2021 Midwest Color Guard Circuit Yearbook



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## Letter from the President

Dear Friends and Participants of the Sport of the Arts:

The Midwest Color Guard Circuit was formed in 1960 as the nation's 1<sup>st</sup> Color Guard Circuit. Our early rubrics for contests and technique became models for similar circuits across the nation and eventually to those used nationally with the creation of WGI in 1977. More importantly, the MWCGC's spirit of friendly competition which welcomed and applauded all who performed as champions became the norm for our activity.

The COVID Pandemic which stopped our 2020 season prematurely threatened to completely prevent any sort of 2021 performances. But the spirit of the MWCGC has shone through with the Engagement 2021 Virtual Season. In 2020 we had 79 member units. This virtual season, we will have over 210 Video submissions for commentary, representing 137 solo/ensemble groupings, and representing 45 of the 2020 member units. And most of the other member units have been able to have at least practice and training when allowed and resources were available. All of this done safely and within the guidelines of our local Health Authorities and School Administration requirements.

So congratulations and kudos to all of our deserving students and their dedicated instructors, admins and boosters! You have continued to grow, learn and rejoice in each other in new ways in spite of our difficult times. And our circuit membership remains strong and ready for whatever comes next. We will plan as always for next season, we will stay flexible in our planning and thinking, and we all look forward to the restoration of our nations and the world's health so we can celebrate in person together once again.

Please continue to follow all CDC and local Health and Administrative guidelines to help us get through this sooner than later. I join you with positive thoughts and prayers for a speedy and complete resolution to the current crisis.

Howie Mogil President Midwest Color Guard Circuit



## 2021 Board of Directors



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## **MWCGC Class Descriptions**

Winter color guards compete in various classes depending on their experience. There are two (2) main divisions: Independent and Scholastic. Divisions are further grouped into classes based on experience and achievement, varying from local to a national level:

On a local level: Cadet Class, Regional A Class, Scholastic AA Class and Senior Class On a national and international level: A Class, Open Class, and World Class

Scores for all guards are based on different criteria for each class. Judges analyze and credit the Design (or content) of each show, and the Performance (or excellence) of the guard members. Basically, scores reflect credit for **What** the guards do, and for **How Well** they do it.

#### Cadet Class, Regional A Class

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Guards with the youngest and/or most inexperienced members compete on a local level in the Regional A Class. Age ranges within this class could be from elementary school into HS and college, dependent on experience and program goals. Regional A Class guards typically have limited rehearsal time, and their show is typically designed at an introductory or fundamental level using beginning skills. Cadet Class is designated for Regional A units whose members are all 8<sup>th</sup> grade or younger.

Cadet and Regional A performances are 3 – 4 minutes long and must include at least 3 minutes of equipment work.

#### AA Class

In 2006, due to the increasing number of Class A guards, the Midwest Circuit created the AA Class division. AA Class guards are evaluated on the same criteria as A Class guards, but they do not plan on competing on a national or international level. AA Class guard members are otherwise similar to A Class guard member in terms of rehearsal time, use of equipment, age, and skill development. AA Class guards are promoted to A Class competition based on score.

AA Class performances are a minimum of 4 minutes long and must include at least 3-1/2 minutes of equipment work. <u>A Class</u>

A Class guards are the beginning, and largest, class of national competition. A Class guard members are younger and less developed, and typically rehearse between six and eight hours per week. They all utilize flags and sometimes other equipment such as rifles and sabres. Scholastic A guards are aged 14 – 17, while Independent A guards usually range from 11 – 18 years of age. They display a wide range of training, skills, and physical development.

A Class performances are a minimum of 4 minutes long and must include at least 3-1/2 minutes of equipment work.

#### **Open Class**

Open Class is the next level of national competition. Open Class guards are more experienced and have typically progressed beyond A Class through new challenges and additional training. They often rehearse between 8 and 12 hours per week, and usually utilize all three pieces of equipment. Open Class guards perform more skills as they learn, and their programs are more creative, unique and challenging. Scholastic Open guards are all in High School, and Independent Open guards usually ranges from 15 – 23 years of age.

Open Class performances are between 4 and 6-1/2 minutes long, with at least 3-1/2 minutes of equipment work.

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#### World Class

World Class guards are the most experienced and trained. They explore new challenges of dexterity and physical skills within original and unique programs. Many of these guards will participate in the WGI National Championships. Scholastic World guards are all in High School. Independent World Class guards are very experienced and fully trained and can include members who are over 23 years of age.

World Class performances can range up to 7-1/2 minutes long, with at least 3-1/2 minutes of equipment work.



## **MWCGC Solo & Ensemble Descriptions**

In 2021, the Midwest Color Guard Circuit held virtual Solo & Ensemble Contest for individuals and groups:

- Solo (1 performer)
- Small Ensemble (2 9 performers)
- Large Ensemble (9+ performers)

Judges analyzed and provided commentary on the Design (or content) of each show, and the Performance (or excellence) of the guard member(s) -- **What** they do and for **How Well** they do it.

## Beginner (B) Division

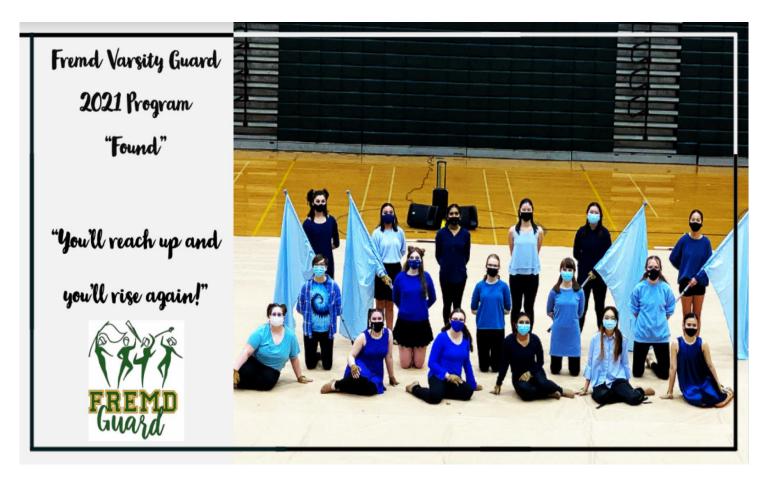
This division is for the youngest and/or most inexperienced members - typically found in the Cadet & Regional A Class. The performances within this division focus on introductory and/or fundamental skills in both equipment and dance.

#### Intermediate (I) Division

This division is for somewhat developed performers who have some prior fundamental skills – typically found in the A Class. These performances utilize flags and sometimes other equipment such as rifle or sabre but display a wide range of training and physical development.

#### Advanced (A) Division

This division is for more experienced through new challenges and additional training – typically found in the Open and World Classes. These performances are more challenging as they go beyond fundamental skills.





## MWCGC I&E Participants – Solo & Small Ensemble

## Solo B Participants

Abby Colucci Anna Bruno – PCHS Blessing Ologun Cailee McGinnis Cheyanna Griswold Ebony Caldwell Evergreen Park Solo #1 Evergreen Park Solo #2 Lily Radack Niyah Cannon Rebecca Jezowski Rolling Meadows HS Solo #1 – Dustin McMichael Valy Calderon Wheaton North High School Winter Guard Solo B

### Solo I Participants

Abiagil Loewenstein Alexandra Rueda Alyssa Miller Amanda Ragnini Angel Cardoso Ava Klinaler Bebe Grimaldo – NNHS Emma Beddow Emma Stevenson – NNHS Evergreen Park Solo #3 Evergreen Park Solo #4 HEHS Skyhawk Emma HEHS Skyhawk Hannah HEHS Skyhawk IIsa HEHS Skyhawk Terry Morris HS Junior Solo Kaity Young – NNHS Katelynn Gilley Lauren Wincup – NNHS Mallory Fonte Rachel Bender Sofia Pilleux – NNHS Sophie Deck Susie Byrom Valery Campos Wheaton North High School Winter Guard Solo I

### Solo A Participants

Ashley Peters Avery Ahrendt (Stagg High School) Katherine Taylor Maggie Guiffre – NNHS Morris HS Senior Solo - KF

### Small Ensemble B

Alvssa Birzetis & Lexi Heath **Barrington High School** Blue2 2020 - Small Group 1 "IDK Maybe" Blue2 2020 - Small Group 2 "#88" Blue2 2020 - Small Group 3 "Stranger" Hersey High School Ensemble 2 Hersey High School Ensemble 3 Kankakee Valley High School – Small Ensemble #1 Kankakee Valley High School – Small Ensemble #2 Kankakee Valley High School – Small Ensemble #3 Kankakee Valley High School – Small Ensemble #4 Myzterious Naperville North Small Group 8 Palatine High School Providence Catholic HS Rolling Meadows HS Duet #1 Rolling Meadows HS Trio #1 – Bork, McMichael, McCabe Schaumburg High School Winter Guard Spartacus' Vengeance – Grant HS

### **Small Ensemble I**

HEHS Skyhawks Barron-Martinez Sisters HEHS Skyhawks Flag Ensemble HEHS Skyhawks Gamboa Sisters HEHS Skyhawks Sabre/Dance Ensemble Hersey High School Ensemble 1 Hersey High School Full Ensemble Lake Park High School 1 Lake Park High School 2 Mahomet-Seymour Small Ensemble Naperville North Small Group 1 Naperville North Small Group 2 Naperville North Small Group 3 Naperville North Small Group 4 Naperville North Small Group 5 Naperville North Small Group 6 Naperville North Small Group 7 Rifle Trio - KF, AM, IL Rolling Meadows HS Duet #2 Staga High School Flagline Stagg High School Rifleline Staaa Hiah School Sabreline The Wheaton North Colorguard Warren JV Dance Group Warren JV Flag Group Warren JV Rifle Group Warren Varsity Rifle Group

## **Small Ensemble A**

Becca and Carl Becca and Katherine Ignite- Ashely Peters-Tony Marquardt Stagg High School Senior Sabre Duet



## MWCGC I&E Participants – Large Ensemble

## Large Ensemble B Participants

Evergreen Park Community High School Hoffman Estates High School JV Skyhawks 2021 Kankakee Valley High School - Kolor Guard Lake Central RA Minooka High School JV Plainfield Winter Guard Rolling Meadows HS Large Ensemble ROWVA HS Winterguard Steperette Cadets 2021 Steperette "X" Guard 2021 West Bend High School West Bend Mini Cadets West Bend Scholastic Junior Cadets West Bend Scholastic Varsity Cadets

## Large Ensemble | Participants

Batavia High School Chesterton High School Winter Guard Fremd Varsity Guard Hoffman Estates High School Varsity Skyhawks 2021 La Porte High School Winter Guard Mahomet-Seymour Large Ensemble Morris Ensemble Flag Performance Morris Varsity Dance Group Naperville North High School Large Ensemble Normal High School Winter Guard Perpetuum Stagg High School Winter Guard 2021

## Large Ensemble A Participants

Lake Central World Marian Catholic High School Winter Guard Minooka High School Varsity Naperville Central High School



# Thank You to Our MWCGC Masterclass Instructors!

262 **Participants** 

217 **Minutes** of Choreography Learned

289 **Video Views** 



MARIA YORTON MOVEMENT 1 & 2 - 1/23 & 24

**DAVID WILES FLAG 1** – 2/13

**JOSHUA DE GUZMAN** FLAG 2 - 2/14

MICHAEL TSEITLIN **RIFLE** – 3/13

WILL FRANKENBERGER **SABRE** - 3/14



## **Scholastic Cadet Class**

2018

2017

2016

2015

2014

2013

2012

2011 2010

2009	Lincoln-Way HS	Frankfort, IL
2008	Marian Catholic HS AA	Chicago, IL
2007	Minooka HS	Minooka, IL

2020	No Championships		2007	Minooka HS
2019	West Bend Scholastic Cadets	West Bend, WI		
2018	West Bend Scholastic Cadets	West Bend, WI	Scho	plastic Regional A Class
2017	West Bend Scholastic Cadets	West Bend, WI	2020	No Championships
2016	Lake Central Middle School	St. John, IN	2019	Bakko: Stevenson HS JVLincolnshire, IL
	West Bend Intermediate-		2017	Czapinski: Lemont HS
	Middle School	West Bend, WI		Lindstrom: Downers Grove North HS
	Lincoln Way Central Cadets	Frankfort, IL		
Inde	pendent Cadet Class		2018	Bakko: Lincoln-Way Hs SRA
2020	No Championships			Czapinski: Stevenson HS JV
2019	Steperette Cadets	Naperville, IL	2017	Lindstrom: Round Lake HS Varsity
2017	Steperette Cadets	Naperville, IL	2017	Lindstrom: McHenry HSMcHenry, IL
2010	Allegiance Cadets	Dundee, IL		Bakko: Lincoln-Way HS
2016	Allegiance Cadets	Dundee, IL	2016	Czapinski: Round Lake HS
2015	Allegiance Cadets	Dundee, IL	2010	White: Morris Community HS
2010	Allegiance Cadets	Dundee, IL		Black: Round Lake HS Red: Mundelein HS
2013	Allegiance Cadets	Dundee, IL	2015	
2010	Steperette Cadets	Naperville, IL	2013	Naperville Northern Lights Lake Park HS
2012	Steperette Cadets	Naperville, IL	2014	Andrew HS
2010	Steperette Cadets	Naperville, IL	2013	
2009	South Shore Pee Wees	Chicago, IL	2012	Limestone Community Lake Central
2008	Steperette Cadets	Naperville, IL	2011	
2007	Steperette Cadets	Naperville, IL	2010	Richwoods HS Normal West
2006	Steperette Cadets	Naperville, IL	2009	Morton HS
2005	Steperette Cadets	Naperville, IL	2008	Lincoln-Way East HS
2004	Steperette Cadets	Naperville, IL	2007	Minooka HS
2001-20	•		2008	Carl Sandburg
2000	Brass Pak	Sheboygan, WI	2003	Eisenhower HS
1999	Steperette Cadets	Naperville, IL	2004	Providence Catholic HS
1998	Steperette Cadets	Naperville, IL	2003	Hartford Indian Emerald Vanguard
1997	J.R. Brass	Sheboygan, WI	2002	Rochelle HS "Illusion"
1996	J.R. Brass	Sheboygan, WI	2001	No Competitors
1995	J.R. Brass	Sheboygan, WI	1999	Pride of Hobart
1993 –	1994 No Class This Year	,0		
1992	Pirateers	Sheboygan, WI	Inda	nondent Pegianal A Class
1991	Sunshine Review	Green Bay, WI		pendent Regional A Class
1990	Accent Cadets	Sheboygan, WI	2020	No Championships
1989	South Shore Cadets	Chicago, IL	2019	Convergence
1988	Pirateers	Sheboygan, WI	2018	Convergence
1987	Accent Cadets	Sheboygan, WI	2017	Convergence
1986	Accent Cadets	Sheboygan, WI	2016	Allegiance RA
1985	Thunderbolt Kadets	Cedarburg, WI	2015	Fond du Lac Winter Guard
1984	Thunderbolt Kadets	Cedarburg, WI	2014	Allegiance
1983	Knights Royal Guard	New Lenox, IL	2013	Plainfield HS
			2012	Cudahy Independent
Scho	lastic AA Class		2011	Plainfield
2020	No Championships		2010	Novella D
2020		Naponilla	2009	Novella D
2017	Brazale: Naperville North HS	Naperville, IL	2008	Greendale Independent

Grove, IL Frankfort, IL Stevenson, IL Round Lake, IL
Frankfort, IL Round Lake, IL Morris, IL Round Lake, IL Mundelein, IL Naperville, IL Tinley Park, IL Limestone, IL St. John, IN Peoria, IL Normal, IL Morton, IL Frankfort, IL Minooka, IL Orland Park, IL New Berlin, WI New Lenox, IL Hartford, MI Rochelle, IL

Lemont, IL

Downers

Hobart, IN

## al A Class

Accent Cadets South Shore Cadets Pirateers Accent Cadets Accent Cadets Thunderbolt Kadets Thunderbolt Kadets Knights Royal Guard	Sheboygan, WI Chicago, IL Sheboygan, WI Sheboygan, WI Sheboygan, WI Cedarburg, WI Cedarburg, WI New Lenox, IL	2020 2019 2018 2017 2016 2015 2014 2013 2012 2011	No Championships Convergence Convergence Allegiance RA Fond du Lac Winter Guard Allegiance Plainfield HS Cudahy Independent	Crystal Lake, IL Crystal Lake, IL Crystal Lake, IL Dundee, IL Fond du Lac, WI Dundee, IL Plainfield, IL Cudahy, WI
Astic AA Class No Championships Brazale: Naperville North HS Brubaker: Lincoln-Way Community HS Hersey HS TF South HS Munster HS Wheaton Warrenville South HS Andrew HS Lincoln-Way Central Lake Park HS Carl Sandburg Marian Catholic HS AA	Naperville, IL Frankfort, IL Hersey, IL Lansing, IL Munster, IN Wheaton, IL Tinley Park, IL Frankfort, IL Roselle, IL Orland Park, IL Chicago, IL	2011 2010 2009 2008 2007 2006 2005 2004 2003 2002 2001 2000 1999 1998	Plainfield Novella D Novella D Greendale Independent Grimmer MS Varsity ND No Competitors Serendipity South Shore Cadets Brass Pak Steperette Cadets Steperette Cadets Spirit of Bridgman Univ Wis-Whitewater	Plainfield, IL Racine, WI Racine, WI Greendale, WI Schererville, IN Racine, WI McHenry, IL Chicago, IL Sheboygan, WI Naperville, IL Bridgman, MI Whitewater, WI



## **MWCGC Class Winners**

## Scholastic A Class

Scholo	astic A Class		0000		The Levis Disords 11
2020	No Championships		2000	Independence	Tinley Park, IL
2019	Zimny: Lincoln-Way Communit	y Frankfort, IL	1999	Tapestry	Green Bay, WI
	Wiles: Lockport Township HS	Lockport, IL	1998	Tapestry	Green Bay, WI
2018	Marian Catholic HS	Chicago, IL	1997	Montage	Milwaukee, WI
2017	Marian Catholic HS	Chicago, IL	1996	Royal Guard	St. Paul, MN
2016	Lincoln-Way East HS	Frankfort, IL	1995	Royal Guard	St. Paul, MN
2015	Lake Park HS	Roselle, IL	1994	J.R. Brass	Sheboygan, WI
2014	Plainfield HS	Plainfield, IL	1993	J.R. Brass	Sheboygan, WI
2013	Minooka HS	Minooka, IL	1992	Thunderbolt "A"	Cedarburg, WI
2012	Lincoln-Way North HS	Frankfort, IL	1991	Thunderbolt "A"	Cedarburg, WI
2011	La Porte HS	La Porte, IN	1990	Rosettes	St. Paul, MN
2010	Lincoln-Way	Frankfort, IL	1989	South Shore	Chicago, IL
2009	Chesterton HS	Chesterton, IN	1988	Sundowners	Eau Claire, WI
2008	La Porte HS	La Porte, IN	1987	Accents	Sheboygan, WI
2007	Lake Park HS	Roselle, IL	1986	Buccaneers	Sheboygan, WI
2006	La Porte HS	La Porte, IN	1985	Ritanettes	Chicago, IL
2005	Lake Central	St. John, IN	1984	Baytown Blues	Green Bay, WI
2004	La Porte HS	La Porte, IN	1983	Ritanettes	Chicago, IL
2003	La Porte HS	La Porte, IN	1982	Ritanettes	Chicago, IL
2002	Normal HS "Images"	Normal, IL	1981	Illiana Lancers	Chicago, IL
2001	La Porte HS	La Porte, IN	1980	Phantom Regt Cadets	Rockford, IL
2000 1999	Normal HS "Images" La Porte HS	Normal, IL	1979	Vaqueros	Elmhurst, IL
1998	Lake Park HS	La Porte, IN Roselle, IL	1979	Flushing HS	
1997	Andrew HS	Tinley Park, IL		0	Flushing, MI
1996	Andrew HS	Tinley Park, IL	1977	Entrada De sud Maliante	Jasper, AL
1995	Andrew HS	Tinley Park, IL	1976	Regal Valiants	Villa Park, IL
1994	Reavis HS	Burbank, IL	1975	Profiles	Waukesha, WI
1993	Tiger's Eye	Herscher, IL	1974	Accent Cadets	Sheboygan, WI
1992	Lake Park FPE	Roselle, IL	1973	Trooper Cadets	Casper, WY
			1972	Buccaneers	Sheboygan, WI
Indep	endent A Class		1971	Patriots	Fox Point, WI

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### Independent A Class

2020	No Championships	
2019	South Shore Junior Cadets	Chica
2018	Allegiance A	Dunde
2017	Allegiance	Dunde
2016	Allegiance	Dunde
2015	Plainfield Independent	Plainfi
2014	Independence	Tinley
2013	Plainfield	Plainfi
2012	Purdue University	Purdue
2011	South Shore Drill Team	Chica
2010	South Shore Drill Team	Chica
2009	South Shore Drill Team	Chica
2008	Armada	Orego
2007	Evolution	Shebc
2006	Velocity	Greer
2005	Velocity	Greer
2004	Velocity	Greer
2003	Independence	Tinley
2002	Independence	Tinley
2001	Independence	Tinley

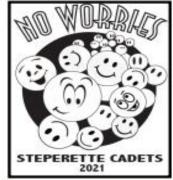
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Our COVID shows... Socially distanced all the way! Looking forward to seeing you in person in 2022! The Steperettes Organization Naperville, Illinois







## **MWCGC Class Winners**

## **Senior Class**

2020	No Competitors	
2019	No Competitors	
2018	No Competitors	
2017	Venice Effect	Chicago, IL
2016	Kilties Winter Guard	Racine, WI
2015	Kilties Winter Guard	Racine, WI
2014	Venice Effect	Chicago, IL
2013	Venice Effect	Chicago, IL
2012	Venice Effect	Chicago, IL
2011	Venice Effect	Chicago, IL
2010	Venice Effect	Chicago, IL
2009	Venice Effect	Chicago, IL
2008	Venice Effect	Chicago, IL
2007	No Competitors	
2006	Back 'Nsync	Traci's Backyard, IN
2005	Back 'Nsync	Traci's Backyard, IN
2004	Back 'Nsync	Traci's Backyard, IN
2003	Back 'Nsync	Traci's Backyard, IN
2002	Back 'Nsync	Traci's Backyard, IN
2001	Back 'Nsync	Traci's Backyard, IN
2000	No Class This Year	
1999	South Shore Drill Team	Chicago, IL
1998	Saga	Sheboygan, WI
1997	No Competitors	
1996	Unlimit'd Time	Chicagoland, IL
1995	Unlimit'd Time	Chicagoland, IL
1994	Unlimit'd Time	Chicagoland, IL
1993	Unlimit'd Time	Chicagoland, IL
1992	Unlimit'd Time	Chicagoland, IL
1991	Unlimit'd Time	Chicagoland, IL

## Scholastic Open Class

2020	No Championships	
2019	Marian Catholic HS	Chicago, IL
2018	La Porte HS	La Porte, IN
2017	La Porte HS	La Porte, IN
2016	La Porte HS	La Porte, IN
2015	Marian Catholic HS	Chicago, IL
2014	Marian Catholic HS	Chicago, IL
2013	Marian Catholic HS	Chicago, IL
2012	Lake Central HS	St. John, IN
2011	Lincoln-Way Central HS	Frankfort, IL
2010	Lake Central HS	St. John, IN
2009	Marian Catholic HS	Chicago, IL
2008	Marian Catholic HS	Chicago, IL
2007	Marian Catholic HS	Chicago, IL
2006	Lake Central HS	St. John, IN
2005	Andrew HS	Tinley Park, IL
2004	Andrew HS	Tinley Park, IL

2003	Marian Catholic HS	Chicago, IL
2002	Marian Catholic HS	Chicago, IL
2001	Marian Catholic HS	Chicago, IL
2000	No Competitors	
1999	Normal West HS	Normal, IL
1998	Marian Catholic HS	Chicago, IL
1997	Marian Catholic HS	Chicago, IL
1996	Normal HS "Images"	Normal, IL
1995	Normal HS "Images"	Normal, IL
1994	Andrew HS	Tinley Park, IL
1993	Frankton HS	Frankton, IN

## Independent Open Class

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2020	No Championships	
2019	Allegiance	Dundee, IL
2018	Allegiance	Dundee, IL
2017	Independence	Tinley Park, IL
2016	Independence	Tinley Park, IL
2015	Independence	Tinley Park, IL
2014	Minooka Independent	Minooka, IL
2013	South Shore Drill Team	Chicago, IL
2012	South Shore Drill Team	Chicago, IL
2011	No Competitors	
2010	Independence	Tinley Park, IL
2009	Independence	Tinley Park, IL
2008	Independence	Tinley Park, IL
2007	Independence	Tinley Park, IL
2006	Independence	Tinley Park, IL
2005	Independence	Tinley Park, IL
2004	Evolution	Sheboygan, WI
2003	Tapestry	Green Bay, WI
2002	South Shore Open	Chicago, IL
2001	Tapestry	Green Bay, WI
2000	Tapestry	Green Bay, WI
1999	Buccaneers	Sheboygan, WI
1998	Buccaneers	Sheboygan, WI
1997	Buccaneers	Sheboygan, WI
1996	Buccaneers	Sheboygan, WI
1995	Buccaneers	Sheboygan, WI
1994	Tapestry	Green Bay, WI
1993	Tapestry	Green Bay, WI



## **MWCGC Class Winners**

## Scholastic World Class

2017 – 2020	No Competitors	
2016	Lake Central HS	St. John, IN
2015	Lake Central HS	St. John, IN
2014	Lake Central HS	St. John, IN
2013	Lake Central HS	St. John, IN
2012	No Competitors	
2011	Marian Catholic HS	Chicago, IL
2010	Marian Catholic HS	Chicago, IL
2007 – 2009	No Competitors	
2006	Marian Catholic HS	Chicago, IL
2005	Marian Catholic HS	Chicago, IL
2004	Marian Catholic HS	Chicago, IL
2003	Lincoln-Way Central HS	New Lenox, IL
2002	Lincoln-Way Central HS	New Lenox, IL
2001	Lincoln-Way HS	New Lenox, IL
2000	Lincoln-Way HS	New Lenox, IL
1999	Lincoln-Way HS	New Lenox, IL
1998	Lincoln-Way HS	New Lenox, IL
1997	Lincoln-Way HS	New Lenox, IL
1996	Lincoln-Way HS	New Lenox, IL
1995	Esoterique	Roselle, IL
1994	Lincoln-Way HS	New Lenox, IL
1993	Lincoln-Way HS	New Lenox, IL
1992	Lincoln-Way HS	New Lenox, IL
1991	Lincoln-Way HS	New Lenox, IL
1990	Lincoln-Way HS	New Lenox, IL
1989	Lake Park HS FPE	Roselle, IL
1988	Tempest	Tinley Park, IL
1987	Tempest	Tinley Park, IL
1986	Tempest	Tinley Park, IL
1985	Center Grove HS	Indianapolis, IN
1984	Center Grove HS	Indianapolis, IN
1983	No Competitors	
1982	Blue Horizon	Rolling Meadows, IL
1981	Rolling Meadows HS	Rolling Meadows, IL

#### 1997 Sundowners Madison, WI 1996 **Sundowners** Madison, WI 1995 **Sundowners** Madison, WI 1994 Sundowners Madison, WI 1993 Madison, WI State Street Review 1992 State Street Review Madison, WI Thunderbolts 1991 Cedarburg, WI 1990 Thunderbolts Cedarburg, WI 1989 State Street Review Madison, WI 1988 State Street Review Madison, WI 1987 State Street Review Madison, WI 1986 State Street Review Madison, WI 1985 State Street Review Madison, WI 1984 State Street Review Madison, WI 1983 Cavaliers Rosemont, IL 1982 Cavaliers Rosemont, IL 1981 Cavaliers Park Ridae, IL 1980 Phantom Regiment Rockford, IL 1979 Phantom Regiment Rockford, IL 1978 Phantom Regiment Rockford, IL 1977 Guardsmen Schaumburg, IL 1976 Colts Dubuque, IA 1975 Silhouettes Waukesha, WI 1974 Weber Guardsmen Chicago, IL 1973 Mariners Greendale, WI 1972 Mariners Greendale, WI 1971 Weber Guardsmen Chicago, IL 1970 Troopers Casper, WY 1969 Troopers Casper, WY 1968 Troopers Casper, WY 1967 Kenosha, WI **OLHR** Queensman 1966 Racine Explorer Scouts Racine, WI 1965 **Buccaneers** Sheboygan, WI 1964 Cavaliers Chicago, IL 1963 Mariners South Milwaukee, WI 1962 Mariners South Milwaukee, WI 1961 **Mutineers** South Milwaukee, WI 1960 **Phantomettes** Rockford, IL 1959 Tioga Vagabonds Bensenville, IL

No Competitors

1999 - 1998

## Independent World Class

2017 – 2020	No Competitors	
2016	Gentlemen of South Shore	Chicago, IL
2015	South Shore Drill Team	Chicago, IL
2009 - 2014	No Competitors	
2008	Orion	Chicago, IL
2007 - 2004	No Competitors	
2003	South Shore Drill Team	Chicago, IL
2002	South Shore Drill Team	Chicago, IL
2001	South Shore Drill Team	Chicago, IL
2000	Back 'Nsync	Traci's Backyard, IN





## **MWCGC Scholarship Winners**

## **Midwest Circuit Scholarship**

2020	Mary Allen	Stagg HS
	Emiyah Twietmeyer	Victor J Andrew HS
2019	Willow DeKruif	Naperville Central HS
	Bailey Schneyr	Convergence
2018	Sophia De Lorio	Downers Grove North HS
	Emily Wilkinson	Naperville Central HS
2017	Katie Bernstein	Waukesha United
	Gabby DeKruif	Naperville Central HS
2016	Gina Pardun	Naperville Central HS
2015	Hannah Zaininger	Independence
2014	Kaitlyn Reis	Hersey HS
2013	Makenzie McGrath	Lake Central HS
2012	Shaquille Campbell	South Shore Drill Team
2011	Lyndee Stisher	LaPorte HS
2010	Kaitlyn Debnar	Naperville Central HS
2009	Fiona Slade	Naperville North HS
2008	Alicia Walter	Marian Catholic HS
2007	Chelsea Miners	Rochelle Illusion
2006	Kristie Kuruc	Waubonsie Valley HS
2005	Karen Hart	Lincoln-Way Central HS
2004	Katie Kuruc	Waubonsie Valley HS
2003	Kristin Durnbaugh	Independence
2002	Lexie Jean Haughey	Normal HS "Images"
2001	Kristin Durnbaugh	Independence
2000	Allison Graver	Independence
1999	Jennifer Leisen	Independence
1998	Sarah Wessler	Buccaneers
1997	Erin Reidy	Sundowners
1996	Kelly Anderson	Normal HS "Images"
1995	Stacy Lynn Durnbaugh	Andrew HS
1994	Heather Strub	Sundowners

## The Cavaliers Scholarship Award

2020	Lindsay Peters	Allegiance
2019	Morgan Herbst	Warren Township HS
2018	Celeste Makara	Hersey HS
2017	Ladelya Jones	Marian Catholic HS
2016	Abbey Loeffler	Hersey HS
2015	Andrea Kowalewicz	Lake Central HS
2014	Abi Tarnow	LaPorte HS
2013	Dana Keck	Lincoln-Way North HS
2012	Bridgette Waldier	Lincoln-Way East HS
2011	Jessica Smith	Lake Central HS
2010	Kerri Clark	Lake Central HS
2009	Talore Ruedt	Greendale HS
2008	Blair Trygstadt	Naperville North HS
2007	Sara Reich	Hersey HS
2006	Christina Lear	Naperville North HS
2005	Emily Ninnemann	Stagg HS
2004	Michael Kaukl	Marshall HS "Edge"

2003	Elizabeth Santori	Marian Catholic HS
2002	Shauna Stisher	LaPorte HS
2001	Rachel Niemi	Lincoln-Way HS
2000	Lisa Corradin	Independence
1999	Lora Fields	Seneca HS
1998	Michelle Wanta	Tapestry
1997	Renee Scherrer	Montage
1996	Stephanie Shipley	Normal HS "Images"
1995	Emily Hachmeister	Sundowners
1994	Scott Jones	Sundowners
1993	Brenda Ehlert	Buccaneers

## **Dot Dahnke Memorial Scholarship**

	Dannike Mento	
2019	Julia Jimenez	Stagg HS
2018	Mackenzie Kot	Marian Catholic HS
2017	Emily Griggs	Downers Grove North HS
2016	Courtney Brown	Plainfield Independent
2015	Robin Younker	Downers Grove North HS
2014	Sydney Mayer	Round Lake HS
2013	Ashley Wilkens	Armada HS
2012	Marissa Seamon	Minooka HS
2011	Alexis Hynek	Fond du Lac
2010	Kim Karlin	Marian Catholic HS
2009	Katrina Kemiel	La Porte HS
2008	Allison Schubert	Fond du Lac HS
2007	Michelle Deming	Independence A
2006	Allyce Bara	Naperville North HS
2005	Jessica Hartl	Marian Catholic HS
2004	Lauren Gogolew	Carl Sandberg HS
2003	Kathryn Errek	Lincoln-Way Central HS
2002	Stephanie Misciasci	Rochelle HS "Illusion"
2001	Kim Herschberger	Normal HS "Images"
2000	Emily Otto	Independence
1999	Nina Ajango	Tapestry
1998	Tracy Eltrevoog	Seneca HS
1997	Sarah Krauss	Glenbard West HS
1996	Jennifer Flory	Andrew HS
1995	Tina Schlosser	Reavis HS
1994	Stephanie Anderson	Valiants of Normandy
1993	Meredith Landorf	Steperettes
1992	Laurie Przybylinkski	LaPorte HS
1991	Candy Gadomski	Buccaneers
1990	Sung He Lee	Lake Park FPE
1989	Kala Klinger	State Street Review
1988	Jennifer Nicklas	Lake Park FPE
1987	Laura Dahl	Anthron
1986	Mitchell Weikert	State Street Review



## **MWCGC Scholarship Winners**

## **Buccaneers Scholarship**

2006 Marne Kaeske 2004 Ashley Biederwolf 2003 Patty Schuppner

Independence Evolution Tapestry

## **Shea Preston- Al Nichols Memorial Scholarship**

2020	Claire Powell	Munster HS
2019	Kelly Garcia	Lincoln-Way East HS
2018	Kathryn Rodgers	Naperville Central HS
2017	Angelica Moore	Independence
2016	Kayla Hestermann	Lake Central HS
2015	Taylor Matthews	Marian Catholic HS
2014	Kelly Mack	Carl Sandburg HS
2013	Kelly Fleckenstein	Lincoln-Way Central HS
2012	Olivia Steele	LaPorte HS
2011	Karie Schaberger	Marian Catholic HS
2010	Nicholas Benz	Plainfield HS
2009	Arielle Zemaitis	Minooka HS
2008	Heather Graham	Velocity
2007	Lina Annable	Chesterton HS
2006	Elizabeth Theobald	Independence
2005	David Arias	Lake Park HS
2004	Laura McMahon	Marian Catholic HS
2003	Allison Muscolino	Stagg HS
2002	Beth Janick	Marian Catholic HS
2001	Megan Valerius	Marian Catholic HS
2000	Jeremy Pieper	Tapestry
1999	Ryan Klassa	Tapestry
1998	John Spellan	Heritage

## Larry Bakko Memorial Scholarship

2020	Kaitlyn Goldstein	Alliance D117
2019	Savannah Plank	Independence
2018	Anna Nelson	La Porte HS
2017	Nadia Jahromi	Alliance District 117
2016	Madelyn Link	Allegiance
2015	Madison Ukrin	Downers Grove North HS

## Felton Harlan Memorial Scholarship

2020	Hope Fowler	Plainfield North HS
2019	Jacqueline Izzo	Plainfield North HS
2018	Delaney Talty	Sandwich HS
2017	Micah Striverson	Crete-Monee HS
2016	Caitlyn Clifton	Marian Catholic HS

## **McCormick's Scholarship**

Elizabeth Colip 2020 Katherine Taylor 2019 Rebecca Aguilar Faith Philip

Downers Grove South HS Allegiance Allegiance Hoffman Estates HS Varsity

2018	Abby Gernenz	Coal City HS
2017	Mely Meraz Hannah Hestermann	Romeoville HS Lake Central HS

## **Rookie of the Year**

2020 2019 2018 2017 2016 2015	Jossie Tracy Charlotte McGrath Tim Benedict Emily Buster Grace Zackavec Marcus LaBranche	MONTAGE Hoffman Es Farmington Farmington Morris Com Crete-Mon
2014	Youri Takisawa	Hersey HS
2013	Claire Walsh	Lincoln-Wa
2012	Jaime Escatel	Argo HS
2011 2010	Toree Schmidt	Heritage of Rochelle To
2010	Kimmy Arriaga Carly Johnson	Minooka HS
2007	Juliette Makara	Hersey HS
2000	Independence B	Пегзеуттэ
2006	Sara Rhoades	Lake Centr
2005	Stephanie Anderson	Lowell HS
2004	Connie Spray	Minooka HS
2003	Missy Krage	Lake Park H
2002	Sara Storti	Normal HS
2001	Amber Roth	J.R. Brass
2000	Sheila Hawk	Normal HS
1999	Jason Kirkpatrick	Seneca HS
1998	Kristen Durnbaugh	Independe
1997	Nikki Smith	Sundowner
1996	Michelle Wanta	Tapestry
1995	Laura Scatena	Normal HS
1994	Daniel Riley	Frankton HS
1993	Alicia Erickson	Sunshine Re
1992	Kim Pier	Montage
1991 1990	Holly Gialdini Missy Hannon	Sunshine Re LaPorte HS

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## **Commander's Medallion**

2020	Olivia Lee	Chesterton HS	1995	Emily Hachmeister	Sundowners
2019	Sydney Ossman	Farmington HS	1994	Amy Smith	Valiants of Normandy
2018	Emma Mrozinski	Hersey HS	1993	Sarah Wessler	Buccaneers
2017	Lindsay Guare	Allegiance	1992	Stephanie Anderson	Valiants of Normandy
2016	Megan Shane	Illinois Central Valley HS	1991	Tammy Sutter	Normal HS "Images"
2015	Becky Oziemkowski	Stagg HS	1990	Audrey Meier	Thunderbolts
2014	Dana Hall	Fond du Lac	1989	Amy Lynn Warner	State Street Review
2013	Rebecca Kazdoy	Crown Point HS	1988	Alex Ribiero	Cavaliers
2012	Bobbie Jo Nelson	Independence	1987	Elizabeth Ann Brazelton	Accents
2011	Maranda Fishback	Lake Central HS	1986	Judy Karnia	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lancers
2010	Danielle Burris	Lincoln-Way HS	1985	Troy Morgan	Cavaliers
2009	Ashley Dement	D.C. Everest HS	1984	Mark Martin	Valiants of Normandy
2008	Kelly O'Shea	Waubonsie Valley HS	1983	Marisa Aguilar	Phantom Regiment
2007	Katie McEntire	Waubonsie Valley HS	1982	Debbie Ann Karina	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lancers
2006	Mony Bunni	Hersey HS		Debbie Wiles	Rebelaires
2005	Taylor Allyn	Hersey HS		Cindy Zastrow	Buccaneers
2004	Missy Pietruszynski	A.A Stagg HS	1981	Jeff Fiedler	Cavaliers
2003	Kristen Dumbaugh	Independence	1980	Karen Vesley	Valiants
2002	Danielle Brown	Rochelle HS "Illusion"	1979	Rita Hodlewski	Village Greens
2001	Tracy Botensten	Stagg HS	1978	Wendy Westphal	Emerald Knights
2000	Selina Meyer	Northernaires	1977	Robin Jay Simmers	Norwin Knights
1999	Heather Holling	Buccaneers	1976	Pam Jenker	Norwin Knights
1998	Julia Prey	Barrington HS		Teri Kozel	Lancers
1997	Tracy Eltrvoog	Seneca HS	1975	Peggy Berger	Lancers
1996	Deborah Zeitlin	Steperettes	1974	Karen Horngren	Mariners

## WEST BEND HIGH SCHOOL SRA WINTER GUARD 2021



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Warren Township High School Winter Guards

This season looks very different for our performing groups in that we have split our students up into 6 groups of two different levels for Dance, Rifle, and Flag. By doing this, our students received tailored instruction to learn and work on specific skills for improvement within each category. Students performed their pieces to works such as Hide and Seek by Imogen Heap, Paper Hearts by Tori Kelly, Bang! By AJR, Might Not Like Me by Brynn Elliott, Dig Down by Muse, and Over the Rainbow by MisterWives.





<u>MWCGC Soloist &</u> <u>WGI Finalist</u> <u>Superior Rating:</u> Cheyanna Griswold

> <u>Music:</u> "Run Boy Run"

<u>Affiliation:</u> West Bend Scholastic Varsity Cadets Winter Guard 2021 **MWCGC Hall of Fame** 

2019	Kevin Ray	1000	
2018	Barb Wessler	1990	Mary Ann Wiles
2012	Arthur Robertson	1989	Sal & LuAnn Salas
2011	Tim Guare	1988	Pauline Zimny
2010		1987	Thomas Hachmeister
	Dee Ely	1986	Dr. Harry R. Patin
2009	Mickey Stisher	1984	Linda Kaminski Olson
2009	Vicki Mogil	1981	Marie Grana Czapinski
2007	Larry Bakko	1980	John Brazale
2006	Bruno Zuccala		Joe Courtney
2005	Chuck Cummings	1978	Chuck Hadle
2004	Kenard Corporation	1977	Lynn Lindstrom
2002	Mark Ackerson	1976	Gary Czapinski
2001	Richard "Rock" Kemp	1975	Chuck Beckner
1999	Howie Mogil	1974	George Lindstrom
1997	Pamela Nabors Snoeck	1973	Vic Mensching
1995	Steve Suslik	1972	Rick Maas
1775			Ernie Zimny
100.4	Joey Hansen	1971	Loren & Dot Dahnke
1994	Dianne Miller	1970	Alex Haddad
1993	Gary Krueger		Carl Olson
1992	Steve Brubaker		
1991	Ralph & Virginia Balcerek		





## Congratulations Allegiance HS Seniors, Class of 2021, Chloe, Rose, & Shannon!

#### Chloe Page

Harry D. Jacobs HS 2 yrs Allegiance CG 4 yrs Harry D. Jacobs MB

Color Guard has always been so fascinating to me and I appreciate everything I was

able to learn from my years in the sport. My favorite guard memory is the bond that the 2020 A guard was able to create with each



other & every moment spent with my team was a great one. This fall I will be attending a four year university to pursue a degree in Athletic Training. I would like to thank the Allegiance Staff for always pushing me to do my best. I

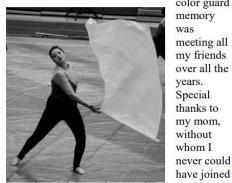
would also like to thank my parents for all their support and encouragement I also treasure my first day with Allegiance, because it felt like my first day of sophomore year guard. I was actually excited to do this, but also knew it was going to be extremely challenging, which just excited me more. I'd like to thank my dad and my mom for supporting me.

#### **Rose Haliotis**

Main West High School

3 yrs Independence Cadets 4 yrs Allegiance Cadets 3 yrs Allegiance CG Main West Marching Warrior Trombonist

High honor roll (4 years), Tech Crew for 8 shows (4 years), Scholastic Bowl (3 years). My favorite color guard



or continued doing color guard. I plan to go to UIUC and study to get a masters in Library



Shannon McGarry Cary-Grove High School

2 yrs Allegiance Cadets 3 yrs Allegiance CG 4 yrs Cary-Grove MB Co-captain & Captain of Allegiance A

My favorite memory that I have made



throughout my years of winter guard would be doing the mental runs of our show before every competition. This part of the warm up became an important tradition to me because I always felt so connected to my team. I plan on

attending Illinois State University to study Psychology. While at college, I'm hoping to join the Big Red Marching Machine.





## 2021 MWCGC Graduates & Age Outs



#### Marley Andrae

West Bend Scholastic Varsity Cadets 3 Years

I am an 8th grade captain for our winter guard team, and I am also on the west bend dance team. In fifth arade I joined color auard and I had no idea what I was getting into, in 6th grade I stepped up to the winter guard team for my first year. I have no idea what I would do if I did not take that next step. Being a part of this team has taught me so many things and has shown me so many different experiences and I don't know what I would do without it. Winter Guard has taught me to be a good leader, it has improved my work ethic, it has shown me dedication and hard work. On this team, I got to meet new people and make new relationships with the people on my team. I always look up to my coaches and teammates as influences on me. We spend so much time together, I really look up to them and see them as family.

My favorite memory from this team is all of the bus rides that we took on our way to competitions and how much fun we have together, I love to look back at all the memories we have when we are together. Of course, I love when we stop at the oasis on our way home from competitions and have a good time with our team. Another great memory is always when people get new skills or they get featured in the show, I like to see when people get so excited to get a new skill or a solo spot.





### **Rachel Bender**

Downers Grove North High School 4 Years

Kumbaya circles have to be my favorite tradition by far. I love the unity and calm they can bring to the team before going out to perform and show all that we worked so hard for.

### Anna Bruno

Providence Catholic High School Winter Celtics 3.5 Years I am involved in Choir, Theatre, Color Guard, Track, Student Council, and Habitat for Humanity.

My favorite guard memory would have to be winning state during this last Marching Season since it was the first time in our school history that band has achieved that.

### Cynthia Genova

Fremd Varsity Guard 3 Years I am the Colt Guard Team Captain.

My favorite memory is performing on the football field on a Friday night with all the bright lights shining on me and the crowd.







#### Noreri Cisneros

West Bend Combined High Schools 6 Years I am involved in Winter Guard

(6 years), Track (3 years), Tennis (2 years), Mock Trial (4 years), National Honors Society (1 year), Future Business Leaders of America (1 year), and am an Athletic Scholar (3 years).

My favorite memory during guard was from last year during the 2020 season. After an awful start to our day, my team and I headed to the WGI Chicago Regional competition. The entire team was on edge after the eventful morning, and we were running late after the unprecedented circumstances. We were given the opportunity to perform despite being late. After our incredible performance, I remember sprinting to the cafeteria wall where the results had been posted and seeing that my team had tied for first meaning we moved onto finals! I finally sighed in relief after an excruciatingly long day and started to sob. I turned to my teammate Bella who was doing the same and we started a massive huge group hug. The next day my team and I competed in finals competition and earned the title of WGI Chicago Regional Champs!



#### **Cheyanna Griswold**

West Bend Varsity Cadets 4 Years

I joined winter guard when I was in 5th grade and I don't know where I would be if I haven't. I wouldn't have amazing memories. I wouldn't have my amazina friends. I also wouldn't have anyone to look up to. This sport has taught me so much, not just how to toss a rifle. It has taught me how to be a leader, have passion for people, and to make every second count. This year I did a Solo for the Solo and Ensemble performance and got a superior ranking. This year was my second year being a captain for this team. I received the Best Performer Award last year. I am also captain for the dance team that I am on, West Bend Dance. I also received Best Performer Award for dance last year. This year was my third year in dance. Additionally, I was in team aymnastics for seven years.

My favorite memory is going to competitions. I love the feeling before it's your turn to go on. But something that is even better than that, is performing. When I perform, I feel free, like no one or nothing can stop me.

### Naomi Howard

Steperette Cadets 2 Years Besides Guard, I participated in Choir and Orchestra. I enjoy hiking and kayaking.

My favorite memory from guard was before every show when we would shout "Cheese Flies" and Natalie would say "Fire Cheese." Also, when London got married to Geoffrey (An orange) in the hotel room.







**Rachel Kibler** Batavia High School

4 Years I was contracted at Shadow Drum and Bugle Corps 2020 and am marching Phantom Regiment 2021. I am in National Honors Society, National Latin Honors Society, Science National Honors Society, National English Honors Society, Rho Kappa Honors Society, Tri-M Honors Society.



### K.C. (Kaelyn) Lee

Badger Middle School Cadet Team 3 Years I am involved in winter guard.

My favorite memory from Guard is when we would be on the bus and everyone would talk and sing. It was amazing and I loved it so much.

My favorite guard memory comes from the first competition of the 2018 season. We were sitting at awards and they started to announce the placements for our class. They announced third place and it was not us, second place and it wasn't us and finally 1st place and we had won. It was the first time we had won the energy we had when they announced us as the winner was so fun and a great bonding moment for us.



#### **Mia Ludwig** Steperette Cadets 2 Years I am involved in the High Honor Roll,

My favorite memory was filming Tik Toks with other cadets.



Aishwarya Lalithkumar Fremd Varsity Guard 2 Years



Elsie Mezo Steperette Cadets 2 Years

I play the violin, and am involved in the school play, languages, and Guard!

My favorite memory was eating ice cream after Regionals with my Guard.





### Jacqueline Moghadam

Fremd High School Varsity Guard 3 Years I am the Guard Captain of Weapon Line.

My favorite memory was definitely the overnight stay in the championship hotel rooms. Staying up till 2am with my teammates has never been more enjoyable!



#### **Kara Payton**

Steperette Cadets 2 Years I am also involved in swim team and choir.

My favorite is when we tried to do our show in the hotel pool.



### Isabella Ortega

West Bend Varsity Cadets 2 Years

I have been in competitive guard for the past 2 years. I was in regular color guard the year before. My first year on competitive guard I was able to learn and pick up skills quickly, so I tried out for the Sabre line, and I made it! This year is my second year in competitive guard, and I am on both the Sabre and rifle lines. In school I am a straight A's and B's student. I memorized 101 digits of Pi. Finally, I am pretty flexible in my spine and legs. Over the summer I was able to accomplish my needle, which I have been working on for the past 2 years.

One of my favorite memories from guard was when after some competitions we would go to the oasis on our way back home. Another one of my favorite memories in guard was when in the mornings while we were getting ready for competition days, we would sing fun songs to try to get peoples energies up.



#### Fremd Varsity Guard 4 Years I am involved in guard (fall and winter) student council school

winter), student council, school, volunteering at Restore: Habitat for Humanity, and working as a hostess after school/on weekends.

I have loved meeting so many new people from color guard; it has given me the chance to make friends from all different districts, states, and within my own school. Over the years, some of my best memories come from competitions when everyone's left their all on the floor; it's one of the best feelings imaginable.

## Angela Ruiz

4 Years

My freshman year we went to Scholastic World finals for our show "She was..." and I felt so much pride being a part of that show. I've volunteered at every event to help raise money for our music boosters and in turn our team.

My favorite memories would be the hotel rooms on away trips because I always had so much fun, and I got to become closer with the girls in them and create inside jokes and feel more and more like a part of a family I got to choose.





## 2021 MWCGC Graduates & Age Outs



### Emily Ryan

Evergreen Park Community High School 4 Years I am the Senior Color Guard Captain, Head of Crew, Sound Board for Crew, and NHS.

My favorite memory was before football games the team would come early and get ready together. Dancing around while doing makeup and hair, gossiping about our own lives, and plans for the weekend. This all made our bond stronger, and fun memories to look back on.



Mikayla Schroeder West Bend Scholastic Cadets 4 Years

I am an 8th grade captain for the winter guard team. I am also a member of the West Bend Dance Team. An accomplishment I have is being a riffle/ sabre for 3 whole years!

My favorite memory is when our team got 1st place at the **MWCGC** Championships! Another one of my favorite memories was WGI when we got to sleep overnight in a hotel. The late-night bus rides were always my favorite. We would laugh and have fun. I got closer to a lot of my friends in guard. It was really fun watching other teams perform at competitions. The first time I saw South Shore I was in shock; I didn't know they were that good!





### Ashley Seo

Fremd Varsity Guard 3 Years 1 am also involved in color guard.

I would say my favorite memory from guard was having the opportunity to go to championships and hanging out with the guard members talking and playing games all night.

### Samantha Stevens

Illinois Valley Central High School Ghost Guard 5 Years I am involved in Color Guard, Winter Guard, National Honor Society, German National Honor Society, Master Chorale Choir, Girls' Choir, and Madrigal Recorders.

I would say my favorite memory is either when our Marching Band got 1st in at State or getting to watch WORLDS with my fellow team members.

### Miyu Takeda

Fremd High School Varsity Guard 2 Years

I am involved in Color Guard, where I was able to learn how to manage time. Also, I learned what I can do to be a cooperative member for the team.

My favorite memories are competing, watching other teams perform, post competition dinner with the members.





## 2021 MWCGC Graduates & Age Outs



### Amira Shaikh

Adlai E Stevenson High School

3 Years

I'm recipient of the 2020 Varsity Winter Guard Best Attitude Award, Color Guard 2020 Flag Leader, Winter Guard 2021 Flag Leader, and 2019-2020 Exemplary Community Service Award for Outstanding & Dedicated Service to the General Welfare of the Asian American Community in the State of Illinois. I am involved in U.S. Figure Skating Graduating Seniors Program, Silver Level Award National Community Service Awards, Merit Award, 2017 Tri-M Music Honor Society, President of Freshmen Class Board, 2017-18 Figure Skating, Marching Band, Russian Club, Odyssey Class Board, and Cuisine Club.

After spending my 1st winter season on varsity, I've experienced sadness and loss. Our first time competing at WGI was a success to even compete at, and after our prelims, we were told by the coaches we defeated 64 teams and qualified for semis. That night, I woke up to the sudden pounds on the door and were told to meet in our coach's room. Where I was met with sleepy faces of my teammates, were told that we didn't qualify for semis. In what seemed like a nightmare, my team and I continued to watch the other teams compete in the stadium where we once imagined to perform again. Following this season, I had joined the winter guard team again. The 2019-20 team had begun with local competitions with successive wins. The Team had struck a name in the community, and judges expressed interest in us. Through the sorrow of the previous season, my team and I pushed harder in order to achieve a higher goal; qualifying for the WGI finals. By the time WGI came around, COVID had reached the U.S. and the biggest competition of the season was canceled. Although I was unable to compete at WGI, my sorrows have shaped me into a flexible person. Where I was once set in a rhythm of constant motion, I learned to adapt to sudden changes & continue to persevere through times of difficulty. Although this memory from my guard experience wasn't I longed for, I'm honored to have gone through them, and am now able to accept challenges with full confidence. The beginning of my career in award has only pushed me to look forward to my future full of diverse experiences.







### Kelly VanDerKarr

Coal City High School Guard 3 Years

I am involved in Marching and Concert Band (Clarinet Section Leader), Speech Team, Pit for the Musical, Spanish Honor Society Co-President, and Winter Guard. My achievements include being second in my class and honor roll every semester.

While preparing for our show Soldier, Poet, King we painted our props and worked on them a lot after school just listening to music and hanging out while painting, We ate together before practice while we were painting and just had a good time The small moments together are definitely my favorites.



### Annabella Walker

West Bend Winter Guard (Combined High Schools) 7 Years I am involved in tennis, orchestra, French, FCCLA, SkillsUSA, captain of the winter guard team for two years, and officer of the West Bend mock trial team.

My favorite memory from guard was regionals last year, one of the last competitions before everything shut down. The day started off pretty rough, but somehow my team managed to dust ourselves off and have an awesome performance that we all felt good about. I remember the scores being released and my whole team rushing over to see that we tied for first place! I immediately started sobbing out of happiness and relief and I turned to see my teammate and best friend, Noreri, was doing the same. My team had a huge group hug, and it was the best feeling ever knowing that even after a bad start we could still finish strong!



#### Naomi-Ruth Westberg Steperette Cadets

6.5 Years I started with Fun with Flags when I was in 3rd grade and was part of the first X-Guard ever! I performed with X-Guard for 4 seasons and Cadets for 2 seasons. I am a firstyear captain for my 8th grade year. I also play the tenor saxophone since 5th grade and am part of my middle school band.

During my 3rd year in X-Guard, I had broken my toe in practice. I had my toe buddy taped for our performance at the end of the night in front of all the guards. As I was performing, the bandage and tape flung off and it looked like my toe fell off. It is quite funny to think of that now. I have to say a highlight was meeting and talking to several members of South Shore Guards after regionals in 2020.

