

HCHS Winter Guard earns medals during inaugural season

The Harlan County High School Winter Guard just completed its inaugural season by competing in Cullowhee, NC.

The HCHS squad placed fourth in its class against nine performing groups. The HCHS show “Just Don’t Blink” has earned many accolades throughout the season, including three contests that resulted in medals.

The group, directed by Carla Miller, has been practicing and refining the show since early December.

“Winter Guard is an activity that takes the visual artistry from the marching band scenario and applies it to an indoor venue for the winter months,” said Miller, the creator of the show.

The HCHS Winter Guard has been performing their show to “So Long, Lonesome” by group Explosions in the Sky.

“Our group has experienced unusual success for a group that has just begun” says Bryce Miller, band director and assistant director for the Winter Guard at HCHS.

“We are very proud of our progress this season and couldn’t be happier with our group,” said B. Miller.

Participants included Josh Brock, Jessica Bush, Sara Clark, Rene Evans, Kayla Hammonds, Amber Peterson, Jessica Saylor, Jordan Smith, Tony Thomas, Emily Wills and Kimberlyn Wilson.



Harlan County High School Winter Guard participants include, front row, left to right, Kayla Hammonds, Jessica Saylor, Kimberlyn Wilson and Amber Patterson; second row, Renee Evans, Tony Thomas and Sara Clark; and back row, Josh Brock, Emily Wills, Jordan Smith and Jessica Bush. Not pictured are Director/Designer Carla Miller and Assistant Director Bryce Miller.