

Midwest Color Guard

2023 CHAMPIONSHIPS



Midwest
Color Guard
Circuit





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Letter from the President

Dear Friends and Participants of the Sport of the Arts:

The Midwest Colorguard Circuit was formed almost 63 years ago, in October of 1960, as the nation's 1st Colorguard Circuit. Our early rubrics for contests and Colorguard design 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 MWCGC community of Instructors, Judges, Performers, Parents, Supporters and Fans remains a model of how to make life-long learning fun! It's a model for building self-esteem for all of us!

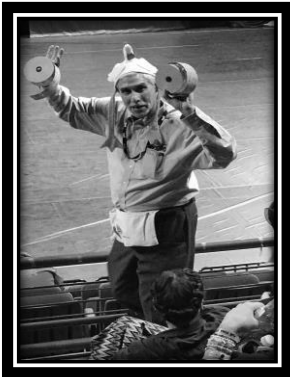
So, congratulations and kudos to all our deserving students! You have continued to grow, learn and rejoice in each other in new ways despite recent difficult times. Our circuit membership remains strong and ready for whatever comes next.

On behalf of the MWCGC Board of Directors and show staff, thanks in advance for recognizing ALL who perform at ALL levels as true Champions, and for the care and nurture you show each other.

Howie Mogil
President
Midwest Colorguard Circuit



2023 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

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 8th 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 like 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 3-½ minutes of equipment work.

A Class

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 3-½ 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 3-½ minutes of equipment work.

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 3-½ minutes of equipment work.



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- Spring Spin Clinic: May 6
- Fall Spin Clinic: August 27
- Open Guard Auditions: Early September



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2023 MWCGC Member Units

Scholastic Cadet

Central Middle School
West Bend Scholastic Cadets

Independent Cadet

Steperette Cadets Color Guard

Scholastic Regional A

Barrington High School
Bloomington High School
Chesterton High School
Coal City High School
Crete-Monee High School
El Paso Gridley High School
Evanston Township High School
Evergreen Park High School
Farmington High School
Grant Community High School
Grayslake North High School
Hoffman Estates High School JV
Illinois Central Valley High School
Kankakee Valley High School
Lake Zurich High School
LaSalle Peru Township High School
Lemont High School
Manteno High School
Marengo Community High School
McHenry High School
Minooka Community High School JV
Mukwonago High School
Mundelein High School
New Berlin United Winter Guard
Normal JV
Palatine High School Varsity
Paris High School
Providence Catholic High School
Richwoods High School
Rolling Meadows High School
Round Lake High School JV
ROWVA High School Winter Guard
Schaumburg High School
TF North High School
TF South High School
University High School
Wheaton North High School

Independent Regional A

Convergence Winter Guard
Fond du Lac Winter Guard
Kinetic Independent
Perpetuum RA
South Shore Divas
University of Iowa

Scholastic AA

Canton High School
Davenport Central High School
District 117 Winter Guard
Downers Grove North High School
Fremd High School Varsity
Hersey High School
Hoffman Estates High School Varsity
Kaneland High School
Lake Central High School JV
Lake Park High School
Morris Community High School Varsity
Naperville North High School
Stagg High School
Stevenson High School JV
Warren Township High School SAA
West Bend High School
Wheaton Warrenville South High School

Scholastic A

Batavia High School
Downers Grove South High School
Lockport Township High School
Minooka Community High School Varsity
Munster High School
Normal High School
Plainfield Winter Guard
Round Lake High School Varsity
Stevenson High School Varsity
Victor J. Andrew High School
Warren Township High School A

Independent A

Allegiance A
Junior Cadets of South Shore
MONTAGE
St. Ambrose University Winter Guard

Perpetuum Winter Guard
VIVA
Young Ladies of South Shore

Scholastic Open

Lake Central High School Varsity
Marian Catholic High School
Naperville Central High School

Independent Open

Allegiance Open
SSO



MWCGC Class Winners

Scholastic Cadet Class

2022	West Bend Scholastic Cadets	West Bend, IN
2021	No Championships	
2020	No Championships	
2019	West Bend Scholastic Cadets	West Bend, WI
2018	West Bend Scholastic Cadets	West Bend, WI
2017	West Bend Scholastic Cadets	West Bend, WI
2016	Lake Central Middle School	St. John, IN
	West Bend Intermediate- Middle School	West Bend, WI
	Lincoln Way Central Cadets	Frankfort, IL

Independent Cadet Class

2022	Steperette Cadets	Naperville, IL
2021	No Championships	
2020	No Championships	
2019	Steperette Cadets	Naperville, IL
2018	Steperette Cadets	Naperville, IL
2017	Allegiance Cadets	Dundee, IL
2016	Allegiance Cadets	Dundee, IL
2015	Allegiance Cadets	Dundee, IL
2014	Allegiance Cadets	Dundee, IL
2013	Allegiance Cadets	Dundee, IL
2012	Steperette Cadets	Naperville, IL
2011	Steperette Cadets	Naperville, IL
2010	Steperette Cadets	Naperville, IL
2009	South Shore Pee Wees	Chicago, IL
2008	Steperette Cadets	Naperville, IL
2007	Steperette Cadets	Naperville, IL
2006	Steperette Cadets	Naperville, IL
2005	Steperette Cadets	Naperville, IL
2004	Steperette Cadets	Naperville, IL
2001-2003	No Competitors	
2000	Brass Pak	Sheboygan, WI
1999	Steperette Cadets	Naperville, IL
1998	Steperette Cadets	Naperville, IL
1997	J.R. Brass	Sheboygan, WI
1996	J.R. Brass	Sheboygan, WI
1995	J.R. Brass	Sheboygan, WI
1993 – 1994	No Class This Year	
1992	Pirateers	Sheboygan, WI
1991	Sunshine Review	Green Bay, WI
1990	Accent Cadets	Sheboygan, WI
1989	South Shore Cadets	Chicago, IL
1988	Pirateers	Sheboygan, WI
1987	Accent Cadets	Sheboygan, WI
1986	Accent Cadets	Sheboygan, WI
1985	Thunderbolt Kadets	Cedarburg, WI
1984	Thunderbolt Kadets	Cedarburg, WI
1983	Knights Royal Guard	New Lenox, IL

Scholastic AA Class

2022	Brazale: Fremd HS Varsity	Palatine, IL
	Brubaker: Stagg HS	Palos Hills, IL
2021	No Championships	
2020	No Championships	
2019	Brazale: Naperville North HS	Naperville, IL
	Brubaker: Lincoln-Way Community HS	Frankfort, IL
2018	Hersey HS	Hersey, IL

2017	TF South HS	Lansing, IL
2016	Munster HS	Munster, IN
2015	Wheaton Warrenville South HS	Wheaton, IL
2014	Andrew HS	Tinley Park, IL
2013	Lincoln-Way Central	Frankfort, IL
2012	Lake Park HS	Roselle, IL
2011	Carl Sandburg	Orland Park, IL
2010	Marian Catholic HS AA	Chicago, IL
2009	Lincoln-Way HS	Frankfort, IL
2008	Marian Catholic HS AA	Chicago, IL
2007	Minooka HS	Minooka, IL

Scholastic Regional A Class

2022	Bakko: Lake Central HS SRA	Saint John, IN
	Czapinski: Illinois Central Valley HS	Chillicothe, IL
	Lindstrom: University HS	Normal, IL
2021	No Championships	
2020	No Championships	
2019	Bakko: Stevenson HS JV	Lincolnshire, IL
	Czapinski: Lemont HS	Lemont, IL
	Lindstrom: Downers Grove North HS	Downers Grove, IL
2018	Bakko: Lincoln-Way HS SRA	Frankfort, IL
	Czapinski: Stevenson HS JV	Stevenson, IL
	Lindstrom: Round Lake HS Varsity	Round Lake, IL
2017	Lindstrom: McHenry HS	McHenry, IL
	Bakko: Lincoln-Way HS	Frankfort, IL
	Czapinski: Round Lake HS	Round Lake, IL
2016	White: Morris Community HS	Morris, IL
	Black: Round Lake HS	Round Lake, IL
	Red: Mundelein HS	Mundelein, IL
2015	Naperville Northern Lights	Naperville, IL
2014	Lake Park HS	Roselle, IL
2013	Andrew HS	Tinley Park, IL
2012	Limestone Community	Limestone, IL
2011	Lake Central	St. John, IN
2010	Richwoods HS	Peoria, IL
2009	Normal West	Normal, IL
2008	Morton HS	Morton, IL
2007	Lincoln-Way East HS	Frankfort, IL
2006	Minooka HS	Minooka, IL
2005	Carl Sandburg	Orland Park, IL
2004	Eisenhower HS	New Berlin, WI
2003	Providence Catholic HS	New Lenox, IL
2002	Hartford Indian Emerald Vanguard	Hartford, MI
2001	Rochelle HS "Illusion"	Rochelle, IL
2000	No Competitors	
1999	Pride of Hobart	Hobart, IN





MWCGC Class Winners

Independent Regional A Class

2022	Young Ladies of South Shore	Chicago, IL
2021	No Championships	
2020	No Championships	
2019	Convergence	Crystal Lake, IL
2018	Convergence	Crystal Lake, IL
2017	Convergence	Crystal Lake, IL
2016	Allegiance RA	Dundee, IL
2015	Fond du Lac Winter Guard	Fond du Lac, WI
2014	Allegiance	Dundee, IL
2013	Plainfield HS	Plainfield, IL
2012	Cudahy Independent	Cudahy, WI
2011	Plainfield	Plainfield, IL
2010	Novella D	Racine, WI
2009	Novella D	Racine, WI
2008	Greendale Independent	Greendale, WI
2007	Grimmer MS Varsity	Schererville, IN
2006	ND	Racine, WI
2005	No Competitors	
2004	Serendipity	McHenry, IL
2003	South Shore Cadets	Chicago, IL
2002	Brass Pak	Sheboygan, WI
2001	Steperette Cadets	Naperville, IL
2000	Steperette Cadets	Naperville, IL
1999	Spirit of Bridgman	Bridgman, MI
1998	Univ Wis-Whitewater	Whitewater, WI

Scholastic A Class

2022	Zimny: Lincoln-Way Community HS A	Frankfort, IL
	Wiles: Stevenson HS Varsity	Lincolnshire, IL
2021	No Championships	
2020	No Championships	
2019	Zimny: Lincoln-Way Community	Frankfort, IL
	Wiles: Lockport Township HS	Lockport, IL
2018	Marian Catholic HS	Chicago, IL
2017	Marian Catholic HS	Chicago, IL
2016	Lincoln-Way East HS	Frankfort, IL
2015	Lake Park HS	Roselle, IL
2014	Plainfield HS	Plainfield, IL
2013	Minooka HS	Minooka, IL
2012	Lincoln-Way North HS	Frankfort, IL
2011	La Porte HS	La Porte, IN
2010	Lincoln-Way	Frankfort, IL
2009	Chesterton HS	Chesterton, IN
2008	La Porte HS	La Porte, IN
2007	Lake Park HS	Roselle, IL
2006	La Porte HS	La Porte, IN
2005	Lake Central	St. John, IN
2004	La Porte HS	La Porte, IN
2003	La Porte HS	La Porte, IN
2002	Normal HS "Images"	Normal, IL
2001	La Porte HS	La Porte, IN
2000	Normal HS "Images"	Normal, IL
1999	La Porte HS	La Porte, IN
1998	Lake Park HS	Roselle, IL
1997	Andrew HS	Tinley Park, IL
1996	Andrew HS	Tinley Park, IL
1995	Andrew HS	Tinley Park, IL
1994	Reavis HS	Burbank, IL
1993	Tiger's Eye	Herscher, IL
1992	Lake Park FPE	Roselle, IL

Independent A Class

2022	MONTAGE	Milwaukee, WI
2021	No Championships	
2020	No Championships	
2019	South Shore Junior Cadets	Chicago, IL
2018	Allegiance A	Dundee, IL
2017	Allegiance	Dundee, IL
2016	Allegiance	Dundee, IL
2015	Plainfield Independent	Plainfield, IL
2014	Independence	Tinley Park, IL
2013	Plainfield	Plainfield, IL
2012	Purdue University	Purdue, IN
2011	South Shore Drill Team	Chicago, IL
2010	South Shore Drill Team	Chicago, IL
2009	South Shore Drill Team	Chicago, IL
2008	Armada	Oregon, WI
2007	Evolution	Sheboygan, WI
2006	Velocity	Green Bay, WI
2005	Velocity	Green Bay, WI
2004	Velocity	Green Bay, WI
2003	Independence	Tinley Park, IL
2002	Independence	Tinley Park, IL
2001	Independence	Tinley Park, IL
2000	Independence	Tinley Park, IL
1999	Tapestry	Green Bay, WI
1998	Tapestry	Green Bay, WI
1997	Montage	Milwaukee, WI
1996	Royal Guard	St. Paul, MN
1995	Royal Guard	St. Paul, MN
1994	J.R. Brass	Sheboygan, WI
1993	J.R. Brass	Sheboygan, WI
1992	Thunderbolt "A"	Cedarburg, WI
1991	Thunderbolt "A"	Cedarburg, WI
1990	Rosettes	St. Paul, MN
1989	South Shore	Chicago, IL
1988	Sundowners	Eau Claire, WI
1987	Accents	Sheboygan, WI
1986	Buccaneers	Sheboygan, WI
1985	Ritanettes	Chicago, IL
1984	Baytown Blues	Green Bay, WI
1983	Ritanettes	Chicago, IL
1982	Ritanettes	Chicago, IL
1981	Illiana Lancers	Chicago, IL
1980	Phantom Regt Cadets	Rockford, IL
1979	Vaqueros	Elmhurst, IL
1978	Flushing HS	Flushing, MI
1977	Entrada	Jasper, AL
1976	Regal Valiants	Villa Park, IL
1975	Profiles	Waukesha, WI
1974	Accent Cadets	Sheboygan, WI
1973	Trooper Cadets	Casper, WY
1972	Buccaneers	Sheboygan, WI
1971	Patriots	Fox Point, WI
1970	Trooper Cadets	Casper, WY



WEST BEND SCHOLASTIC CADETS WINTER GUARD 2023

West Bend Scholastic Cadets
Winter Guard 2023

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2023
GROUP
FINALIST
SILVERBROOK INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
JUNIOR



DGN WINTER GUARD 2023

Sheika Alcantar Rodriguez

** Angelina Antonio

Marnie Enright

Cara Fleming

Valeria Gonzalez

Eva Henrikson

Elayna Knezevich

~ ** Clara Lerch

Bailey Mongello

** Stefania Mossman

Phoenix Nystrom

Josh Ronquillo

Lauren Rotta

JoDee Schmidt

Addison Sutton

Kathy Toledano Vazquez

Lindsay Vela

Olivia Zambreno

~ Seniors

** Captains

ECHOES OF HOPE ECHOES OF HOPE ECHOES OF HOPE ECHOES OF HOPE



My, oh my, what a lovely team we have this year! Aside from your amazing successes throughout the season, we are just so proud of you all for the incredible team bond you have created. The level of kindness and encouragement you give to each other is what makes this year's team so unique and special, and we love you for it. We have thrown some really challenging stuff your way all season long, and you have risen to the occasion time and time again! It makes us glow with pride to see how much each and every one of you has grown since the beginning of the season, and we are so proud to call you our team. To our lonesome senior, Clara, we are going to miss you tremendously. You have been an exceptional leader and mentor to younger members over the years, and while we are sad to see you go, we can't wait to see where life takes you next!

~ Coach Crystal & Coach Jen





MWCGC Class Winners

Senior Class

2018 - 2022	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

2022	Naperville Central HS	Naperville, IL
2021	No Championships	
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

2022	Allegiance Open	Dundee, IL
2021	No Championships	
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 – 2022	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

1991	Thunderbolts	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 Ridge, 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	OLHR Queensman	Kenosha, WI
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

Independent World Class

2017 – 2022	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
1999 – 1998	No Competitors	
1997	Sundowners	Madison, WI
1996	Sundowners	Madison, WI
1995	Sundowners	Madison, WI
1994	Sundowners	Madison, WI
1993	State Street Review	Madison, WI
1992	State Street Review	Madison, WI



Sky full of Stars

2023 ALLEGIANCE JR CADETS

You or someone you know
interested in joining the
Allegiance family?

- Co-ed, ages 5-14
- Spring Spin Clinic: May 6
- Fall Spin Clinic: August 27



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WEST BEND MINI CADETS WINTER GUARD 2023



A LOVE OF ALL SEASONS

West Bend Mini Cadets Winter Guard 2023

PERFORMERS

Aria
Ashlin
Calla
Ella
Emily

Maisie
Meekah
Raina
Tegan
Yazmin

STAFF

Mrs. Nienow
Aunt Cami
Jenna
Kari
Leah

Lindsay
Lindsey
Scott
Jake
Amy



MWCGC Scholarship Winners

Midwest Circuit Scholarship

2022	Alyssa Birzetis	Naperville Central HS
	Morgan Neuhauser	Barrington, IL
2021	Avery Wendt	Naperville Central HS
	Abigail Golk	Naperville Central HS
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

2022	Alysha Wenglarz	Lake Central HS
2021	Annabella Walker	West Bend HS
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

2022	Lake Ragnini	Downers Grove North HS
2021	Susan Byrom	Hersey HS
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 Przybylinski	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	Independence
2004	Ashley Biederwolf	Evolution
2003	Patty Schuppner	Tapestry

Shea Preston- Al Nichols Memorial Scholarship

2022	Ashley Peters	Allegiance
2021	Noreri Cisneros	West Bend HS
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

2022	Akshi Mistry	Downers Grove North HS
2021	Rachel Bender	Downers Grove North HS
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

2022	Kenza Lis	VIVA
2021	Niyah Cannon	Crete-Monee HS
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

2022	Amelia Lin	Stevenson HS Varsity
	Kayla Lemens	West Bend HS
2021	Mia Gastile	Marian Catholic HS
	Sonia Gutkowski	Naperville Central HS
2020	Elizabeth Colip	Downers Grove South HS
	Katherine Taylor	Allegiance
2019	Rebecca Aguilar	Allegiance
	Faith Philip	Hoffman Estates HS Varsity
2018	Abby Gernenz	Coal City HS
	Mely Meraz	Romeoville HS
2017	Hannah Hestermann	Lake Central HS

Rookie of the Year

2022	Abigail Johnson	Grant Community HS
2021	Jasmine Washington	Marian Catholic HS
2020	Jossie Tracy	MONTAGE
2019	Charlotte McGrath	Hoffman Estates HS Varsity
2018	Tim Benedict	Farmington HS
2017	Emily Buster	Farmington HS
2016	Grace Zackavec	Morris Community HS
2015	Marcus LaBranche	Crete-Monee HS
2014	Youri Takisawa	Hersey HS
2013	Claire Walsh	Lincoln-Way Central HS
2012	Jaime Escatel	Argo HS
2011	Toree Schmidt	Heritage of McKendree
2010	Kimmy Arriaga	Rochelle Township HS
2009	Carly Johnson	Minooka HS
2008	Juliette Makara	Hersey HS
2007	Independence B	
2006	Sara Rhoades	Lake Central HS
2005	Stephanie Anderson	Lowell HS
2004	Connie Spray	Minooka HS
2003	Missy Krage	Lake Park HS
2002	Sara Storti	Normal HS "Images"
2001	Amber Roth	J.R. Brass
2000	Sheila Hawk	Normal HS "Images"
1999	Jason Kirkpatrick	Seneca HS
1998	Kristen Durnbaugh	Independence
1997	Nikki Smith	Sundowners
1996	Michelle Wanta	Tapestry
1995	Laura Scatena	Normal HS "Images"
1994	Daniel Riley	Frankton HS
1993	Alicia Erickson	Sunshine Review
1992	Kim Pier	Montage
1991	Holly Gialdini	Sunshine Review
1990	Missy Hannon	LaPorte HS



MWCGC Scholarship Winners

Commander's Medallion

2022	Olyvia Panici	Lake Central HS	1997	Tracy Eltrvoog	Seneca HS
2021	Julie Appleton	Coal City HS	1996	Deborah Zeitlin	Steperettes
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 rd 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 rd 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
			1975	Peggy Berger	Lancers
			1974	Karen Horngren	Mariners

*Lullaby
FOR A
Stormy
Night*

 **Allegiance**
2023 A GUARD

**You or someone you know
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Allegiance family?**

- Spring Spin Clinic: May 6
- Fall Spin Clinic: August 27
- A Guard Auditions: Early September

 **Allegiance**
COLOR GUARD

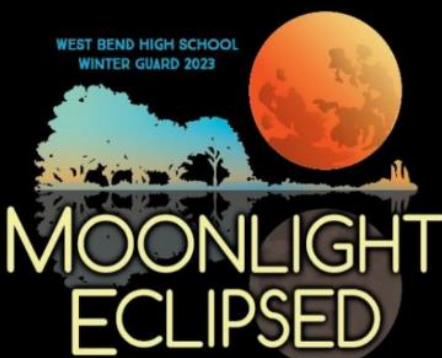
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MWCGC Hall of Fame

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

WEST BEND HIGH SCHOOL SAA WINTER GUARD 2023



Promoted from
SRA to SAA
CONGRATS!





CONGRATULATING OUR CLASS OF 2023 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Madelyn Bochat, Cary Grove HS

Guard History: CGHS Color Guard, Allegiance A

I started on the CGHS Color Guard team where I fell in love with color guard. I decided to join winter guard with Allegiance where I became the team captain and made many friends. I want to thank my family for supporting me throughout my life and my coaches for believing in me when I didn't believe in myself. I plan to continue being a part of the Allegiance team while also attending Carthage College where I plan to study Special Education and Psychology.

Litzy Fuentes, Lincoln-Way East HS

Guard History: LWMB 2021-2022, LWVG 2022, Allegiance Open 2023

Favorite memory: Performing at WGI worlds with the Lincoln-Way Winter Guard. Many thanks to Tim Tams (Tammy Kaliwoda) for helping me find my love for color guard. I plan on studying criminology in college.

Maddi Neary, Lincoln-Way East HS

Guard History: LWMB 2019-2022, Allegiance Open 2023

I started my guard career in 8th grade with the LW JR Guard, and from that moment on - I was hooked. Spinning brings me so much joy and I'm grateful for the people I've met through this sport, including my best friend. My favorite guard memory was LWVG 2022, when we went to WGI and we placed 9th with our tiny, but mighty team of the 10 strongest girls I know. I've learned so much from this sport and I'm forever grateful for the opportunity Allegiance gave me this season to spin with their open guard. I'm proud to say I will be attending Trinity Christian College with a major in secondary physical education with an endorsement in special education. I couldn't say thank you enough to the Allegiance staff for the opportunity to spin this winter season. I also would like to thank the LW staff for always believing in me and building me up to who I am today. I'm forever thankful for everything you did for me.

Olivia Powell, Bartlett HS

Guard History: BHS Color Guard 2022-2023, Allegiance A 2022 - 2023

I only learned about color guard a few years ago. Allegiance was the first guard I joined and I am so happy I did. Everyone made me feel welcome even though I had very little experience. My favorite part is learning new tricks and choreography. I want to thank my Mom & Dad for supporting me and driving me all over for practices and competitions. I plan to attend a 4-year university in the fall and hope to continue with color guard, if possible.

Emma Thunstedt, Metea Valley HS

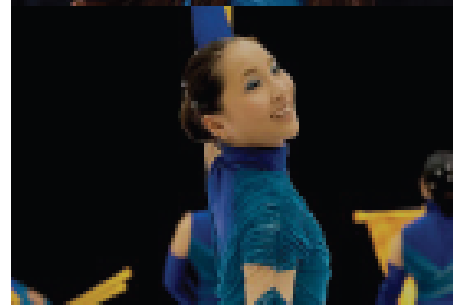
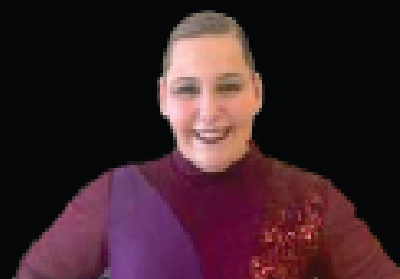
Guard History: 2 yrs Steperette Cadets, 2 yrs Perpetuum, 2 yrs Allegiance Open, 4 yrs Metea Marching Band

My favorite thing about color guard is the performances and all of the amazing people that I've met through this activity.

WenLi Zekich, Lincoln-Way Central HS

Guard History: LWMB 2019-2022, LWVG 2020-2022, Allegiance Open 2023

My favorite winter guard memory was performing "Hallelujah" at the UD arena in finals with Lincoln-Way Community High School! Many thanks to my Lincoln-Way family (Tammy Kaliwoda, Metzger, Spert), and Joshua De Guzman for coaching me and helping me achieve my goals. I wouldn't be where I am today without their endless love and support! I plan on studying chemical engineering at the University of Dayton.



2023 Contest Recap

Allegiance

January 28th, 2023

Scholastic Cadet

West Bend Scholastic Cadet 53.80

Independent Cadet

Steperette Cadets 52.68

Scholastic Regional A – Rd. 1

West Bend HS 57.35

Mundelein HS 49.03

Lake Zurich HS 48.90

Round Lake HS – JV 46.93

TF North HS 39.35

Lemont HS 39.17

Farmington HS 36.30

Scholastic Regional A – Rd. 2

Marengo Community HS 48.44

Grayslake North HS 45.17

TF South HS 43.50

Schaumburg HS 42.94

Palatine HS – Varsity 41.91

Providence Catholic HS 38.00

Barrington HS 34.96

Independent Regional A

Convergence 49.03

Scholastic AA

Stevenson HS – JV 52.21

Lake Park HS 47.84

Hersey HS 47.54

Warren Township HS SAA 46.82

Scholastic A

Stevenson HS – Varsity 61.45

Round Lake HS – Varsity 55.22

Warren Township HS SA 54.26

Independent A

VIVA 55.47

Allegiance A 49.70

St. Ambrose University Winter Guard 47.37

Independent Open

Allegiance 65.00

MANTENO HIGH SCHOOL GUARD
WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE 2023



I'm so proud of all your hard work this year!
To Narnia!
-Coach Brandt



2023 Contest Recap

Steperette Cadets

January 29th, 2023

Scholastic Cadet

Central Middle School 41.13

Independent Cadet

Steperette Cadets 52.00

Scholastic Regional A – Rd. 1

Evanston Township HS 54.10

Minooka Community HS – JV 53.26

Rolling Meadows HS 48.21

University HS 45.21

TF North HS 44.20

Illinois Central Valley HS 42.20

Lemont HS 40.66

Scholastic Regional A – Rd. 2

Normal JV 52.69

Wheaton North HS 51.11

Grayslake North HS 49.00

Coal City HS 45.74

Evergreen Park HS 45.65

El Paso Gridley HS 43.91

New Berlin United Winter Guard 40.17

Independent Regional A

Fond du Lac Winter Guard 51.16

Perpetuum RA 49.12

Scholastic AA

Stagg HS 56.96

Naperville North HS 53.96

District 117 Winter Guard 50.06

Fremd HS – Varsity 46.90

Morris Community HS – Varsity 44.82

Davenport Central HS 43.28

Wheaton Warrenville South HS 42.17

Scholastic A

Lockport Township HS 62.06

Downers Grove South HS 59.10

Plainfield Winter Guard 58.36

Normal HS 58.16

Munster HS 53.61

Minooka Community HS – Varsity 53.21

Independent A

MONTAGE 55.89

Perpetuum Winter Guard 51.40

Scholastic Open

Naperville Central HS 57.60

Marian Catholic HS 52.00

Independent Open

SSO 54.40

CONGRATULATIONS ON A PICTURE PERFECT SEASON

Mundelein
WINTER GUARD

Moments in Time
2023

VARSITY GUARD

Meagan - captain • Caleb - captain • Kylie • Molly • Jolette • Samantha
Wendy • Brenda • Reyna • Briana • Alondra • Melanie • Barrett • Madison

J.V. GUARD

Aeryn • Karina • Jacob • Carlos • Enayda • Maggie • Charles • Evelyn • Kyla



2023 Contest Recap

Naperville Central

February 5th, 2023

Independent Cadet

Steperette Cadets 51.79

Scholastic Regional A – Rd. 1

Lemont HS 51.65
Rolling Meadows HS 50.26
Mundelein HS 50.20
University HS 48.36
Farmington HS 41.42
Barrington HS 39.38

Scholastic Regional A – Rd. 2

Wheaton North HS 53.83
Manteno HS 49.42
Chesterton HS 49.14
Illinois Valley Central HS 48.70
New Berlin United Winter Guard 44.38

Independent Regional A

South Shore Divas 57.02
Perpetuum RA 51.95
Kinetic Independent 51.62

Scholastic AA

Stagg HS 58.67
Stevenson HS – JV 56.85
District 117 56.13
Downers Grove North HS 53.87
Naperville North HS 51.22
Warren Township HS SAA 50.79
Lake Central HS – JV 47.84
Davenport Central HS 47.20
Wheaton Warrenville South HS 43.91

Scholastic A

Lockport Township HS 64.17
Stevenson HS – Varsity 63.60
Plainfield Winter Guard 62.68
Downers Grove South HS 61.10
Normal HS 59.02
Victor J Andrew HS 57.30
Warren Township HS SA 55.92
Batavia HS 54.69
Hoffman Estates HS – Varsity 48.92

Independent A

Young Ladies of South Shore 58.20
MONTAGE 58.03
Perpetuum Winter Guard 55.74
Allegiance A 54.09
Junior Cadets of South Shore 51.40

Scholastic Open

Naperville Central HS 62.00
Marian Catholic HS 56.10
Lake Central HS – Varsity 53.70

Independent Open

Allegiance 64.50





WHAT A WONDERFUL SEASON!

Congratulations to all the guards
on outstanding shows!

The Steperettes Organization

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2023 Contest Recap

Schaumburg

February 19th, 2023

Scholastic Cadet

West Bend Scholastic Cadets	60.07
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Scholastic Regional A – Rd. 1

Evanston Township HS	65.74
Wheaton North HS	65.02
Bloomington HS	57.01
Illinois Valley Central HS	54.64
Grayslake North HS	54.28
Barrington HS	54.02
Kankakee Valley HS	53.94
Coal City HS	53.50

Scholastic Regional A – Rd. 2

Normal JV	63.42
Round Lake HS – JV	62.84
Lake Zurich HS	61.94
Manteno HS	60.71
Chesterton HS	60.52
Marengo Community HS	59.75
El Paso Gridley HS	54.76
Hoffman Estates HS – JV	51.66

Scholastic Regional A – Rd. 3

West Bend HS	71.29
Schaumburg HS	60.83
Palatine HS – Varsity	59.68
Rolling Meadows HS	59.36
TF South HS	56.82
McHenry HS	53.99
New Berlin United Winter Guard	53.60

Independent Regional A

Convergence	62.95
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Scholastic AA

District 117	61.94
Downers Grove North HS	59.80
Lake Park HS	59.64
Hersey HS	56.33
Fremd HS – Varsity	53.57
Davenport Central HS	53.28
Hoffman Estates HS – Varsity	52.46
Wheaton Warrenville South HS	47.98
Morris Community HS – Varsity	47.67

Scholastic A

Round Lake HS – Varsity	70.20
Victor J Andrew HS	70.13
Batavia HS	69.14
Munster HS	64.37

Independent A

MONTAGE	70.77
VIVA	68.18
Allegiance A	62.01
St. Ambrose University Winter Guard	59.29

Scholastic Open

Marian Catholic HS	64.00
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Independent Open

SSO	73.30
Allegiance	70.90



2023 Contest Recap

Lake Park

March 4th, 2023

Scholastic Cadet

Central Middle School 59.36

Scholastic Regional A – Rd. 1

Minooka Community HS – JV 72.36

Wheaton North HS 70.64

Mundelein HS 70.15

Lake Zurich HS 69.59

Rolling Meadows HS 66.76

University HS 65.31

Farmington HS 60.82

Crete-Monee HS 54.42

Scholastic Regional A – Rd. 2

Chesterton HS 71.17

Lemont HS 67.77

Schaumburg HS 66.92

Coal City HS 66.34

Palatine HS – Varsity 63.52

McHenry HS 60.29

Barrington HS 59.62

Hoffman Estates HS – JV 55.54

Independent Regional A

South Shore Divas 72.10

Convergence 70.40

Kinetic Independent 68.26

Perpetuum RA 67.19

Scholastic AA

Stevenson HS – JV 72.57

Warren Township HS SAA 71.33

Lake Park HS 68.83

District 117 Winter Guard 67.71

Naperville North HS 64.22

Davenport Central HS 63.94

Fremd HS – Varsity 63.73

Hoffman Estates HS – Varsity 61.74

Wheaton Warrenville South HS 57.18

Scholastic A

Victor J Andrew HS 73.90

Warren Township HS SA 73.01

Downers Grove South HS 72.01

Minooka Community HS – Varsity 70.51

Independent A

VIVA 74.07

Young Ladies of South Shore 73.51

Junior Cadets of South Shore 70.54

Allegiance A 68.81

TF South

March 5th, 2023

Scholastic Regional A – Rd. 1

Paris HS 66.55

Normal HS – JV 64.85

Manteno HS 61.62

Illinois Valley Central HS 59.60

Evergreen Park HS 58.47

El Paso Gridley HS 56.27

TF North HS 56.10

Scholastic Regional A – Rd. 2

Bloomington HS 65.91

Coal City HS 65.07

TF South HS 62.16

Kankakee Valley HS 60.34

New Berlin United Winter Guard 60.12

Crete-Monee HS 54.04

Independent Regional A

University of Iowa 61.33

Scholastic AA

Lake Central HS – JV 67.18

Scholastic A

Normal HS 74.88

Munster HS 67.63

Scholastic Open

Lake Central HS – Varsity 72.10



2023 Contest Recap

Hersey

March 11th, 2023

Scholastic Cadet

West Bend Scholastic Cadets 71.51

Scholastic Regional A – Rd. 1

Chesterton HS 70.75

Evanston Township HS 70.30

Lake Zurich HS 67.45

Round Lake HS – JV 64.69

Palatine HS – Varsity 64.33

Scholastic Regional A – Rd. 2

Paris HS 74.91

Rolling Meadows HS 72.03

TF North HS 71.20

Marengo Community HS 64.76

Evergreen Park HS 63.62

Illinois Central Valley HS 60.23

Barrington HS 57.47

Independent Regional A

Convergence 72.52

Fond du Lac Winter Guard 69.72

University of Iowa 62.62

Scholastic AA

Stevenson HS – JV 72.41

West Bend HS 69.34

Hersey HS 66.37

Hoffman Estates HS – Varsity 63.62

Fremd HS – Varsity 62.36

Scholastic A

Stevenson HS – Varsity 80.00

Round Lake HS – Varsity 75.92

Munster HS 68.19

Victor J Andrew HS --

Independent A

VIVA 74.89

Allegiance A 68.85

St. Ambrose University Winter Guard 68.13

Naperville North

March 12th, 2023

Scholastic Cadet

Central Middle School 64.81

Independent Cadet

Steperette Cadets 74.80

Scholastic Regional A

Wheaton North HS 73.71

Grayslake North HS 69.55

Manteno HS 66.55

El Paso Gridley HS 64.77

TF South HS 61.08

Independent Regional A

Fond du Lac Winter Guard 74.87

South Shore Divas 72.45

Perpetuum RA 67.89

Scholastic AA

Stagg HS 74.65

Warren Township HS SAA 72.45

Naperville North HS 71.35

Lake Central HS – JV 70.33

Davenport Central HS 69.04

Morris Community HS – Varsity 65.23

Wheaton Warrenville South HS 64.68

Scholastic A

Lockport Township HS 82.17

Downers Grove South HS 77.08

Batavia HS 76.40

Warren Township HS A 76.02

Normal HS 75.82

Independent A

Young Ladies of South Shore 77.18

MONTAGE 75.11

Junior Cadets South Shore 72.91

Perpetuum Winter Guard 71.15

Scholastic Open

Naperville Central HS 81.90

Lake Central HS – Varsity 75.60

Independent Open

SSO 80.10



2023 Contest Recap

Minooka

March 18th, 2023

Scholastic Cadet

West Bend Scholastic Cadets	76.30
Central Middle School	67.51

Independent Cadet

Steperette Cadets	75.33
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Scholastic Regional A – Rd. 1

Evanston Township HS	79.50
Wheaton North HS	79.02
Evergreen Park HS	73.15
Kankakee Valley HS	67.27
TF South HS	65.13
Farmington HS	65.12
Providence Catholic HS	61.47

Scholastic Regional A – Rd. 2

Chesterton HS	78.84
Minooka Community HS – JV	75.82
Normal HS – JV	74.51
Mundelein HS	73.69
Schaumburg HS	71.89
University HS	70.31
McHenry HS	66.53

Scholastic Regional A – Rd. 3

Lemont HS	76.55
Palatine HS – Varsity	72.19
TF North HS	72.18
Marengo Community HS	70.89
Bloomington HS	70.30
El Paso Gridley HS	66.06

Independent Regional A

Fond du Lac Winter Guard	78.29
Convergence	75.27
Perpetuum RA	73.35
Kinetic Independent	73.30

Scholastic AA

Stevenson HS – JV	75.82
West Bend HS	75.31
District 117 Winter Guard	73.62
Downers Grove North HS	72.52
Lake Park HS	72.19
Hersey HS	68.01
Fremd HS – Varsity	66.35
Hoffman Estates HS – Varsity	63.83

Scholastic A

Batavia HS	80.19
Round Lake HS – Varsity	78.81
Plainfield Winter Guard	76.76
Minooka Community HS – Varsity	73.19

Independent A

Young Ladies of South Shore	78.44
Allegiance A	73.68
Junior Cadets of South Shore	72.93
Perpetuum Winter Guard	72.30
St. Ambrose University Winter Guard	--



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Reiley
Lela
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Warren JV Winter Guard 2023



Meet the
team:
Chrissy
Abobon, Ani
Alloian,
Audrina
Biba, Melissa
Cuevas,
Jasmine
Desamero,
Zaira Felix,
Emma
Finerty,
Madeline
Garner,
Jewels
Savorgino,
Chris
Wisowaty

Welcome to a day in the life of a cloud maker. This fun-loving group of carefree workers spin the endless skies full of voluminous clouds, spending every waking moment perfecting their craft. For the first time ever, we will see glimpses into the cloud-making process and how clouds have come to be.



2023 MWCGC Graduates & Age Outs



Chrisela Abobon

SAA

6 Years

I am in color guard (best auxiliary), JV winter guard, astronomy club, Illinois State Scholar, featured in my school's art magazine, and was one of the finalists for the 2022 Midwest Color Guard Circuit

Performing in the cold. The chills never got to me because the warmth from dancing my heart out with my teammates kept me from freezing (which also meant free hugs!) I'm just glad to have made all these wonderful friends and share a love for color guard with everyone!!



Carlee Aten

Steperette Cadets

3 Years

I've been a part of the Steperette Cadets for 3 years, I play Tenor Saxophone in curricular band and in the Jazz band, and I'm a Junior Zookeeper at Cosley Zoo. I'm also a part of Student Council and Library Advisory Board at Franklin Middle School.

One of my favorite memories is the first time we went to circuit championships in-person, being able to see all our hard work as a team pay off and being there with all the other amazing guards. I remember during awards, something had happened, and the scores were delayed, we all started dancing and singing to the music while we were in the stands during the wait, and it was a ton of fun. And of course, getting to dye Howie's hair!



August Allington

Downers Grove South HS

4 Years

The band camp water balloon fight with color guard.



Kristine Angeles

Round Lake HS

4 Years

My favorite Memory of being in guard is being able to experience all the competitions and practices with my best friends, the environment is nothing I've seen before, when ever I'm down my teammates always know how to cheer me up. I'm very grateful for all the memories I created and will cherish them forever!



Natalie Barajas

Round Lake HS Varsity

3 Years

I'm planning to continue guard into college.

Meeting my friends, I've meet so many people from joining guard and I'm so thankful for all of them. Without guard I'm not sure what I'd do without these amazing teammates and caring staff members, they've all shaped my high school life and will continue to impact me for the better.



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Kellen Beaty

Normal Winter Guard Varsity
2 Years

I am guard captain, a percussion member for band and marching band, state champion for the veterinary science team, a part of the FFA leadership team member, winner of the 1st district job interview competition, and a Mclean County Dance Company member.

Loved all memories getting to meet new people and express themselves through the art of dance.

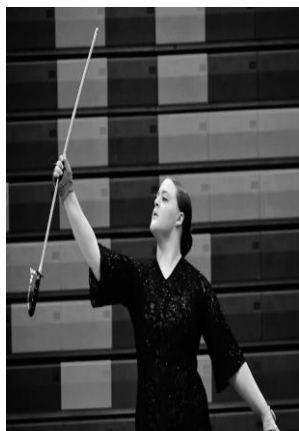


Alexis Bruce

Davenport Central HS
1 Year

I am a 4.0 student, National Honor Society member, and it is my first year in winter guard. I was also head Drum Major for our high school marching band and am involved in a number of extra-curriculars and sports such as Volleyball and Track.

It's my first year so I haven't made many memories yet but comps and bus rides up to comps have been a lot of fun so far, very cool experience.



Emma Brazell

Naperville Central HS
9 Years

I am a member of the Naperville Central Winter Guard, Naperville Central Marching Band, a member of the 2022 BOA Rose Bowl Honor Band, and a Steperette X guard - assistant instructor.

The bus ride to competition, the most favorable memories for me have always taken place on the bus rides. From the nerves going to the competition to the excitement coming home.



René Campos Jr

Round Lake HS
4 Years

I am in Color/Winter Guard, Marching Band, Band, Track & Field, and Cross Country.

My favorite memory from guard is performing! I get so much adrenaline every time it's the day of a competition. I love hearing the crowd cheer and I love it when other teams compliment our show. After each competition, I would look back at a recording and see what I can improve for the next competition, so it helps me a lot. Overall, I love everything about guard! Such a great way to relief stress and I honestly feel like I belong there.



Xavier Buford

Marian Catholic HS
4 Years

I am band president.

My favorite memory from guard would have to be watching finals last year at WGI. Onyx has my heart!



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Ellie Carlson

West Bend Scholastic Cadets
4 Years

I've done 1 year of volleyball, got 1st in a horse show, and have been in orchestra for 4 years.

I have so many amazing guard memories but my favorite one was when I walked into my first Winter Guard competition. The first time I performed I knew that I was going to do this for as long as I could. I love every five-hour long guard practice and waking up early for guard competitions. The bus rides to competitions made everything ten times better! We would blast music and sing our hearts out to "Party in the U.S.A," or maybe when we would have time to sleep in the mornings, it just felt like the best nap every because I know that we were on our way to a competition. How could I forget Mrs. Nienow or Aunt Cami? They haven't just made me the Guard performer I am today, but they have made me the person I am today. Amy, Jake, and Emily have also played a major role in helping me make sure I understand every little detail to make me an amazing Guard performer. These Coaches have helped me develop more confidence than I could ever have imagined. I would also like to thank the High School team for helping the WBSC before we perform and during practice. I hope the other 20 girls and all the new Cadets to come the best of luck in all their competitions in the future. I have shed so many tears for this sport and had so many injuries, but I wouldn't change it for the world. I wouldn't have changed these last three years of my life.



Ash Carr

Hersey HS
4 Years

I'm in color guard.

Creating such a huge bond with the team and actually feeling like a family. Truly changed everything for me.



Cailey Danek

Morris Community HS
1 Year

I'm in band, tennis, pit for the musical, ski club, and interact club.

Being with my team on the bus to competitions.



Megan DePauw

McHenry HS
3 Years

I am Fall color guard captain, on varsity badminton, a theater participant, and honor choir member.

The moment my glasses fell off during a marching band performance! I grabbed them from the ground quick and continued with them in my mouth. Thankfully, there was a pause in the movement when we were facing backwards, and I could put them back on.



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Tanya DeGroot

Fremd HS Varsity
3 Years

I was known as the "sunshine chair" and created team bonding activities and hangouts for the team to get closer and help new members fit in! I've had a solo toss and my team, and I won championships in 2022 and 1st place in marching band competitions. Besides guard, I'm in art and writers club, part of the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS), and an Illinois State Scholar.

My favorite memory is winning championships last year! We had a cowboy show called "Don't Fence Me In" and it was a lot of fun performing.



Ruby Diaz

Wheaton North HS
1 Year

I'm in Spanish club, winter guard, and color guard.

My favorite memory is when we get to see the other guards preform and setting their shows



Lilly Drager

Lake Park HS
4 Years
Most Outstanding Freshman and Directors Award Senior Year.

Watching regional performances my senior year with some of my closest friends, who i wouldn't have without this amazing program



A'Janaye Duvall

El Paso Gridley HS
4 Years
I'm in color guard & winter guard captain.

My favorite memory was when we had our last field season performance of the year, and the team got me a lot of gifts to celebrate.



Samantha English

El Paso Gridley HS
4 Years
I volunteer for Relay For Life, volunteer for American Cancer Society, am a part of 700s Club - High School Weightlifting, and am involved in Track - Shot Put and Disc.

It was the feeling this season when we performed and got called at awards and knew our performance finally counted after three years of just exhibiting.



Kate Frendreiss

Naperville North HS
1.5 Years

My favorite memory is probably going to Disney this year and meeting some of my best friends at band camp.



Warren Varsity Winter Guard 2023

Meet the team: Samantha Lund, Stephanie Mago, Katie Davis, Kallie Jasnoch, Kate Shugarts, Aiyana McAulay, Hannah Linna, Gracie Cortez, Ryanna Gonzales, Erika Relayson



After a devastating breakup, she found herself in a river of her own tears. After years of putting the pieces of her life back together, she finally regained her confidence. But suddenly, the phone rings... It's them... And now it's time for them to cry their own river.



Team Members

Elyse, Clare, Aislinn, Emily Claire, Olena, Tanya, Martha, Emily, Luca, Katie, Stephanie, Michele, Amaan, Natalyn, Anna

Staff Members

Mrs. Schlesinger, Ms. Seidman

2023 FRENCH GUARD PRESENTS



HOME to GLORY



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Patsy Geno

Naperville Central HS

4 Years

National Honors society for 2 years, curricular band for 4 years, 4 years of color guard in marching band, 4 years of winter guard, marching band section leader for 1 year and senior leader for winter guard, helped co-teach middle school guard in the fall and winter, and co-taught at the Lincoln Junior High flags intramural in May of last year.

Getting to go to WGI world championships last year because we got to compete against the top teams in the nation, I got to spend 4 days in a row with my best friends, and finally getting to go to it after it being cancelled by freshman and sophomore year.



Jenna Giehler

Naperville North HS

11 Years

I'm a color guard captain and a peer tutor. Additionally, I'm in orchesis, senior board, and German national honor society.

My favorite memory from guard was performing at Disney with my best friends!



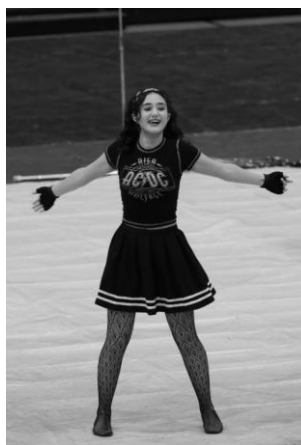
Imani Gilmer

Marian Catholic HS

4 Years

I'm in NHS, Honor roll, basketball team, and Vice President of the Rhoer club of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc.

The energy and excitement every time we step off the field/tarp and we all know we did an amazing run. Also, the encouragement we give on another after a difficult practice.



Naomi Gonzalez

Round Lake HS Varsity

4 Years

I was drum major.

My favorite memory is in my senior year. We where at WGI Chicago and we had just finished performing, and we were talking about the performance. It was not our best, but we gave it our all. We were waiting for the results on who was moving to finals. Our coach called us over. We thought we didn't make it. But then she said something that confused. She said that we were 8th in our class. It took us a moment but when we realized that we made it, we cried out with joy. That memory will stay with me for a long time.

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Rubi Guadarrama

Round Lake HS

3 Years

I achieved high academic levels including honors and college level classes.

My favorite guard memory was attending the Smith Walbridge Clinics during the summer.



Tyler Havle

Downers Grove South HS

2 Years

Color Guard Captain, Math Team, Research Club, NHS, and Math Tutor.

Going to medieval times for team bonding and our coach driving the bus there. She hit the side of a curb, and everybody flew a foot into the air.



Alexis Hansen

West Bend Scholastic Cadets

1 Year

Honestly, it's hard to say what my favorite guard memory is because I love everything from Sunday practices to competitions. It's also kind of difficult because I have only been in winter guard for one year. Guard has shown me how important communication is. I have come a long way not only in guard, but also in my life, thanks to my amazing teammates, awesome parents, and of course, my incredible coaches!! I am so glad that I decided to join winter guard. I hope I will be able to continue doing winter guard as the years go on, and I will always be thankful that I had the opportunity to be a part of the cadets this year. I am so excited for what's next to come. Thank you, Mrs. Nienow, Aunt Cami, Amy, Jake, and my wonderful team for helping me get to where I am now!



James Heiser

West Bend HS

1 Year

I was apart of the drum line for the high school.

My favorite memory was at my first competition, I spilled an entire gallon of Arizona green tea on the floor.



Mia Hess

Naperville Central HS

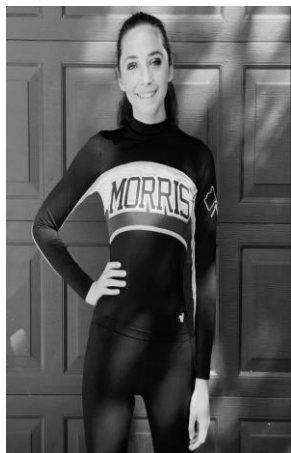
4 Years

I have done Marching Band and Winter Guard all four years of high school. I also have done German Club, Writer's Block, and Culinary Club at school. I joined NHS senior year and have kept a 4.0 GPA throughout high school so far. I love drawing and bike riding on my free time :)

Probably the bus rides to and coming home from days long competitions. It's fun playing music and sharing memories with teammates.



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Avah Hitchcock

Morris Community HS
4 Years

I am on the Winter Guard, an Illinois State Scholar, a Lifeguard and Swimming Instructor at Morris City Pool, a member of Interact Club and Spanish Club.

My favorite memory was watching world class finals at Dayton with my team.



Taylor Jansen

Hersey HS
2.5 Years

I am in guard and golf.

When one of our props broke minutes before our finals run and we were all freaking out, but we got it together and had a great final run :)



Michele Hunt

Fremd HS Varsity
4 Years

I am doing well at competitions, doing art club, getting As and Bs on a semester report card.

One time we went out for ice cream after a competition and the lady behind the counter was calling out our names and Clare James and I both thought she said Coleslaw instead of Aislinn.



Alexis Johnson

Wheaton North HS
3 Years



Clare James

Fremd HS Varsity
4 Years

I am a guard captain. I was accepted into my dream culinary school.

My favorite memory in color guard is my team, and I would go out after competitions and get dinner.



Mara Kappel

Naperville North HS
4 Years

I am color guard captain, on senior board, in interact club, and humane huskies.

My favorite guard memories were always the competition bus rides, especially the one on the way home from the Indianapolis regional my freshman year.

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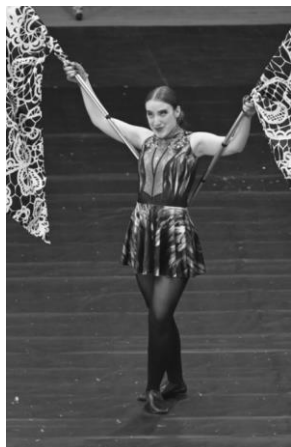
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DISTRICT 117 WINTER GUARD



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Caitlyn Karcecki

Hoffman Estates HS Varsity
4 Years

I won third place for the IHSA journalism state championship, making history for Hoffman Estates High School!

Honestly, one of my favorite memories in guard come from my senior year, by being able to truly bond with my teammates and coaches. Practices have been full of genuine fun, where we can goof off and still create a show that tells the story we wanted to tell. I'll miss the moments of laughing with JV and varsity and having deep conversations with my coaches about color guard as a whole and our show. I'm so glad to have been a Skyhawk this year with such a good team.



Jillian Katz

Steperette Cadets
5 Years

I am in orchestra playing viola , the creator of Sprout, the leader in WEB program, and commander first Lego league.

Being able to do something Vicki and Howie taught me that I couldn't do but with practice I eventually did and making lifelong friendships.



Campbell Kennedy

Steperette Cadets
1 Year

I am in art, theatre, and student council.

Going to all the different competitions.

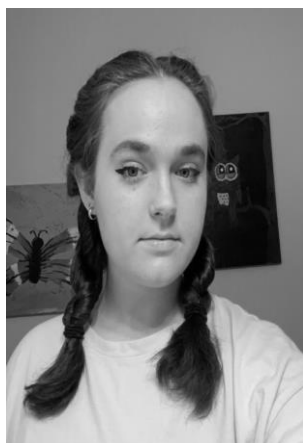


Amaan Khan

Fremd HS Varsity
½ Year

I'm in Viking Marching Band, D211 Honors Orchestra, D211 Honors Band, Tri-M, ILMEA District 7 Band, and ILMEA All-State Honors Band.

Getting into costume for the first time this year while listening to the jazz band concert in the next room over and thinking "ope, there's Mark..."



Katelyn Kilby

Normal Winter Guard - Varsity
4 Years

I have been a cello player for 8 years, am an art club member, French club member, had four different pieces of art shown at the school art show, and have been guard captain for 2 years.

Junior year marching band season! Our band won our class and I got to experience this moment with my best friends.

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Karley Kowalski

Lockport Township HS
4 Years

I have spun with Lockport for 8 seasons since my freshmen year. This winter is my 4th season as captain of Lockport's team. Outside of fall and varsity winter guard, I have been a Student Ambassador, a part of Orchesis Dance Club, and the National Honors Society. While balancing guard and working 30 hours a week, I have maintained a 4.3 GPA throughout all four years of high school.

My favorite memory happened in the fall season of my freshmen year when Lockport made finals for the very first time at a BOA Super Regional Competition in 2019.



Clara Lerch

Downers Grove North HS
4 Years

I am on high honor roll, a choir member and in Girl Scouts.

My favorite memory from guard happened when we performed in the London New Years Day Parade. Our coach told us to be weary of and avoid any horse poop we encountered marching. While we were marching a spectator tried to warn my teammate that she was about to step into horse poop, but my teammate did not hear what they said but still chose to enthusiastically replied "Yes!" I yelled her name to try and warn her, but it was too late, and she had stepped right in the horse poop. All the spectators started laughing and my teammate and were dying of laughter for the rest of the parade.

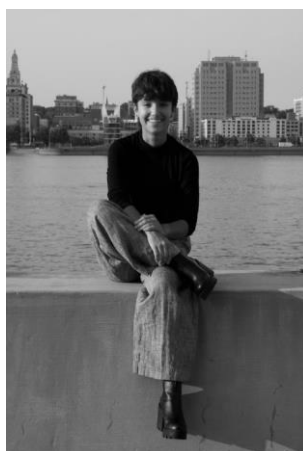


Olena Lewicki

Fremd HS Varsity
4 Years

I am an Athletic leader, Rifle Captain, Member of National Honor Society and National Society of High School Scholars.

Last performance of "Don't Fence Me In" my Junior year.



Veronica Macias

Davenport Central HS
4 Years

My favorite memory from Guard is going to Music for All Summer Symposium 2022 with my fellow Guard Captain and Drum Majors. It was an incredible experience, as well as attending, and being in, London New Years Parade 2023.



Stephanie Mago

Warren Township HS
4 Years

I am a member of National Honor Society, Student Council, Math Team, and Wellness Ambassadors.

My favorite memory is from marching season, we had 2 competitions in one day, and we got home at 2 am. it was so long and so fun.

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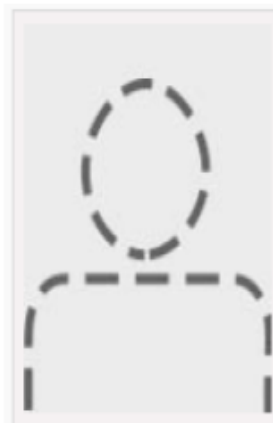


Kathryn Maier

Fremd HS Varsity
1 Year

I am in guard, basketball, book club, and yearbook club.

Going to a fake wedding and getting to enjoy each others company.



Halle Palmer

Normal Winter Guard - Varsity
4 Years



Diamond Marshall

Marian Catholic HS
4 Years

I have been apart of the Marian Catholic HS Marching Band and Winter guard for my entire 4 years of high school, I'm in the National Honors Society, and outside of school I volunteer at Perfect Beginnings Day Care.

My favorite memory is walking off the field at BOA after our semifinal's performance my freshman year. It was such a euphoric feeling that firmly established my love and passion for guard.



Alexandria Perkins

Providence Catholic HS
4 Years

Winning 1st place in states and 3rd in the country for marching band in 2020 for A Class. Winning 2nd place in class 2A and making finals in marching band in 2021. Winning a gold medal position for virtual winter guard in 2021. In NHS (National Honor Society) and NAHS (National Art Honor Society). Captain of the color guard and winter guard team during my senior year.

When we stayed for state finals in 2021 and we performed.



Anna Melnychuk

Fremd HS Varsity
2 Years

I am in Marching Band, Winter Guard, Digital Arts Club, speak fluently in 4 languages (Ukrainian, Russian, Polish, English), and volunteer at a cat shelter.

Seeing different shows at competitions for the first time.



Seyi Ponmile

Marian Catholic HS
4 Years

I am in guard.

Bus rides to out of state competitions my freshmen year.



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Julia Persak

Lake Park HS

2.5 Years

Marching band freshman and sophomore year, color guard junior and senior year. Started winter guard in sophomore year during Covid and continued it junior and senior year. I created a Critter Club at our school, restarted NAHS as the president, I go to volunteering at Anderson Humane once a week, I am in NHS, I have done badminton freshman, sophomore and junior year, and I try my best to stay involved in things I like such as photography (where I have competed in different things like the ducks w conference and art connected art throw down)

My favorite guard related memory would have to be catching my double for the first time at our final competition in marching band. Sure, it might have been a little late, but I still did it! All my band friends who stood behind me during the show came up to me after our performance and started cheering and everything, so I felt on top of the world!



Rafael Popoca

Round Lake HS

2 Years

I am color guard captain.

My most favorite memory from guard would be traveling to watch The Cavaliers with my coach and other fellow captains! One of our captain alumni joined The Cavaliers after he graduated last year and our coach wanted to show him our support, so she took us out to dinner and then to watch him perform at his competition! It was so fun being able to enjoy the day with my teammates as well as bug my coach the whole time, but she knows she will miss me!!!



Mar Rodriguez

Wheaton North HS

2 Years

Last year's winter guard championship. The guard going home on the bus singing to our guard playlist was the best.



Madyson Schomig

Steperette Cadets

1 Year

I am in color guard, Girl Scouts, and school theater.

My most favorite memory was the first time doing a turn around!

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Emily Schlesinger

Fremd HS Varsity

4 Years

I have completed 16 years of dance. I am a Captain for Guard. I have been a member of Tri-M for 3 years and an officer for 1. I have been a national anthem soloist for the last 2 years. I had the opportunity to perform at IMEC this year. I got the privilege to perform during the Candlelight Processional during 2019.

Having best friends for life and creating memories has been the best. The experience of guard itself was amazing, but the memories outside of the gym made it the best.



Angela Sementa

Round Lake HS

4 Years

I have been on guard for 4 years, 8 seasons and captain for 2 years. I have been dancing for 15 years. I have also been a dance instructor for the last 2 years. I play oboe in the band. I am a member of both National Honors Society and TRI-M. I volunteer as a student liaison, laboratory technician, and as a mentor for special needs students.

I struggled to get my 45 toss for 3 years and with the help and support I got from my coaches and teammates I finally got it. The excitement they all had for me in that moment was something I will never forget! This team is full of amazing and talented people that I am honored to spin with and represent them as their captain.



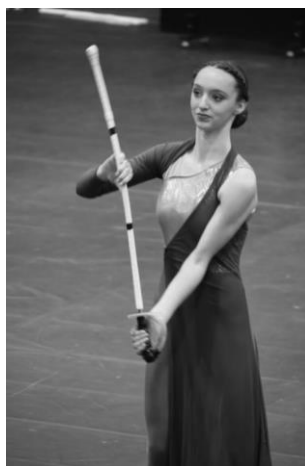
Alice Shen

Downers Grove South HS

4 Years

I am color guard captain, in NHS, and stage crew.

Jamming out on the bus to and from competitions.



Anica Sherman

Steperette Cadets

6 Years

Activities that I am involved in include Guard, Softball and Basketball.

One of my favorite memories from guard is the first time I caught a 6 on sabre during a show.



Rachel Shoudis

Morris Community HS

2 Years

I am on the honor roll and captain of the color guard.

Going to Dayton, Ohio to watch WGI World Championships and seeing AMP perform!

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Jacquelyn Sipe

West Bend Scholastic Cadets
4 Years

I work at Jumbo's, am in Band Club, am a Scout Leader, and Girl Scout.

I can't choose a favorite memory because it would leave out so many awesome memories I love getting to hang out with an amazing group of girls and have a home away from home. While applying makeup is hard on a bumpy bus and we are all tired we still find ways to make it fun. Singing songs loud, playing movies and games on our phones, talking about anything that comes to mind. That's the comfort of a family. Being in guard is being in a big happy family and I am so happy that I signed up for it in 5th grade. But the coaches are truly the cherry on top. To Mrs. Nienow, Cami, Lindsay, Jake, Amy, Emily, Scott, and everyone else who helps. They have taught me everything I know and for that I am eternally grateful. They've given me confidence, discipline, skills, and leadership. And guard has already been taking me places. Guard will always be in a very special place in my heart, and I can't wait for the next four years!



Struan Somerville

Steperette Cadets
1 Year

I received 1st division solo & ensemble for viola 2 years in a row.

My favorite memory is learning a parallel.



Brenna Swanson

Davenport Central HS
4 Years

I am in marching band guard, winter guard, environmental club, and MVP.

Going to London, and or going out for sushi with my best friends on trips for marching band.



Gianna Toffenetti

Hersey HS
4 Years

I am in guard.

I can't pick a favorite memory. That's like asking to pick a favorite child; I love all of them.

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Danielle Tarchala

Schaumburg HS

4 Years

I love to play sports at my school, which includes varsity soccer and JV basketball. I get involved in several clubs at Schaumburg, such as Engineering club, National Honors society and Principles advisory board. Outside of school, I am apart of Boy Scouts, and I enjoy going on camping trips and adventures with my troop.

My favorite memory is doing a solo rifle routine to "I'm a goofy goober" from SpongeBob in my school's variety show. It was exciting because I got to meet a lot of new people and I got to show off my rifle skills on stage to an audience.



Abigail Thompson

Davenport Central HS

5 Years

I am in Color guard (both winter and marching season), Chamber orchestra, and TriM. I am Guard captain, 1st honors, and academic excellence.

Marching London New Years Day Parade.



Rachel Trimpe

Normal Winter Guard - Varsity

4 Years

I am in National Honors Society, FFA (including degrees, helping in the community, mentorship program, scholarships, and volunteering at a rescue for great practices for the animal science field that she will be going into after high school).

Loved getting to know everyone on her team and having a great time even at band camp after 8 hours on a hot parking lot!



Paige Unterbrink

Lake Park HS

4 Years

My favorite memory from guard was our last rehearsal before Covid. We had just finished our show. Our coaches were talking about how this could be our last performance with this show and to make it the best one yet.



Isabella Vergara

Round Lake HS

2 Years

My favorite memory from guard was all the times I got to spend with my guard family, but I think overall my favorite was finding out we made finals at WGI together and going out to eat as a team. Then getting to watch all the other performances together.

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Yadira Vazquez

West Bend HS

8 Years

I received outstanding performer and am active in Multicultural club.

Color guard had given me the opportunity to make limitless memories. Every rehearsal and performance comes with jokes and stories I will truly cherish forever. My team is very near and dear to my heart, we're a handful. We are the best kind of handful, so very different, but we all share one thing, a passion to spin and perform. My most memorable moments are before we go on stage. We come together and put everything aside to focus as a team. It's a staggering feeling, we get so excited, we chant, we cheer, and hype each other up. The love comes alive, it is a beautiful thing. To be so included and feel so valued and important. That's gotta be the best part of color guard, the team that carries me through, season to season, the bond that continues to flourish through the years, and hopefully forever. I've met so many extraordinary people through this community and they have all taught me individual and valuable life lessons, and even if I can't perform with my team next year, I will carry these values with me forever.



Adalyn White

Davenport Central HS

4 Years

I am in Color guard, Softball, Environmental club, National Honors Society, and Girl Scouts.

All the funny moments in the van and hotel at championship last year and just growing closer as friends.



Lauren Wincup

Naperville North HS

4 Years

I have been captain of the color guard team for 2 years as well as I am apart of orchesis, senior board, diving, and I work as a swim coach/lifeguard in the summer.

My favorite guard memory is our annual team breakfast.



Emma Winiecki

Lake Park HS

2 Years

Marching band section leader, National Technical Honor Society (NTHS), Student Leader in Field at TCD, A-team, class council, key club, student council, girl up, architecture club, orientation leader, principal advisory board, and pit orchestra.

My favorite memory from guard is when two teammates and I got to receive the award for our second competition. We got to talk to other people from different guards while we were waiting and played games, it was genuinely so fun



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Cameryn Wright

Marian Catholic HS
4 Years



Jenna Ziesemer

West Bend HS
8 Years

I am the color guard section leader for our band.

My favorite memory from guard was championships my first year, way back in 2016. It really opened up my love for guard. I loved seeing all the different guard shows, passing other teams in the hall, and performing in front of a huge crowd.



Ameenah Zawahir

Hoffman Estates HS
4 Years

Winner of the 2021 Grit Award.
Involved in Theater Guides,
Speech (2years), and Girl Scouts.

Catching my turn around stir toss for the first time and realizing that this is where I belong.



Alison Zawatzki

Davenport Central HS
5 Years

I am president of FCCLA chapter at my school, participated in the London New Years Day Parade, and earned multiple solos throughout the years.

Realizing how big of a part that this activity has been in my life during senior night. Seeing and feeling the impact of it, then realizing it is almost over. Best and worst memory because I am happy with where I ended but I don't want it to end. Doing it all with my best friends was incredible.



