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Willow Canyon marching band receives top honors

DYSART SCHOOLS — The Willow Canyon High School Wildcat Marching Band, under the direction of Ms. Julie Trent, was awarded first place for division III at the Arizona State Marching Band Championships at Glendale Community College on November 12, 2011. In addition to being declared state champions, the band received the special caption award for the category of Music Performance, which is the highest achievement in this category among the bands. The Wildcat Marching Band was selected to participate in the competition based on their performance at the State Marching Festival, where they earned the only “Superior” rating in division III, as well as special caption awards in the categories of Music Performance, Visual Performance, and General Effect.

The Valley Vista Monsoon Marching Band, under the direction of Mr. Rian Swearingen, placed fourth at the state competition, which hosted a total of 30 bands and 11 bands competing for the division III title. The Monsoon Marching Band placed first and received three caption awards for the Single A Division at ASU Band Day, which qualified them to compete at the state championship.

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