



Wando High School

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Wando's marching band wins 14th state championship

Columbia, SC – On Saturday, November 5, 2022, the Wando Marching Band captured their 14th South Carolina 5A state title, sweeping all captions including Outstanding Music, Outstanding Visuals, and Outstanding General Effect with a score of 96.45.

The Warriors have competed in the state marching band competition 14 times since 2005 and won the championship each time. The 14th win sets a new South Carolina state marching band record for most wins of any program in the state, breaking the Warriors' previous record of 13 state championships.

"It doesn't matter how many times we've won the state championship," said Bobby Lambert, Wando Band Director. "Each title is incredibly special as the challenges and hurdles around us seem to raise each year. From illness to pouring rain during finals, these kids have continued to face every challenge and rise above them beautifully."

Wando's show this year, *Ascension*, signifies the rise above all the obstacles facing our world since the pandemic.

"The show is a three-part work of performance art that explores the mystery of the unknown, yet the drive to explore," explained show designer Michael Gray. "The revelation of finding your 'personal' mountain and conquering it. Lastly, we explore the victory of overcoming, the power, jubilation, and joy of realizing that each performer in the Wando band is a survivor on the field and in life."

The show features the musical selections, *Rest* by Frank Ticheli, *Canyon* by Phillip Glass, and *Survivor*, arranged by Jay Bocook and Vince Oliver.

The championship comes two weeks after Wando finished second in the [Bands of America Regional Championships](#) in Orlando.

The Bands of Wando are under the direction of Lambert, Lanie Radecke, and Jeff Handel. Michael Gray is the Program Coordinator for the Wando Marching Band, and Brian Winn is the Director of Color Guard.

The Bands of Wando thank the community, the Charleston County School District, the Town of Mount Pleasant, its Harmony Sponsors, the Bands of Wando Foundation, parents, and alumni for their continued support. For more information visit WandoBands.org.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 49,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military.