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MISSOULA--

Charles H. Johnson, band director at Missoula Hellgate High School, received the 1968 University of Montana Distinguished Service Band Award for outstanding contributions to school bands in Montana.

Johnson was selected by a poll of all Montana high school band directors. The presentation was made Sunday at the University of Montana Band Concert, conducted by Butler R. Eitel. The recipient was introduced by Dr. Charles W. Bolen, dean of the School of Fine Arts at UM. Johnson appeared on the program as guest conductor for "Festive Overture" by Shostakovich.

Johnson, a native of Opheim, did his undergraduate and graduate work at the UM and was UM band graduate assistant in 1960-61. He was director of school music at White Sulphur Springs from 1956 to 1960 and assistant director of instrumental music in the Missoula grade schools from 1961 to 1964. He serves on the staff of the Montana High School Fine Arts Camp.

He is president-elect of the Montana Music Educators and vice president of the Montana Bandmasters. He plays trombone with the Missoula Symphony Orchestra.

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