



"My favorite memory was winning 7th out of 28 bands at the Region Championship." -freshman Rebekah Bryan

# band



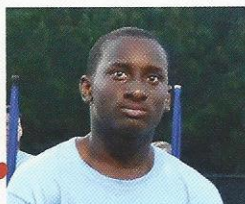
Towards the end of the summer, while their peers were preparing for school to begin, the band was already hard at work. In order to prepare for the upcoming marching season, the entire troupe participated in two weeks of band camp. With each new year comes new music to learn, and new drill spots as well. As time went on, it all became more and more comfortable. Before long, it became flawless. The band's halftime performance was a tribute show, which honored the traditions of the band program. In 1973, the Band of Blue formed with only 18 musicians under the direction of Mr. Bill Young. Forty years later, under the direction of Mr. Tom Finigan, the entire band program consists of approximately 650 talented musicians. This year's show was titled "Traditions: 1973-2013," and brought the band a seventh place finish at the South Carolina Band Directors Association State Championships. Aside from marching season, the band also participates in a concert festival and other activities throughout the year. The Band of Blue was a visible part of the school's composition by participating in parades and holding many other community events, such as a 5K and a motorcycle run.

**1** In his second year as drum major, senior Adam Smith proudly displays a fifth place trophy at the Lower State Championship with fellow drum majors, senior Alexis Keen and junior Chakeria Allen.

**2** This year's band was made of over 150 musicians and color guard. In the back of the field, historic pictures that dated back 40 years set the scene for their "traditional" theme.

## What is your favorite memory from band?

Q & A:



"Basically all of my freshman year was just really a good year."  
-Junior Xavier Pope



"Coming up in the drumline and becoming friends with all the other drummers was my favorite."  
-Sophomore Joshua Craven



"Riding on the color guard bus to competitions is crazy and so much fun because we are all doing hair and makeup."  
-Senior Elizabeth Shelley



"Getting seventh at state this year was awesome. It ended my marching career with a bang."  
-Senior Lisa Way



"The feeling after a really good performance is unforgettable."  
-Junior Jessie Crandall