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Wando Band 13th in Nation

Indianapolis, IN – On November 11-13, 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 all over the country.

This is Wando's 5th trip to Grand Nationals and their 5th appearance in semi-finals, only missing finals by 0.05. After two years with no competitions due to the pandemic, Wando Marching Band has come back stronger than ever in 2021 with their 3rd 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. 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 Dec 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 support of the community, the Charleston County School District, the Town of Mount Pleasant, its Harmony Sponsors, the Charleston County Sheriff's Department, the Bands of Wando Foundation, parents, and alumni. 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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