

## Brigade Celebrates 2007 Season with Annual Banquet

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FRENCH LICK, Indiana - On Tuesday, May 13, the Springs Valley Blackhawk Brigade closed the book on the 2007 marching season with the annual Band Banquet, held in the Springs Valley Elementary Cafeteria.

Luke Aylsworth, Director of Bands at Springs Valley, recognized those groups who make the season possible such as the principals, office administrative staff, Superintendent Todd Pritchett, and the school board. Aylsworth also acknowledged the parents, band boosters and band support staff, who play a big part in the success of the program year by year as well. Without the assistance from these groups and many others, each marching season would not be successful and flow as smoothly as ours does.

"The band banquet is a great opportunity to acknowledge the hard work, talent and dedication of our students," said Aylsworth. "These students spend a great deal of time committing themselves to this program. It is a wonderful chance to reward them for their efforts."

The Springs Valley Blackhawk Brigade concluded their 2007 season at the ISSMA State Finals in Indianapolis in October. The Brigade's show, "3 Generations" was good enough for second overall in Class D. That marked the third time in history that the Brigade placed second at state finals. It also was the 18th time the Brigade participated at state finals, most of any activity at Springs Valley.

Each season, the Brigade students vote on a number of awards given away at the banquet. This season's award winners are listed below.



**Springs Valley Blackhawk Brigade "Tradition of Excellence"**

**State Champion:** 1977

**State Runner-Up:** 1978 1992 2007

**State Finals Appearances:**

1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1988 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 2006 2007

**Most Outstanding 7th Graders:** Chance (Pit) & Stefany (Flute)

**Most Outstanding 8th Graders:** Jacob (Saxophone) & Nia (Mellophone)

**Most Outstanding 9th Graders:** Ethan (Trombone) & Amanda (Trumpet)

**Most Outstanding 10th Graders:** Tommy (Trombone) & Elise (Flute/Drum Major)

**Most Outstanding 11th Graders:** Kyle (Trumpet), Kaiti (Flute/Drum Major), and Haley (Drumline)

**Most Outstanding 12th Graders:** Darcy Olsen & Jackie Morrison

**Most Improved:** Amber Alspaugh

**Most Dedicated:** Jackie Morrison & Morgan Deel

**Soloist Awards:** Kyle (Trumpet), Zeke (Trumpet), Jackie Morrison, Morgan (Baritone/Drum Major), Drew (Drumline), Tommy (Trombone)

**Best Marching:** Derek (Trompet) & Jackie Morrison

**Most Outstanding Member:** Jessica Crall

**Best Musicianship:** Darcy Olsen

**State Solo & Ensemble Awards:** Kyle (Trumpet) & Drew (Drumline)

**Springs Valley Band & Trust Award:** Darcy Olsen

**Gilbert L. Aylsworth Award:** Kayla Purkhiser

**Patrick Gilmore Award:** Kyle (Trumpet) & Drew (Drumline)

**John Phillips Susa Award:** Darcy Olsen



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