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North and H-K-T High School Band Students

OCSD Band Students awarded over $395,000.00 in band scholarships

ORANGEBURG, S.C. – Orangeburg County School District (OCSD) students who attend North Middle/High School and Hunter-Kinard-Tyler High School recently participated in the ***18th Annual Burke High School Band Scholarship Fair*** at Burke High School, located in Charleston, S.C. The OCSD students were able to audition for band directors and/or their representatives from 10 Historically Black Colleges and/or Universities (HBCUs). The following colleges and universities participated in the fair: Allen University, Benedict College, Bethune-Cookman University, Fayetteville State University, Florida A&M University, Hampton University, Livingstone College, North Carolina A&T State University, South Carolina State University, and Southern University.

"OCSD's students were able to participate in the band scholarship fair, which was a unique opportunity for our students who want to continue their musical career while pursuing their post-secondary education," said Herman Marsh, North and H-K-T band director. "Our students were presented with options that they did not realize were available to them, which was exciting for both the students and me," he continued.

Four OCSD students received full scholarships from two of the participating schools on the spot. Additionally, OCSD students expect several offers from Florida A&M University, Southern University, and Hampton University in the coming weeks.

"We are so proud of the outstanding musical opportunities afforded to our students in OCSD," said Dr. Shawn Foster, OCSD Superintendent. "Our music educators continue to prepare our students for experiences after OCSD, and we are grateful for their dedication and support for the arts in Orangeburg County School District," he continued.

The mission of Orangeburg County School District, the catalyst of innovation and excellence, is to ensure all students discover and develop their person, purpose, and platform through high-quality educational experiences distinguished by a culture of collaboration, equity, and inclusion; a creative learning environment with inspiring opportunities; a commitment to nurture the academic, physical, social and emotional well-being of all. Visit us online at ocsdsc.org

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