

Orange High School Band marches to first place in University Homecoming Parade Competition



On the morning of Saturday, October 18, 2014, members of the Orange High School-Mighty Marching Tornadoes boarded a bus headed for Lincoln University in Pennsylvania for their annual Homecoming parade competition. This is the first time that the Orange High School – Mighty Marching Tornadoes have been asked to participate. The parade began at 11:00 am and was routed through the entire campus. Many spectators watched as the Orange High School Mighty Marching Tornadoes marched through the campus with pride. The students were very excited about the opportunity to perform at a Historically Black University.

The Orange High School-Mighty Marching Tornadoes staff members are:

- Steven Reeves-Director of Bands
- Nickevner Desir-Assistant Director of Bands
- Peter Abazia-Percussion Instructor
- Tosha Brown-Auxiliary Advisor for Dance
- Barbara Robinson-Auxiliary Advisor for Color Guard
- Denise Parrish-Marching and Maneuver Specialist

The competition was staged at the end of the parade route where the band performed. The judges were able to see exactly how the Orange High School –Mighty Marching Tornadoes perform with pride. Each step was taken with dignity and precision, and each note was played with accuracy. At the end of the parade, the judges announced that the Orange High School-Mighty Marching Tornadoes won First Place in the competition for the best parade performance. As a result they were given the opportunity to perform a field show after the homecoming game at Lincoln University.

The Orange High School Marching Band is essentially a service organization designed to uplift the morale of Orange High School and the surrounding Orange community through music and lively entertainment. It has been in existence for a number of years and continues to stand prominently as one of the major ambassadors of Orange High School. In 2012, the band was re-named the O.H.S.-M.M.T. by its current director, Steven Reeves. This acronym is an abbreviation for the Orange High School-Mighty Marching Tornadoes. Students who participate in this ensemble understand the high level of academic and musical aptitude that is required to remain an active member. Its administration is comprised of a staff of six staff members that work collaboratively to fulfill and sustain the ideals of the program.