

TBA News

Michael Brashear, TBA Executive Director

Congratulations on completing a very successful school year! Enjoy some time with family and friends this summer. Thank you for the huge positive impact you have on your students' lives daily!

Register for this summer's TBA Convention/Clinic **before July 1 to take advantage of the discounted pre-registration rate.** The convention is Thursday-Saturday, July 26-28. This is one year that you do not want to miss. Starting on page 18, you will find the convention schedule and information on convention activities. Our complete schedule with clinician bios and clinic descriptions is on our website. We are excited about the many wonderful opportunities planned for you.

THANK YOU SPONSORS

I offer a special thanks to all of our business members and exhibitors for being with us again this year! Without you, we would not be able to present the largest summer music convention in the country. I am pleased to announce that **Perform America-Tx** and **Ultimate Drill Book**, Eddie Lopez-owner, is TBA's new Premier Sponsor. Continuing their sponsorships this year are Patron Sponsors **TMF Tours and Travel**, Willie Perez-owner, and **Conn-Selmer, Inc.**, John Stoner-President & CEO. Many other companies support TBA with continued sponsorships as well.

TBA ACADEMY

One of TBA's primary goals is to assist new band directors as they begin their journey as teachers. Eight years ago, we introduced the **TBA Academy**. This summer will mark a milestone – more than 1000 directors have attended the Academy from 2011-2018! Brian Merrill has done a wonderful job as Academy Coordinator and he has a full curriculum designed again for Thursday, July 26. If you are a new director, or with little experience, I encourage you to visit our website and register for the TBA Academy.

NEW PARTNERSHIP

TBA has entered into a partnership with an exciting new group of Texas band directors known as **Young Band Directors of Texas**. We are pleased to host a reception for this group on Thursday as well as present two clinics sponsored by YBDT. I am sure that as we welcome these new teachers to TBA, our organization will be stronger and our more experienced directors will be able to assist YBDT in their pursuit of excellence. See page 4 for an article describing their vision.

STUDENT DAY - 10 YEARS STRONG!

Our **TBA Student Day**, coordinated by Frank Troyka, celebrates its 10th Anniversary this summer! Be sure to register your students for a full day on Friday which includes leadership training with Frank, Dr. Tim, and Fran Kick, as well as concert performances and a college fair. Have your students stay

and attend "The President's Own" U. S. Marine Band Concert on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Don't forget to bring your **Band Boosters** for training with Dr. David Vandewalker on Friday as well.

I understand that you have choices to make on how you spend your time during the end of July—more summer vacation, planning, or marching band prep. I suggest that there is no better use of your time than attending the TBA Convention/Clinic with your entire staff. Come prepared to learn, be inspired, and get focused for your new school year. Become a better teacher at the convention and your students will benefit! See you in July!



**2018 TBA Convention/Clinic
Thursday-Saturday, July 26-28
San Antonio, Texas**

**Online pre-registration ends
July 1. Registration fee includes
TBA Membership and admission
to the convention. Spouses are
registered on the TBA Active
and Retired Members' form.**

**Register for TBA Academy,
Student Day and Boosters online.**

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