

TBA News

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Greetings from the TBA office! Congratulations on the many successful fall and winter concerts, pep rallies, football game performances, marching contests, All District and Region Band auditions, and the many other band activities from the fall semester. As you look forward to some relaxation during the holidays, I hope you reflect on the positive impact you have had on your students. Enjoy your time off with family and friends and recharge your batteries for an exciting spring semester.

I am pleased to recognize the bands that advanced to the UIL State Marching Contests. (See page 28.) What a thrill it was to sit in the press box and observe the outstanding performances of these many bands. The quality and artistry of the music and show design continues to reach new heights each year! Congratulations also to the winners of the 2014 National Association of Military Marching Band Contest listed on page 26.

For the first time, TBA will have a booth at The Midwest Clinic to advertise our convention and invite Midwest attendees to attend the TBA Convention/Clinic. If you are at Midwest this year, stop by our booth and help us spread the TBA word! Congratulations to the seventeen different schools and universities presenting concerts at Midwest. (See page 27.) Good luck to those groups as they travel to Chicago to share their talents with attendees from all over the world. Music education is definitely alive and well in Texas!!



I am excited that in 2015 TBA will feature five different community bands at our convention. The lineup includes:

Carrollton Wind Symphony

Jim McDaniel, conductor

El Paso Wind Symphony

Dr. Ron Hufstader, conductor

Lone Star Symphonic Band

Bob Bryant, conductor

Naperville, Illinois Municipal Band

Ron Keller, conductor

The Woodlands Concert Band

Paul Worosello, conductor.

With the number of community bands on the rise, more and more musicians (both amateur as well as professional) are now able to enjoy performing throughout their lifetime. This opportunity to be a lifelong musician is the natural result and culmination of great music education in band programs today. We look forward to hosting over 400 members of community bands in addition to the band directors, spouses and families, band boosters, and student day attendees at our 2015 Convention/Clinic.

I hope you enjoy reading the educational articles in this edition of the TBA *Bandmasters Review*. The material presented by these outstanding contributors provides a wealth of information for us as band directors. To you and your family, have a safe and restful holiday season!!