

Loveland Color Guard Members Accept Contracts to Blue Stars Drum and Bugle Corps

Loveland, Colo., May 2, 2013 – Two members of the Loveland High School Color Guard, Jaime Pallansch and Hannah Walls, has accepted contracts to become members of the Blue Stars Drum and Bugle Corps' color guard unit for this summer's competition season.

Wells and Pallansch, along with Carly VanLaningham, traveled to Blue Stars' Indianapolis, Indiana Audition Camp – one of eight audition camps held around the country – to audition for a spot on the 35 member color guard unit. All three girls were offered contracts with Walls and Pallansch accepting. The girls are also members of the LHS Winter Guard team – coached by Greg Humphrey – that recently won the 2013 NSA Winter Guard State Championship and recently placed 9th in the Scholastic A's Skylark division and are ranked 33rd in the nation at WGI's World Championships.

Walls and Pallansch will travel to Spring Training at Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa on May 31 and train till June 20. The Blue Stars' 2013 show is entitled: *Voodoo, I Put a Spell on You* and will be premiered on June 21 in Rockford, Illinois.

The <u>Blue Stars 2013 Tour</u> will see the corps competing across the USA from June 21 – Aug 5, ending back at Indianapolis where they will compete at the <u>DCI World Championships</u>, Aug. 8-10.

The <u>Blue Stars Drum and Bugle Corps</u>, founded in 1964, is a 150 member, World Class competitive drum and bugle corps. Based in La Crosse, Wisconsin, the Blue Stars was one of the thirteen founding member corps of Drum Corps International.

The <u>Loveland High School Guard</u> is an award-winning program of excellence. Being involved in this rewarding activity provides teenagers with the benefits of work ethic, time management, self-esteem, friendship, and fun. The LHS guard program has grown dramatically in recent years with 3 teams competing in

the 2013 season and the Varsity team going to WGI's 2013 World Championships. The Loveland Guard has won the Scholastic A State Championship in 2011 under the direction of Greg Humphrey.

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▲ Caption: Left to Right – Hannah Walls, Jaime Pallansch and Carly VanLaningham with their Blue Stars Drum and Bugle Corps' contracts.