

Sixth Grade Band Students Excel

Students Jada Cashaw, Olivia Pollen, and Anna Francis are the first students to receive the new "Excellence In Music Performance" award.



By Steven Hugley
Band Director

The 6th grade band program has a new award entitled "Master Middle School Musician". In the 6th grade band curriculum, students have to "pass off" items for the directors. This allows the directors to have a more personal relationship with the students and helps the directors troubleshoot problems before they arise.

In the beginner band curriculum the students now have benchmarks that they must reach in order to become a "Master Middle School Musician." The 40 benchmarks are broken up into eight different levels before culminating to "Master Middle School Musician." For each benchmark passed, the students receive a "star" to show mastery over that concept and benchmark. If a student receives three stars then they are considered to be a Level 1 musician. Every five stars after that, the students reach a new level: three stars, level 1; eight stars, level 2; thirteen stars level 3; eighteen stars level 4; etc. The

directors' goal at the end of the year is to have all of their students on level six. If the students make it to level seven or higher, they are considered to be on a 7th grade level. Completing all 40 is an extremely hard task. Last year only three students accomplished all 40.

Jada Cashaw, and Anna Francis, both from the Clarinet Section, and Olivia Pollen, from the Saxophone Section, completed every benchmark set forth in the 6th grade curriculum. The directors are extremely proud of these students' accomplishments. As can be seen in the photo, all three students received individual trophies with their name and year engraved on them.

Along with the trophies, there is now a perpetual plaque hanging in the Grenada Band Hall that will be added to yearly with the names of the 6th grade students who complete every benchmark. These are the first of many who will be added to the plaque. Congratulations and good luck to these students as they continue to further their music education as part of the Grenada Band Program.

GCTC DECA Students Attend Fall Conference

By Lisa Wilbourn
DECA Sponsor

Twenty-four students from the Grenada Career and Technical Center attended DECA Fall Leadership Conference on September 29 - 30, in Tupelo, Mississippi. The students had the honor of hearing motivational speaker, Patrick Grady, author of "Who Packs the Parachute?" In addition students attended a variety of breakout sessions led by students and advisors.

All attending students had the opportunity to participate in the role play mock competition. Current DECA advisors provided students the competitive advantage to participate in a role play and receive immediate advice, feedback, and suggestions. It's a great opportunity for new DECA members



Tori Crawford and Elysa Gilley attended a motivational speaker workshop at the recent DECA conference.

to experience competition, and a way for returning members to practice their competition skills.

NNDCC GHS Program Welcomes New Instructor

The new NJROTC/NNDCC instructor is Chief Newtroin Foreman, originally from Dallas, Texas. He served 24 years in the Navy from 1989-2013, traveling to over 30 different countries and 20 different states. His prior job in the Navy was Communications, which ranged from held hand radios, phones, and satellite systems.



For the last four years Chief Foreman has worked at the Navy Seabee Base in Gulfport, Mississippi. This is his first year as a Navy instructor and has moved to the Grenada area with his seven children to become part of our community. The Grenada High School NJROTC is now called the Navy Nation Defense Cadet Corps or NNDCC for short. In order for the school to become a NJROTC again 100 cadets must be participating in the program. Chief Foreman's primary goal is to increase participation to regain NJROTC status.

So far this school year

the cadets have attended the Jubilee and were at the opening and closing ceremony for the Crappie National Bass Masters Fishing Championship. The cadets are always on the lookout for opportunities for community service and volunteer work.

The cadets went on their first PT Challenge this week in Terry, Mississippi. They have their second upcoming meet planned for next month as well as their first Drill Meet. Chief Foreman intends to bring back Honor, Pride, and Winning to the Grenada NJROTC/NNDCC program.

2013/2014 GUES Pizzazz



GUES Pizzazz performs at various community and school events. Current members are: (front l to r) Taylor Voyles, Jakayla Ammons, Emily Grace Tillman, Kendyl Jones, Brooke Thomas, Neely Sherman, Laci Sellars, Keeocious Rhymes, (back l to r) Isabella Lindley, Kayla Herrington, Jadon Hardwick, Garion Edwards, Hanna Briscoe, Roy McIntosh, Russ Reid, Avery Zangri, and Hallie Kerr. Not pictured Lane Lemley, Chris Golden, and Ashaureah Williams. Pizzazz is under the direction of Instructor Ashley Owen.

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