!

**TBA RESOURCES.** TBA offers many resources providing a wealth of information for band directors.



Visit the website at [texasbandmasters.org](http://texasbandmasters.org) and click on the RESOURCES tab and then open the PUBLICATION ARCHIVES. There you will be able to download handouts from past conventions as well as articles from *Bandmasters Review* magazines. Also, check the website for information on the TBA Professional Development Outreach Program.

**CLINIC SUBMISSIONS.** If you are interested in proposing a clinic for next year's convention, please do so now on our website. Bruce Beach, the 2014-15 TBA President, and the board welcome suggestions from you.

**NEW CONVENTION DATES.** Starting next year, the TBA Convention/Clinic will be scheduled for Thursday-Sunday noon. Dates for 2015 are July 23-26. For high school directors, we hope the earlier date will work well. Returning home for a full week of summer band after the convention should be a positive change. Reserve these dates now so you can attend next year! Have a great fall semester!