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Greendale Band Named 2017 Sudler Shield Recipient

GREENDALE, WI -- The Greendale High School (GHS) Band has been named a 2017 Sudler Shield recipient by the John Philip Sousa Foundation. The Sudler Shield is an international award recognizing high school, youth and international marching bands of World Class Excellence. Greendale is the first band in Wisconsin to receive this honor. The award will be presented in a ceremony led by Sudler Shield chairperson W. Dale Warren at Greendale High School, 6801 Southway, Greendale, on Monday, May 14, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. It will be held prior to the third annual University of Notre Dame Band Concert at the high school. The event is FREE and open to the public.

The award portion of the evening will include the performance of a Sousa march by the GHS Band under the direction of Dr. Warren. In addition to his role with the Sousa Foundation, Warren is a professor of music at the University of Arkansas. The award presentation will follow this performance with the university band concert beginning immediately afterwards.

“We are humbled by this award and grateful to Dr. Warren for his ability to visit our school and present the award to us in person,” said Tom Reifenberg, Director of Bands at GHS. “The marching band in Greendale has a rich history and amazing support of our community. We share this prestigious honor with our students, parents, District staff, and community that values the arts and music education so highly.”

The Greendale High School Band includes 245 of the 900 students enrolled at GHS. It is a 14-time (13 consecutive) WSMA state marching band champion, and a regular Bands of America Grand Nationals participant. The band has also appeared in the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade. Through marching, concert, jazz, and pep band opportunities, students of all musical abilities are provided opportunities to focus on teamwork, dedication, commitment, passion, and musicality through performance while developing a lifelong appreciation for the arts.

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ABOUT GREENDALE SCHOOLS:

Established in 1938, Greendale Schools is home to more than 2,600 students. The District prides itself in providing an outstanding education for all students from Kindergarten through twelfth grade at Greendale High School, Greendale Middle School, and three elementary schools (Canterbury, College Park and Highland View). Greendale Schools, in partnership with students, families, and the community, is committed to developing leadership, creativity, and educational excellence. By creating multiple opportunities for learning, each student's unique abilities are developed to achieve success and contribute positively to our global society.

About the John Philip Sousa Foundation:

The John Philip Sousa Foundation is a non-profit foundation dedicated to the promotion of international understanding through the medium of band music. Through the administration of band related projects, the foundation seeks to uphold the standards and ideals of that icon of the American spirit, John Philip Sousa. Just as the name Sousa is synonymous with bands, so bands are bridges which connect the music and culture of all strata of our society. And no type of music better typifies the spirit of America throughout the world than do the stirring strains of a Sousa march.

The foundation administrates band-related projects, competitions and awards, including the Sudler Shield and it seeks to uphold both the standards and the ideals of that icon of the American spirit, John Philip Sousa.