



TARPON SPRINGS

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The Tarpon Springs High School Leadership Conservatory for the Arts ("TSLCA") was selected as one of ten bands to march in the 2022 Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York City. TSLCA will be representing the State of Florida in the 2022 Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade.

Mr. Kevin Ford, Director of TSLCA, with great pride said that "It is an honor for our student performers to be selected for the 2022 Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade and have the privilege to perform in front of 5 million spectators and over 50 million television viewers. This once in a lifetime experience will provide our students the opportunity to act as ambassadors to our community, state, and school which will bring prestige back home to our great state of Florida and our Tampa Bay community. Our students come from varied backgrounds, and for many of them traveling to New York City will allow them to see a part of our country that many have never had a chance to see and will provide profound lessons about themselves and the world around them. This extraordinary experience will teach them that the world is a limitless classroom and their commitment to excellence, relentless pursuit of their dreams and aspirations can become a reality."

The Tarpon Springs Leadership Conservatory for the Arts is a nationally recognized program providing an innovative, seamless curriculum in academic study, instrumental music, dance, and leadership skills designed to develop tomorrow's leaders. TSLCA is dedicated to providing an outstanding musical experience, a comprehensive academic program, integrated technology experiences, and a leadership curriculum that develops each individual's ability for leadership.

In November of 2021, the Tarpon Springs High School Leadership Conservatory for the Arts competed with high school marching bands from six different Southeastern states in the Bands of America Regional Championship in Johnson City, Tennessee and took first place in the competition. In October of the same year, TSLCA won the Bands of America Regional Championship high school band competition in Orlando, Florida.

Equally as important as the performance in the Macy's parade is the team building, work ethic, and leadership development skills that the students learn in preparing for the performance in the Macy's parade.

With your help, students from the Tarpon Springs Leadership Conservatory for the Arts will be able to perform on the international stage in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Macy's gives the bands 18 months to raise funds and prepare for the parade. The Tarpon Springs Band Boosters organization has partnered with the Pinellas Community Foundation in its quest of seeking donations to support the March to Macy's 2022 to ensure that all of the band and color guard students participate in this incredible opportunity to perform in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. Contact Duggan Cooley, CFRE at Pinellas Community Foundation for ways to donate to the TSLCA program in the March to Macy's 2022. Mr. Cooley can be reached at 727-306-3124.

We are all excited to see our local students enjoy this rare opportunity to share their musicianship and talent with the world. Be sure to tune in to see the parade on Thanksgiving Day.

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