

# TBA News

## Michael Brashear, TBA Executive Director

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Greetings from the TBA office! I hope you have had a successful fall semester. Whether your focus is on high school marching band, middle school band, or beginners you are having a tremendous impact on many students. Thank you for all of your efforts to influence students through the beauty of making music. Enjoy the day to day process as you prepare for the big performance moments. Many times, some of the most memorable and important musical achievements are in rehearsals rather than in performances. In many respects, the performances are the “icing on the cake” in our lives as band directors.

I continue to be amazed and impressed with the quality of work displayed at the UIL State Marching Contest. I am thankful to live in a state which produces so many outstanding bands. I am happy to recognize all of these groups that qualified for state in this magazine (see pages 24-25) and congratulate these students and directors for the standard of excellence achieved. In addition to those on display at the Alamodome, there are many more wonderful bands that deserve congratulations on a job well done. Only you as a director can truly appreciate the progress your students have made this fall. Bravo to all!! The NAMMB contest winners and the many groups performing at The Midwest Clinic in Chicago are recognized on page 26.



### **NEW FOR TBA - COMPOSITION CONTEST FOR YOUR STUDENTS**

TBA is pleased to announce a composition contest that is being sponsored by KHS America Academic Alliance. Students in Texas who are in grades 6-12 are invited to compose a melody that will be used as thematic material for a new piece for concert band that will be premiered at the 2017 TBA Convention/Clinic by the Air Force Band of the West. The student, parent, and band director will receive round trip transportation and lodging in the Marriott Riverwalk to attend the 2017 convention. See the ad on the inside front for more information. Please encourage many of your students to participate!!