



Lake Central High School

Athletics

Lake Central Centralettes Crowned National Champions

The Lake Central Centralettes' team recently concluded their unprecedented season by being crowned Grand National Champions at the NDA National Dance Team Championships in Orlando, Florida. This included a 1st Place finish in Varsity Jazz & Best in Category & Best Technique; a 2nd Place finish in Varsity Pom & Best Technique; and a 4th Place finish in Varsity Hip Hop.

The dancers returned home for a short week of preparation and then headed to Lafayette Jeff to compete in the IHSDTA State Championship on 3/12. Lake Central once again stood on top of the podium as the dancers earned three first place finishes: Varsity Jazz, Varsity Pom, and Varsity Hip Hop.

The storied history of Lake Central Centralettes and Coach Kevin Mathis' historic run continues. Lake Central has won every State and Regional Championship since 1995, and this year marked the 14th time our Centralettes earned a National Championship.

The hard work and dedication to their craft these young ladies and coaching staff endures cannot go unnoticed. In addition to the countless hours of preparation, the dancers celebrated with us and performed at football games and boys' basketball games; typically, late nights before their early morning competitions.

Their storied season doesn't just include a Grand National Championship, State Championship, and Regional Championship. The Centralettes competed in 7 other competitions throughout the season. In 5 of those competitions, they earned clean-

sweep victories in Varsity Jazz, Pom, and Hip Hop (*listed below*).

1. IHSDTA Clark Invitational
 - a. 1st Varsity Jazz
 - b. 1st Varsity Hip Hop
2. IHSDTA Marian Invitational
 - a. 1st Varsity Jazz
 - b. 1st Varsity Pom
 - c. 1st Varsity Hip Hop
3. IHSDTA Munster Invitational
 - a. 1st Varsity Jazz
 - b. 1st Varsity Pom
 - c. 1st Varsity Hip Hop
4. IHSDTA McCutcheon Invitational
 - a. 1st Varsity Jazz
 - b. 1st Varsity Pom
 - c. 1st Varsity Hip Hop
5. IHSDTA LCDI Invitational (*exhibition*)
 - a. 1st Varsity Jazz
 - b. 1st Varsity Pom
 - c. 1st Varsity Hip Hop

At the UDA Chicagoland Midwest Championship, Lake Central earned a 1st in Varsity Jazz & Innovative Choreography, a 1st in Varsity Pom, and a 2nd in Varsity Hip Hop; and at the IHSDTA Solo & Ensemble State Championship, the ladies celebrated 1st, 4th, and 6th place finishes.

Gabriella Grahovac, Grace Penna, and Lily Rogers earned 1st in Small Ensemble. Meghan Martewicz earned a 4th place Senior Solo finish, and Lily Rogers earned a 6th place Senior Solo finish.

We'd like to extend the utmost congratulations to our entire dance team and coaching staff on their successes and continued successes, but we have special thank yous for the 10 seniors whose remarkable careers came to a close.

Thank you Alexa Edwards, Madison Gelatka, Gabriella Grahovac, Chloe Hardesty,

Isabella Holdren, Megan Martewicz, Grace Penna, Courtney Pereira, Gianna Poulos, and Lily Rogers. We wish you as much success in your futures as you endured within the Lake Central Centralette's program. You truly are great representatives of the community, school, and your team!

Go Indians!

