

Hampton County band students excel at Region 4 Band Clinic in Summerville

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When adults think of a "clinic," they often picture doctors and white coats. When talented young students journey to a clinic, the diagnosis can be talent and beautiful music.

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The region clinic is designed to showcase artistic talent while also fostering a love for music at a young age, said Erin Long, the district's communication director.

The elementary band students study under band directors E. L. Manigo and Ami Roland, and HCSD Superintendent Dr. Glenda Sheffield had high praise for both students and teachers.

"Over the past several years, the band program in Hampton County School District has experienced remarkable growth," said Dr. Sheffield. "Under the leadership of Mr. Knowlin, our middle and high school band director, the program has strengthened significantly. Mr. Manigo's work with our elementary bands has been essential in cultivating a strong foundation of young, talented musicians. We are proud of our dedicated band directors and all of our band students, whose professionalism, hard work, and exceptional talent continue to elevate our program."

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To qualify for the region band clinic, the students had to undergo strenuous practice sessions and then audition.

Hosendove is a 6th grade student at Brunson Elementary School who plays the clarinet.

"I had a great time at the Region Four band clinic," said Hosendove.

"Learning six songs in two days was difficult and took a lot of patience. I met many new people and gained life long memories. I couldn't have done it without my family and Mr. Manigo cheering me on; not just at the competition, but since I learned the clarinet."

Siril is a student at South Carolina Internet School and plays the trumpet.

"I started practicing in September under the guidance and expertise of Mr. Manigo and Mrs. Roland," said Siril. "I had to practice scales, terms, a solo, my tone and musicality, and even sight-reading. Sometimes I really wanted to quit and thought I might not be able to go through with the auditions, but I put in the hard work and was determined to succeed. The auditions were on Jan. 10th. I was thrilled when I found out I made the band. At the clinic, the Junior Honor Band was directed by Mrs. Susan Waters from Nashville, Tenn. We practiced for six hours the first day (with breaks) and then another three hours the next morning. We learned four songs in this time and performed at the Summer's Corner Performing Arts Center.

"I had a really great time learning the songs and performing them with my peers, and I am hoping to make the band again next year," he added.

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