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Wando Band marches to top-15 finish at national competition

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Indianapolis, IN – From November 11-13, 2021, the Wando High School Marching Band competed in the Bands of America Grand National Championships at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Warriors placed 13th overall in a field of 99 high school marching bands from across the country.

This is Wando's fifth trip to Grand Nationals and their fifth appearance in semi-finals, only missing finals by 0.05 points. After two years with no competitions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Wando came back stronger in 2021 with its [third regional title](#) and [13th state championship](#). The 13th state title breaks the record for the most championships in South Carolina.

The show, Cabinet of Curiosities, featured the musical selections *Sweet Dreams*, *One Night in Bangkok*, *Butterfly*, and an original composition by Vince Oliver.

"We are so proud of these kids & all they had to overcome just to get to a competition this year," said Wando band director, Bobby Lambert. "This season has made us grow by leaps and bounds in ways we never imagined."

Senior mellophone player, Kathleen Kidd, reflected on her years in Wando Band.

"Band has been the best thing I've ever been a part of, especially this season," explained Kidd. "The work was hard, but I was constantly surrounded by amazing people giving their all at every performance."

Next up for the Wando band is the Town of Mount Pleasant Holiday Parade on December 12, followed by the Wando Holiday Kaleidoscope concert on December 14 in the Performing Arts Center at Wando High School.

The Bands of Wando are under the direction of Lambert, Lanie Radacke, and Jeff Handel. Michael Gray is the Program Coordinator for the Wando Marching Band. Brian Winn is the Director of Color guard. The Bands of Wando thank the community, the Charleston County School District, the Town of Mount Pleasant, its Harmony Sponsors, the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, the Bands of Wando Foundation, parents, and alumni for their support. For more information visit WandoBands.org.

For more information on how you can support the Wando Band, please visit www.wandoraffle.com.

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Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 49,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military.