

# GHS Band Receives Superior Ratings

# Visions Activities



Students Jacob Robertson, Claire Sanford, Dakota Young, Tiara Watson, Jarvis Benson, Iyonna Collins, and Band Director Barry Rogers display the most recent Sweepstakes Award.

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On Thursday February 28<sup>th</sup>, the Grenada High School Symphonic Winds, under the direction of Mr. Barry Rogers, traveled down to Pearl, Mississippi, to participate in the 2013 MHSAA State Concert Evaluation. The Symphonic Winds is the premier concert ensemble for the Grenada Band Program and is comprised of approximately 70 students.

In just 6 weeks of rehearsal time, Mr. Rogers and the students prepared three concert selections to play for a panel of three judges.

The band also had to demonstrate their skills in sight reading. On site at Pearl

High School, the students were given a piece of music they had never seen. They had just 11 minutes to talk about the new piece and then perform it for a panel of three additional judges.

After much hard work, the Grenada Band program was awarded the Sweepstakes Award for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. The Sweepstakes Award is the highest and only award given to the state's band programs by the Mississippi Bandmasters Association. In order to receive the Sweepstakes Award, Grenada's band program had to receive superior ratings from every judge at Marching Band, Concert Band, and Sight Reading evaluation.

Grenada High School's Visions show choir consists of 49 members, with talents ranging from singing to dancing, to expertise in sound equipment, staging, and lighting.

Visions' most recent out-of-state performances were to Disney World and onboard the Carnival Elation cruise ship. Visions is most noted for their outstanding Christmas and Spring shows that they perform right here in their hometown of Grenada. 2012-2013 captains are: Dance captains - Paige Porter and Matthew Murphy; Soprano Captain - Hannah Thomas; 2nd Soprano Captain - Beth Moore; Alto Captain - Mary Courtney Self, Tenor Captain - Michael Hankins; and Bass Captain - Mitchell Sones

Visions members maintain an overall 3.77 GPA (eight members have a 4.0) with 14 members in the National Honor Society and 33 members consistently named to the GHS Honor Roll. Members are involved in sports, cheerleading, band, yearbook staff, and serve as class officers in the GHS Student Council.

They are active members of the Anchor Club, 4-H Leadership, Key Club, DECA, Excel Club, NNDCC, French Club, and Spanish Club. Several members have the distinction of being Congressional Award Medalist, members of 100 Scholars, and members of Mu Alpha Theta.

All Visions members are also members of 4-H Expressive Arts Club. Visions members are active in FCA, as well as, their church groups and ensembles. They perform vocally, as well as, play instruments for their worship services. Visions competed the first of February at



Grenada High School Visions show choir recently competed in the Jackson Academy Invitational. They received second place in the small mixed division and fourth runner-up overall in the competition. At the Petal Show Choir Invitational, Visions received second place in the small mixed division. Characters from the competition performance include (from left): Matthew Murphy (Prince Charming), Hannah Thomas (Snow White), Paige Porter (Apple), Beth Moore (Evil Queen), Bryant Poe (Man in the Mirror). Visions is under the direction of Jenni Winter, director, and Kim Porter, assistant director.

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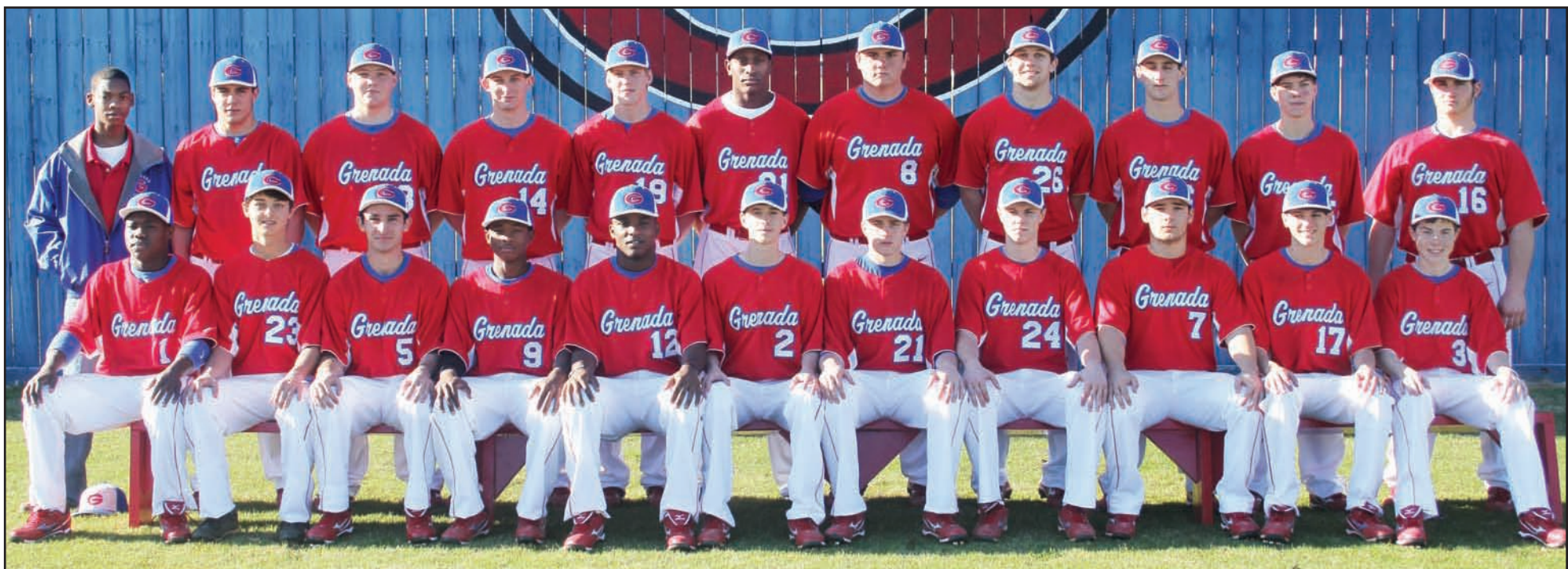
The title of the competition show was *Bad Apple*. The cast of characters for the show included: Hannah Thomas - Snow White; Matthew Murphy - Prince Charming; Beth Moore - Evil Queen; Paige Porter - Apple; and Bryant Poe - Man in the Mirror. Songs performed during *Bad Apple* were: "Clear Blue Morning" (Soloist - Lauren Simpson); "Beautiful Day" (Soloist - Hannah Thomas); "Toxic" (Soloist - Bethany Moore); "Living La Vida Loca" (Soloist - Bryant Poe); "Don't Want to Miss a Thing" (Soloist - Matthew Murphy); "Bring Me to Life" (Soloist - Matthew Murphy)

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# 2013 GHS Varsity Baseball Team



Front L to R: Jay Redditt, Dillon Hill, Micheal Logan, Kedric Bailey, Kes Spencer, Brandon Williams, Reiv Wood, Josh Greer, Brantly Shaw, Wes Moore, Back L to R: Quardius Tate, Ethan Burke, Taylor King, Shelby Craddock, Will Jordan, Trey Blodsoe, Dalton Thomas, Payne Horan, Hunter Bull, Blake Williams, Justin Kinard