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SHS BLUE KNIGHTS MARCHING BAND TAKES TOP HONORS AT CHESHIRE COMPETITION

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Cheshire --- The Southington Blue Knights Marching Band earned a FIRST PLACE trophy in their division at their fifth USSBA (United States Scholastic Band Association) competition of the season, which was held at Cheshire Hill High School in Cheshire, CT, Saturday, October 15. The band also earned all of the caption awards (Best Color Guard, Best Marching, Best Percussion, Best Music, and Best Music Effect) in their division.

This year's performance, entitled "Da Vinci's Dream... The History of Flight", is a difficult repertoire composed by Key Poulan consisting of three movements, "The Ornithopter", "Kitty Hawk" and "Breaking the Sound Barrier." The Band is directed by Jeff Shaw and Sara Sabatino; the show's visuals are directed by Color Guard instructors Mike Pence and Jennifer Snow, along with drill instructors Kevin Cormack and Jeff Weir; Steve St. Mary and Colin Mason are the group's percussion instructors.

"Despite the inability to practice their show on the field during nine straight days of rain, it was surprising the band and color guard members performed the marching and visual portion of the show as well as they did," said Jeff Shaw. "Although we continue to improve in several areas, we can do better musically, and that will be our focus during the next two weeks before championships," said Mr. Shaw.

The Blue Knights' upcoming schedule includes their home show, "Music of the Knight", at Southington High School (Oct. 22), USSBA New England Championships in New London (Oct.

29), and USSBA All States Championships at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ (Nov. 5), and well as performing the half-time show during Southington High School's home football games.

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

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