

# 2014 Malcolm Helm Memorial Endowed Scholarship Winner

**Amanda Vereen, Texas Tech University**

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Born and raised in El Paso, Texas, I started off at Hornedo Middle School under the direction of the late Jorge Avendaño. Shortly thereafter, I attended Franklin High School and served as a drum major of Bruce Beach's band for two years. During that time, I had the opportunity to participate in TMEA All State ensembles and UIL State Solo and Ensemble events multiple times. I am now a student at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. In May 2015, I will be graduating with a degree in Music Education.



In college, I've worked very hard to maintain a spot on the Dean's List as well as strived to pursue any and all student involvement opportunities that may arise. At Tech, I am very involved with the *Goin' Band from Raiderland* under the direction of Professor Duane Hill. Last fall, I finished my first season in the role of Assistant Drum Major and completed my two-year service as Uniform Chair. Uniform chair was a specifically demanding role that combined my passion

for *Goin' Band* with my dedication to our chapter of Tau Beta Sigma. I'm also very involved with the Tech Flute Studio as well as the Tech Flute Society. We've

had the opportunity to travel as a flute choir to a National Flute Association event and the Bigger than Texas Flute Choir event at TWU.

This past year, I joined the Texas Tech Concert Band as a featured soloist, gave my junior recital, and was a member of Dr. McKoin's Symphonic Wind Ensemble. I've spent the majority of summer 2014

teaching and assisting at programs around Lubbock, Texas. I have worked with the Middle School Band Academy, Texas Tech Band and Orchestra Camp for my third summer, and miscellaneous instrument fairs and summer band camps in town.

After graduation, I hope to become a high school band director somewhere in Texas. I'm also considering pursuing a Master's degree in Flute Performance.

## ***The Malcolm Helm Memorial Endowed Scholarship***

*Instrumental music education, Texas bands, and the Texas Bandmasters Association suffered a great loss with the passing of Malcolm Helm in March 1993. Malcolm was a friend and colleague to many. Long after becoming ill, he continued to serve his beloved profession tirelessly with the same uncompromising commitment to service and excellence exhibited throughout an illustrious 23-year career. To honor his memory, the TBA's Executive Board established the Malcolm Helm Memorial Endowed Scholarship to be supported by an endowment funded by donations from friends and colleagues. The recipients of this scholarship are outstanding undergraduate wind or percussion players who are majoring in music education at a Texas public or private college or university. During a time of escalating costs in higher education, TBA has the opportunity as an association to assist talented, promising college students as they prepare for the teaching profession.*

*Tax-deductible donations of any amount to the Malcolm Helm Endowed Scholarship Fund are invited and welcomed. For those wishing to make a donation, simply send a check or money order to Texas Bandmasters Association, 1002 Central Parkway South, San Antonio, Texas 78232. There is an acknowledgement form available to honor someone with your donation on a birthday, anniversary, holiday, or just to say a special thank you.*

*Students may apply for the scholarship each spring and will be awarded at the summer convention. For information on how to apply, visit the TBA web site [www.texasbandmasters.org](http://www.texasbandmasters.org).*