

## **Arlington HS Winterguard Claims Victory as WGI Eastern Power Regional Champions**

*LaGrangeville, NY* - March 18, 2024 - Arlington High School Admiral Winterguard has emerged triumphant as the Winter Guard International (WGI) Sport of the Arts Eastern Power Regional Scholastic A class Champions. The team's exceptional performance catapulted them to the top spot amid 30 groups hailing from across the northeast, including Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. The event took place over two days in Bethlehem, PA and included two rounds of competition.

With an outstanding score of 89.77, Arlington High School Winterguard secured a resounding victory, clinching a lead of over four points ahead of their closest competitors. This remarkable achievement not only solidifies their prowess within the region but also positions them as the current number 1 seed for the upcoming World Championships set to take place April 11th and 12th in Dayton, OH.

Under the creative leadership of Director, Bert Cousins and Arlington educator, Euni Shim, the twenty performers of the Arlington Winterguard captivated audiences with their enthralling performance of "Lizzie." The show masterfully illustrates the haunting tale of Lizzie Borden, weaving together elements of her trial and the mystery surrounding the crimes she faced. Arlington High School Winterguard's exceptional performance not only showcases their immense talent but also highlights their dedication to pushing artistic boundaries within the realm of competitive performance.

Often associated with color guard units that are part of marching bands, winterguard stands as a unique and dynamic indoor activity, blending the artistry of drama and dance with the precision of drill teams, all within a captivating stage production. Arlington High School has a long history with the activity, and performed at the national level in the 1980s and 1990s. After a hiatus, the team was reestablished in 2009. The Admirals have earned a few regional championships and most recently appeared as a World Championship finalist in 2016.

As the anticipation builds for the World Championships, Arlington continues to garner acclaim and admiration for their outstanding achievements. Their unwavering commitment to excellence and artistic innovation has firmly established them as a force to be reckoned with in the world of winterguard.

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