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The Ross S. Sterling High School Band accepts the gift of "To the March of the City Drums" from Neda Hamid-center.
Left to Right: Richard Clem-Director of Bands, Christian Wood-Drum Major, Neda Hamid-AP Art Student, Alison Woolford-Percussion Captain, and Brent Gibson-Percussion Director.

To the March of the City Drums

It is the Ross S. Sterling Homecoming Game of 2014. The stands are buzzing with excitement as to "Will we win the game?" "Who will be crowned Homecoming Queen at the dance?" and "Who is going to the Homecoming dance with whom?" And yet one young lady is standing quietly waiting for the perfect moment to flash before her eyes. As she watches the various activities of the evening through the lens of her camera, her ears try to block out sounds so her eyes can become her true focus.

It is at this very moment that it happens! The drumline of the Ross S. Sterling Band catches her attention in the sea of people all dressed in blue. She walks up the stairs and suddenly she sees the moment for which she has been patiently waiting! The perspective of the drums leaning back in layers and the synchronized motion of their arms as they beat out a drum cadence. SNAP!!! She got it – the perfect picture!

This outstanding young lady is Neda Hamid, a junior at Ross S. Sterling High School. She is an AP- Advanced Placement art student who became interested in photography because she always enjoyed being behind the camera taking pictures instead of being in front of the camera. After perusing many portfolios, they helped her find a focus for what medium she enjoyed most - photography. During the following summer she focused more and more on taking pictures with her new DSLR – Digital Single Lens Reflex - camera. While she plans on majoring in Chemistry, she eventually hopes to obtain a major in Photography from an art school.

Her dreams may be closer than she thinks. This outstanding piece which is appropriately named "The



"The March of the City Drums"

Miss Hamid has also received a top score of 4 in the Regional VASE (Visual Arts Scholastic Event) 2015 competition hosted by TAEA (Texas Art Education Association). A Silver Key in the Scholastic Art and Writing Competition has rounded out the list of awards for Miss Hamid and this outstanding piece of photography.

"The March of the City Drums" will now hang in a place of honor in the Percussion Studio of the Ross S. Sterling High School Band Hall. The Director of Bands, Mr. Richard Clem, states, "It captures the intensity and precision of what a marching band drumline represents within the whole essence of a marching band. The focal point of line, synchronization, and color help to add part of the visuals in a marching band show."

March of the City Drums” has already won numerous awards. The top honor was being a National Finalist in a contest held by Photographer Forum magazine. Neda’s photo was one of 17,000+ entries. It has been published in the Best College & High School Photography 2015 and placed second in the Baytown Parks and Recreation Show-High School Division.

It is with great admiration and appreciation that the members of the Ross S. Sterling High School Band and Drumline accept this gift from Miss Hamid!

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