

Mud Creek Marching Festival

The Hanceville High School Band hosted this year's 26th Annual Mud Creek Marching Festival at Hanceville High School on Saturday, October 14th. The contest contained 19 bands from around this state. Hanceville started off their festival with a playing of the National Anthem performed by the members of the Rocketeers Drum and Bugle Corp from Huntsville, Alabama. At the end of the night the Hanceville High Bulldog Marching Band ended their performance with a playing of "Basket Case" while the bands run to the field.

After the day's performances were over, Ty Watwood hosted the awards ceremony. Each band lined across the football field waiting for their scores to be called out. They were judged on their drum major, majorettes, dance line, color guard, percussion, with an overall band performance. Each band was placed into five ranks that determine the Best in Class and Best in Division awards: Rank 1- Superior (90-100), Rank 2 - Excellent (80-89), Rank 3 - Good (70-79), Rank 4 - Fair (60-69), and Rank 5 - Poor (below 60).

The following bands received these awards during the awards ceremony that are divided classes that increase throughout the list:

Silver Division Class A*

Curry High School

Dance Line:	Superior
Color Guard:	Superior
Percussion:	Superior
Overall Band:	Excellent

*Due to Curry High School being the only class in their division, they do not qualify to receive the Best in Class awards.

Silver Division Class AA

East Lawrence High School

Drum Major:	Superior
Color Guard:	Superior
Percussion:	Superior
Overall Band:	Superior

Deshler High School

Drum Major:	Superior
Dance Line:	Superior
Color Guard:	Superior
Percussion:	Superior
Overall Band:	Superior
Special Awards:	Best in Class Percussion

Central High School

Drum Major:	Superior
Dance Line:	Superior
Color Guard:	Superior
Percussion:	Superior
Overall Band:	Superior
Special Awards:	Best in Class Band; Best in Silver Division Band

Lawrence County High School

Dance Line:	Superior
Color Guard:	Superior
Percussion:	Superior
Overall Band:	Superior

Cold Springs High School

Dance Line:	Superior
Color Guard:	Superior
Percussion:	Excellent
Overall Band:	Superior
Special Awards:	Best in Class Drum Major and Color Guard

Hayden High School

Drum Major:	Superior
Majorettes:	Superior
Dance Line:	Superior

Color Guard:	Superior
Percussion:	Excellent
Overall Band:	Superior
Special Awards:	Best in Class Majorettes and Dance Line

Gold Division Class AAA

Cordova High School

Drum Major:	Superior
Majorettes:	Superior
Dance Line:	Superior
Color Guard:	Superior
Percussion:	Superior
Overall Band:	Superior

Good Hope High School

Drum Major:	Superior
Majorettes:	Superior
Dance Line:	Superior
Color Guard:	Superior
Percussion:	Superior
Overall Band:	Superior
Special Awards:	Best in Class Dance Line

Dora High School

Drum Major:	Superior
Majorettes:	Superior
Dance Line:	Superior
Color Guard:	Superior
Percussion:	Excellent
Overall Band:	Excellent

West Morgan High School

Drum Major:	Superior
Majorettes:	Superior
Color Guard:	Superior
Percussion:	Superior
Overall Band:	Superior
Special Awards:	Best in Class Drum Major, Color Guard, Percussion and Band

Fairview High School

Drum Major:	Superior
Majorettes:	Superior
Color Guard:	Superior
Percussion:	Superior
Overall Band:	Superior
Special Awards:	Best in Class Majorettes

Lexington High School

Drum Major:	Superior
Majorettes:	Superior
Color Guard:	Excellent
Percussion:	Excellent
Overall Band:	Excellent

Gold Division Class AAAA

Rogers High School

Drum Major:	Superior
Majorettes:	Superior
Dance Line:	Superior
Color Guard:	Superior
Percussion:	Superior
Overall Band:	Superior

Athens High School

Drum Major:	Superior
Majorettes:	Superior
Color Guard:	Superior
Percussion:	Superior
Overall Band:	Superior

Scottsboro High School

Drum Major:	Superior
Dance Line:	Superior
Color Guard:	Superior
Percussion:	Superior
Overall Band:	Superior

Jasper High School

Drum Major:	Superior
Dance Line:	Superior
Color Guard:	Superior

Percussion:	Superior
Overall Band:	Superior
Special Awards:	Best in Class Percussion

Calera High School

Drum Major:	Superior
Majorettes:	Superior
Dance Line:	Superior
Color Guard:	Superior
Percussion:	Superior
Overall Band:	Superior

Helena High School

Drum Major:	Superior
Majorettes:	Superior
Dance Line:	Superior
Color Guard:	Superior
Percussion:	Superior

Overall Band:	Superior
Special Awards:	Best in Class Drum Major, Majorettes, Dance Line, Color Guard, and Band; Best in Gold Division Band; Vanessa Watts Memorial Award; Tam Easterwood Memorial Award

The Vanessa Watts Memorial Award is given to the band with the highest drum major score in the competition. The Tam Easterwood Memorial Award is given to the band with the highest color guard score in the competition. Both awards are given without regard to band size or classification.

The festival ended with Steven Porter, director of the Hanceville High School marching band, setting off a firework display to celebrate the band's hard work and achievements.

Find the videos of the Mud Creek band performances at

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