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DSHS Winter Guard 10th in National Contest

The DSHS Varsity Winter Guard placed 10th at the 2016 Winter Guard International World Championships held in Dayton, Ohio. This marked the first time that Dripping Springs has competed at this competition. In a field of 122 other Scholastic A units, the DSHS Varsity Winter Guard won its preliminary round, advanced to the semifinals, and ultimately earned 10th place overall in finals.

Earlier in April, the Dripping Springs High School Varsity Winter Guard took top honors at the TCGC (Texas Color Guard Circuit) State Championships in the Scholastic A division. The preliminary field of 49 teams in the Scholastic A Class hailed from the San Antonio, Austin, Houston and the Valley areas. The 15 top scores were advanced to the finals, and the DSHS Varsity Winter Guard earned the Gold Medal with a score of 91.025, more than 2 points higher than second-place Leander High School. This is the first time that DSHS Winter Guard has won the state title; last year Dripping Springs won the Silver Medal. The competition was held at Reed Arena at Texas A&M University.

The Dripping Springs Winter Guard has received first-place honors in five of the six contests this season — TCGC contests at Leander, Austin Bowie, and Texas State and the WGI San Antonio Regional Contest.

Next up for the group is the Winter Guard International (WGI) World Championships in Dayton, Ohio, April 7-9. WGI is considered the world's premier organization and the leading governing body for indoor color guard and percussion. This event attracted more than 12,000 participants last year. Dripping Springs will be one of 120 units from across the United States competing in the Scholastic A Division. The top 64 units in prelims advance to the semi-final round on Friday, with the top 24 guard units, based on the average of prelim and semi-final scores, advancing to Saturdays finals.

This year's show, "The Greatest Thing," tells the story of a doll-maker and his dolls. Choreography and preparation for the show began in early January.

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