

Lexis Performing Arts began as an Independent A Class winter guard in 2011. The program came to exist out of a need for students to perform locally after high school. However, to get it started the cast was mainly high school students in Lexington and surrounding counties. The high school programs in the area had winter guards but due to rehearsal facility, budget, and other obstacles it was a year to year endeavor never knowing if it would last more than one season. So, we jumped on the opportunity to create something unique and the first of its kind in the area. The first Lexis winter guard was composed of members from Lafayette, Dunbar, Bourbon County, Adair County, Madison Central, and Henry County. All fierce competitors with each other during marching band season, but became lifelong friends after their first Lexis experience. Now the group consists of young adults from around the southern and midwestern states who are educators, professionals, and university students earning their degree.

Over the past ten years of competing we have been fortunate to help foster educators that give back to high schools around the state and country. Members of Lexis teach the most competitive marching band and winter guards in the state. We even have the Garrard County winter guard coaches as members and on our leadership team. Our members have come from all over the region and globe. We've had the honor of hosting a member from Taiwan and Japan. Today we have members from as far south as Tuscaloosa, Alabama and as far north as Indianapolis, Indiana making the commute each weekend to be apart of the team. We pride ourselves on creating a learning environment that allows young adults to hone and perfect skills not only on equipment and movement but also team building, servant leadership, and collaboration.

Below is a brief competitive history at Winter Guard International World Championships.

2011 Lexis did not attend world championships during the first season.

In 2012 Lexis took off. We attended world championships for the first time and earned a Bronze medal and a bump into the next competitive classification.

2013 Lexis missed the final 15 in the Open class placing 16th by one tenth of a point.

2014 Lexis earned their second Bronze medal. The first in Open Class.

2015 inactive

2016 Lexis earned their third Bronze medal and second in Open Class and was promoted to the highest competitive class.

2017 Lexis competed in World Class and finished 12th in World Class Finals.

2018 Lexis finish 18 in World Class

2019 Lexis finished 14th in World Class

2022, 2023, Lexis finished 16th in World Class, missing finals by three tenths of a point and seven tenths of a point.

2024 Lexis finished 17th in World Class missed finals by four tenths of a point.

2025 inactive

2026 Lexis Partners with Garrard County Schools making this a game changing season for us giving us stability and comfort to be able to create a meaningful experience for not only our members but students in Garrard County as well.

For more information about our competitive circuits follow the link below.

<https://www.wgi.org/about-wgi/what-is-wgi/>

<https://tristatemarchingarts.org/>

Lexis 2017 Semi Finals performance

https://youtu.be/7V-EsNEBj4s?si=uK_sLS28Vxcxm9HF