

The Bakersfield High School Drumline:

A Tradition of Excellence

For several years, the Bakersfield High School Drumline has consistently been rated and ranked as one of the best Percussion Ensembles in Kern County.

Combining an excellent staff with talented students who are dedicated and motivated to succeed with percussion performance has enabled the group to continually progress and advance each year.

Comprised of snare, tenor, and bass drummers in addition to a front ensemble Pit that includes marimbas, xylophones, Timpanis, and auxiliary toys, the Drumline comes together each year to put on its own unique indoor show. Very similar to a Marching Band Field Show, Drumline indoor shows have music, movement, and awesome visuals all scaled to a gymnasium floor.

For nearly a decade, the Bakersfield High School Drumline has competed in the Pep and Pageantry Arts Association of Central California (PPAACC) Indoor Percussion Circuit.

The group has had many successes in PPAACC competition, taking first place in the 2000-2001, 2001-2002, and 2003-2004 seasons. Realizing its potential ability to compete on a higher level, the Bakersfield High

School Drumline embarked into the Winter Guard International: Sport of the Arts Percussion Circuit (WGI) last year.

The Drumline's inaugural season in the WGI circuit proved to be a tremendous success. At the Riverside and Fresno Regional Competitions, the drumline took home trophies for second and third place finishes.

In mid-April the Bakersfield High School Drumline competed in the WGI Championships in San Diego, California. The Drumline was placed 13 in the nation in the PSA division, missing finals by one tenth of a point.

This year the Drumline has full intentions of competing in the WGI circuit and attending finals, located in Dayton, Ohio this year, as the only group representing Bakersfield. However, a trip across the country promises to be costly. To help defray expenses and send one of our city's most promising drumlines to the forefront of national percussion competition,



The 2003-2004 BHS Drumline

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