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SHS BLUE KNIGHTS MARCHING BAND EARN SECOND PLACE TROPHIES AT COMPETITIONS

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Rocky Hill and Lyman Hall --- The Southington Blue Knights Marching Band earned 2ND place trophies in their division at their third and fourth USSBA (United States Scholastic Band Association) competitions of the season, held at Rocky Hill and Lyman Hall High Schools, October 1 and 8.

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.

Mr. Shaw is pleased with the band's steady improvement. "They have increased their score by 10 points during the past two weeks. This is the kind of improvement you want to see and is impressive in such a young band," said Shaw. "I'm happy with their progress, and we will continue with our goal of getting better each week we compete."

Mr. Shaw and Ms. Sabatino have set a high standard for their students, and are confident they are up to the challenge. "Although the weather has been wreaking havoc with this year's competition schedule, the kids are working hard, and that hard work is starting to pay off."

The Blue Knights' upcoming schedule includes competitions in Cheshire (Oct. 15), "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.
