

## **Bands march to first and second place**

Fayette County bands continued their dominance at the Kentucky Music Educators Association State Band Championships by finishing first and second in class 5A. Paul Laurence Dunbar High took home top honors while Lafayette High was named runner-up at the competition.

The Marching Bulldogs reclaimed their championship – the fourth in five years – through a strong presentation of popular music. They followed that performance the following weekend by being bringing home the Kentucky Governor’s Cup at the prestigious “Contest of Champions” in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. The band will also perform their winning routine in New York during the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade.

“The Dunbar Band students have worked extremely hard this year to develop their musicianship and high performance level,” said Paul Laurence Dunbar’s band director Jeff Hood. “We have world class music programs here in Fayette County and our middle school and high school bands are among the best in the nation.”

Lafayette High’s “Pride of the Bluegrass” took a more classic approach to this year’s competition performing *Celestial Suite: Sun, Moon, and Stars*.

“Lafayette Band did a great job in both the semifinals and finals performance,” said band director Chuck Smith. “I could not be more pleased with their efforts”