



Being a drum major brings back many memories for Stephany Griffin. "When I was twelve, Mr. Polk came to John C. and started the band. I never had much knowledge of marching bands and I joined with the intent of becoming a baton twirler. My heart was nearly broken when Mr. Polk asked me to be a drum major-that sounded very unglamorous. Little did I realize that I was entering one of the greatest experiences of my life. I've learned so much about people-judges, audiences, band directors, band students. But the person I've learned most about was myself. Winning a trophy marked "Best Drum Major" is a reflection of determination and of the guidance of a band director who told a twelve-year old girl 'You can do it!'"