

# TBA News

**Michael Brashear, TBA Executive Director**

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Congratulations to everyone involved in the competitive marching band arena this fall semester! (See pages 26-27.) I am amazed at the quality of work on display each year at the UIL State Marching Championship. From Class 1A to Class 5A, all the groups were strong musically and very creative visually! All the hard work by outstanding directors and students, and support by band parents and communities paid off and helped contribute to a very successful marching season.

This year was exceptionally challenging to the many groups in South Texas that were impacted by Hurricane Harvey. I hope you enjoy the heartfelt and insightful article "Reflections..." by Joni Perez (pages 13-16). I invite you to contemplate the impact band directors and band has on students' lives. Keep up your great work, Texas Band Directors!!

TBA is excited to continue the Jupiter Composition Contest this year. Please help spread the word and encourage your students to participate. This is a great opportunity to challenge your students. Who knows? You may have the next Frank Ticheli, Brian Balmages, or John Mackey sitting in your band class. (Contest details on page 6.)

Please submit your clinic/clinician ideas on our website link or contact one of our board members. We are in the process of finalizing clinics for next summer and we want to hear from YOU. Enjoy your time off and have a very Happy Holiday Season!

