

Lancer Timeline

1978	Mark Savanich brings idea for a Mankato marching band to Clayton Tiede, MSU director of bands. Ed Stock hired as first director.
1979	First Edition of 60 students takes the street clad in black pants and white t-shirts.
1980	First uniforms purchased.
1982	Paulette Redman joins the staff as American Squad instructor. Lancer Cadet Band runs until 1989.
1983	Lancer Parent Board organized.
1986	Director Ed Stock resigns. Tedd Gullickson and Bob Gospeter named co-directors of Lancers.
1987	First appearance at Alexandria finishing 14 of 15 in 1987 & 1988.
1988	Tedd Gullickson takes over as sole director. New uniforms.
1989	Lancers march in Calgary Stampede. Roxanne Weingartz joins staff.
1990	Rob Haldorson joins staff as percussion instructor. Lancers appear in the four mile long Great Circus Parade in Milwaukee.
1992	Return to Alexandria after three year lay-off – finish 4 th . First Grand Champion at Foley. Lancers sweep all three parades in Traverse City, Michigan. Named Grand Champion with “The Cowboys”.
1993	First Grand Champion at Buffalo with “Cats”.
1994	Lancers march in National Independence Day Parade in Washington, DC.
1995	Lancers move training center to Lancer Complex (DMMS). Largest Lancer band ever with 216 students. Set Lancer record for most wins with 101-9 season. Hold first final concert in Civic Center.
1996	First Grand Champion in Benson.
1997	New uniforms.
2000	Lancers win Grand Champion at Alexandria with “New World”. Finish undefeated in Minnesota. Tour Hawaii.
2002	Lancers win Alexandria to claim second unofficial state championship.
2003	Lancers celebrate 25 th Anniversary with Alumni Band.
2008	New uniforms. Lancers celebrate 30 th Anniversary with Alumni Band.
