

Loveland Guard Scores Gold, Silver and Bronze at Rocky Mountain Color Guard Association State Championships

Loveland, Colo., April 6, 2013–The Loveland High School Winter Guard teams brought home a perfect trifecta Saturday night at the Colorado Winter Guard State Championships, held April 6 at Legends High School, Parker, Colorado. The undefeated Loveland HS Varsity team brought home the gold by becoming State Champions in the National Scholastic A class with a score of 88.03 performing their show: "Taylor the Latte Boy." The Loveland HS Junior Varsity team collected silver with a second place finish in the National Regional A division with a score of 83.83 performing: "Suds in the Bucket" and the Erwin Middle School team earned bronze with a third place finish in the Novice class performing: "When Can I See You Again."

Under the tutelage of head coach Greg Humphrey and his staff: Paula Crosse, Kelsey Hullinger and Katie Manhart, the Loveland Guard has been practicing from 10 to 16+ hours per week since November to perfect their technique and performance skills. The LHS winter guard program is comprised of three teams with a novice team from Erwin Middle School and the two Loveland High School teams – junior varsity and varsity. The teams perform, using a combination of spinning and tossing flags, sabers, mock rifles and other equipment, to visually interpret pre-recorded music. The Loveland Winter Guard teams performed sanctioned competitions officiated by the Rocky Mountain Color Guard Association (RMCGA) using criteria developed by <u>Winter Guard International</u> (WGI).

The LHS Varsity team will be traveling to the <u>WGI 2013 World Championships</u> in Dayton, Ohio where they will compete in the Scholastic A class on April 11 and 12 against 110 other teams.

The Loveland High School Guard 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. Our high school 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: Loveland HS Varsity Winter Guard team – 2013 NSA State Champions



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▲ Caption: Loveland HS Junior Varsity Winter Guard team – 2013 NRA Silver Medalists



▲ Caption: Erwin Middle School Novice Winter Guard team – 2013 Novice Bronze Medalists