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## **LAMAR “MIGHTY MUSTANGS” SELECTED AS ONE OF 15 NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BANDS FOR ANNUAL VALERO ALAMO BOWL**

*Houston, Texas, July 10, 2009* - While most high school students are enjoying their summers and doing nothing in particular, the Lamar Consolidated High School Mighty Mustang Band members are “*chompin’ at the bit*” to start marching - at *12:01 am* on Saturday, August 1, at the school’s football field at 4606 Mustang Ave, Rosenberg, Texas, 77471.

According to Jason Levin, the Mighty Mustang Band director, kids aren’t doing this just to see a full moon. The Band has been selected as one of only 15 in the United States to perform at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Valero Alamo Bowl in San Antonio, Texas on Saturday, January 2, 2010.

“This is an amazing honor, and I’m proud of our kids,” says Levin. He noted that with more than 200 Mighty Mustang members for the 2009-2010 school year, this is the largest band in the school’s 60-year history.

Oscar Cano, assistant director of the Mighty Mustang Band, said Band members will participate in a national marching band competition and join other top-ranked high school bands from around the nation in a half-time extravaganza televised live on ESPN.

“Very few high schools are given the opportunity to perform on national television. Imagine what this event will do to inspire positive attributes in our children,” he says.

Both Levin and Cano feel it’s important that all band members are afforded the opportunity to show America the skill they have acquired, and it is their goal to take every member on this trip. The cost for taking 200 students is roughly \$120,000.

Says Levin, “We believe that part of a child’s education is giving them real world experiences. Many of our students have never even left the Houston area. It would be an amazing opportunity for our entire community to be represented at this nationally televised event.”

Levin, Cano, The Band Boosters, and members of the band are busy planning fundraising events such as a Midnight Madness Rock-a-Thon, a golf tournament, and a Guitar Hero Competition. For information on ways you can help make this dream trip a reality, go to [www.lchsband.org](http://www.lchsband.org) or call 832.223.3136.

Lamar Consolidated High School is part of the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District, and is located in Rosenberg, between Highway 59S and Highway 90. Enrollment at LCHS is 2,012 students. The student body is 26% African American, 42% Hispanic, 7% Asian, and 25% White. Approximately 40% of all students are classified as economically disadvantaged.