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## **SHS BLUE KNIGHTS MARCHING BAND EARN FIRST PLACE AT ROCKVILLE COMPETITION**

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**Rockville** --- The Southington Blue Knights Marching Band earned a FIRST PLACE trophy in their division, along with the Best Overall Percussion award, at their third USSBA (United States Scholastic Band Association) competition of the season, which was held at Rockville Hill High School in Vernon, CT, Saturday, October 9.

This year's field show entitled "Hieroglyphics" is a unique repertoire composed by Key Poulan and consists of three movements "Valley of the Kings", "The Golden Horus" and "The Royal Cartouches." The band includes 64 musicians, 27 Color Guard, and one Drum Major, and is directed by Jeff Shaw and Sara Sabatino. The show's visuals are directed by Color Guard instructors Laura Shaw and Jennifer Snow, along with drill instructors Ken Bell, Kevin Cormack and Jeff Weir. Steve St. Mary and Colin Mason are the group's percussion instructors.

After the performance, Jeff Shaw was elated. "The kids did a fantastic job. They continue to improve each week as we refine and tweak the program. I'm confident they will continue this outstanding effort so they will be competitive at the upcoming championships." said Mr. Shaw.

In addition to performing the half-time show during Southington High School's home football games, the Blue Knights' continue their demanding schedule with competitions in Cheshire (Oct. 16) and Stratford (Nov. 6), USSBA Championships in Groton (Oct. 30), and at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ (Nov. 13), and at their home show, "Music of the Knight", to be held at Southington High School's Fontana Field, Oct. 23.

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For more information, visit the Blue Knights Marching Band Website at [www.shsbands.com](http://www.shsbands.com), or contact the Southington High School music department at (860) 628-3229 ext. 250.

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