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Heart of America Marching Band Festival A Success

LAWRENCE – Heart of America Marching Festival saw 23 bands take the field in Memorial Stadium on Saturday. With sunny skies above, many families chose to spend the day enthusiastically cheering on bands from throughout Kansas and Missouri.

The day of music making culminated in a rousing routine from the Marching Jayhawks. The Jayhawks presented parts of their pre-game performance including *I'm a Jayhawk* and *Kansas Song*, reprised a portion of their well-received Space show with the theme to *Star Trek*, complete with phasers, and finished with several of the pep tunes for which they are known, such as *Africano*.

“Heart of America is the final competition of the season for most of the bands here today. We are seeing each school’s creativity and skill at the height of their hard work.” said Matthew Smith, director of the KU Marching Jayhawks. “It’s a joy to watch these students’ pride and spirit take the field.”

Awards were given in each of the following categories:

Class IV

Third Place	Raytown South Southern Regiment
Second Place	St. Charles West Marching Warriors
First Place	Maize South Marching Band

Class II

Third Place	Platte County Pride Marching Band
Second Place	Topeka West Charger Band
First Place	Lee's Summit Golden Tiger Marching Band

Class I

Third Place	Olathe East Orange and Blue Brigade
Second Place	Buhler Marching Band
First Place	Olathe Northwest Raven Pride

Outstanding Music Execution	Olathe Northwest Raven Pride
Outstanding Marching Execution	Buhler Marching Band
Outstanding General Effect	Olathe East Orange and Blue Brigade
Outstanding Colorguard	Olathe Northwest Raven Pride
Outstanding Percussion	Buhler Marching Band

Grand Champion	Olathe Northwest Raven Pride
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