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MAHS Symphonic Band Receives Superior Ratings, Fourth Year in a Row Earning Top Score at PMEA Assessment

Moon Area High School Symphonic Band received Superior ratings for the fourth year in a row at the recent Pennsylvania Music Educators Association's Music Performance Assessment at Butler Intermediate High School on March 23.

The band garnered straight I's or perfect scores by the three-judge panel with this year's prepared performance of Ralph Vaughn Williams' "English Folk Song Suite" and Ronald LoPresti's "Elegy for A Young American," which was written following John F. Kennedy's assassination. Band members also received II or Excellent scores in the sight-reading portion.

A PMEA Music Performance Assessment Festival is an adjudicated event, which contains two judged components – a prepared portion with selections the ensemble has practiced in advance and a sight-reading section in which the students and directors perform a piece they have never seen. The festival provides students and directors with the opportunity to be judged and obtain feedback from some of the best collegiate band directors and conductors in the area. The rating system is a single numeric value with I as Superior, II as Excellent, III as Good, IV as Fair and V as Unsatisfactory.