

My name is Joyce McCall and I was a member of the Murphy High School Band from 1995-1999. While a student at Murphy, I was very fortunate to have been a part of such a great organization. My most memorable time at Murphy was during the years when the program once again dominated the state of Alabama and the Southeast with its amazing leadership and musical fortitude. There was absolutely nothing that we did not accomplish. Every marching band festival, audition, rehearsal and classroom setting was savored and appreciated by those who listened and those who personally participated.

As a former student of Dunbar Magnet School of The Performing Arts, I was blessed to have been encouraged to attend Murphy High School not only for its superior music reputation, but also for its academic consistency. It was in the Murphy High School Band that I gained many friends and memories that I live to appreciate and reflect upon.

During my tenure at Murphy I served on the band council in various positions and I served as section leader in the clarinet section in both the marching band and concert bands. I participated in the jazz band, all of which were excellent ensembles. I honestly could not have chosen a better high school than Murphy High School.

After graduation, I enlisted in the Alabama National Guard Band (151st Army Band) stationed in Montgomery, Alabama and also enrolled at The University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, MS. Both were important chapters in my life. All which I hold Mr. Stan Chapman, Mr. Randy Davis, and Mr. Darren Smith responsible for the encouragement and faith in me that would I go forth to accomplish. Thereafter, I was a member of the 41st Army Band stationed in Jackson, MS and I have obtained a Bachelors of Music degree from The University of Southern Mississippi and a Masters of Music Education from the same.

Currently, I am an assistant band director at McArthur High School in Houston, TX and I am also a member of the 36th Infantry Division Band stationed in Austin, TX. In the future, I hope to attend Arizona State University in the fall of 2011 in pursuit of a PhD in Music Education and get commissioned in the US Army as a band officer.

I have never forgotten the Murphy High School Band and all that encompasses it. Every success that I have encountered is in relation to the Murphy High School Band. Truly, it is a great program; one of the best in the nation. I wish the very best to the Murphy High School Band Program.