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Lancaster ISD JROTC Tiger Battalion Wins First Place in Mansfield Tri-State Military Skills Meet

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The Lancaster High School JROTC Tiger Battalion was crowned the Grand Champions at the Mansfield ISD Military Skills Meet in October. The battalion competed against 25 teams from the tri-state areas of Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana and placed first in the overall meet.



"We have a large group of freshman and first-time students competing this year and we did not expect this level of performance," Lancaster JROTC Major Eric Mosely said. "It was outstanding!"

About 40 students of the 190-member battalion competed in various categories and the details wins are as follows:

- The Orange Crush Unarmed Drill team finished 2nd Place in the Basic drill phase, 2nd place in the exhibition (free style) drill phase, and 2nd place in the inspection phase and finished 2nd place overall for the meet.
- The Orange Guard, Female Color Guard placed 2nd in the performance phase, and 1st in the inspection phase and place 2nd Overall for the meet.
- The Crossed Rifles, Armed Drill Team finished 1st place in the inspection drill phase and 1st place in the Basic marching drill phase, 1st place in the exhibition (free style) drill phase and finished 1st place overall for the meet.
- The Black Guard, the male Color Guard finished 2nd place in the inspection event, 1st place in the performance event and 1st place Overall for the meet.

- The Roaring Female Tigers, Physical Fitness team finished 1st place Overall in the Female Physical Fitness event.

“It is exciting to see the students compete and be extremely successful,” LHS Principal Joseph Showell said. “There is a lot of discipline in the JROTC program and I know that they put in the time, so, I’m glad to see them winning.”

Showell added that the JROTC program is quite beneficial to Lancaster High School.

“Quite often they set the tone for our various programs because one of the first things that we do is post the colors,” he said. “In addition, this program provides students with skills that can carry over post high school should then choose to enter the military.”

The meet also offered opportunity for individual cadets to stand out and following cadets received awards for their outstanding performances.

- Junior, Cadet Master Sergeant Danisha Smith placed 1st in the pushups event, 2nd in the run event and 3rd in the curl-ups event.
- Senior (Team Captain), Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Jabreal Arrington finished 1st in the curl-ups event and 3rd in the pushup event.
- Junior, Cadet First Sergeant Jennifer Moreira finished 2nd Overall in the Unarmed Drill Team Commander event.
- Senior, Cadet Sergeant Major Luis Sanchez finished 1st Overall in the Armed Drill Team Commander event.
- Sophomore, Cadet Sergeant Terrell Smith finished 2nd Overall in the Academic Written Exam event.

“The students are able to see that they can still make a mark,” Major Mosely said as he commented on the impact that a win such as this has on the student. “It builds a sense of accomplishment and allows them to see that they too can represent their school outside of the district in a varsity-level completion.”

The Lancaster JROTC Program has been in existence in the district for more than 20 years, Major Mosely joined the program in 2000 and has consistently seen the students rank in the top program even at the national level.

“We use the national standard to prepare our students for all of our competitions—local, state and national. We see everything as if we are preparing on a national level.”

Major Mosely concluded, “It is something about that Tiger Pride. They go out there and give it their best.”

The LHS students faced 25 teams from 3 area-states in the Mansfield ISD military skills meet and are now preparing for a more rigorous challenge that will encompass about 45 teams from 4 area-states.

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