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BACK-TO-BACK STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

High School's Pantherettes Dance Team repeats as Class 2A state champions

The Spring Lake Park High School Dance Team continues to make school history.

For the second consecutive year, the Spring Lake Park High School Pantherettes Dance Team won the Class 2A State Championship in the Jazz/Funk category. They claimed their title at the state competition held Friday, February 17 at St. Paul's Xcel Energy Center.

The team "performed flawlessly," according to activities director Dave Alto, "and it was great to see all of the Panther supporters in attendance."



This is the third state championship in Spring Lake Park High School history, the second consecutive state championship for the Dance Team.

Congratulations to the following talented and hard-working Dance Team students and coaches.

Pantherettes students are Casey Anderson, Jenny Booth, Kelly Booth, Sarah Engmark, Denielle Johnson, Taylor Klis, Jenna Lachinski, Carly LaVigne, Caitlin Nolby, Rachel Palmer, Katie Pederson, Kyleigh Perdew, Rebekah Piltz, Heather Rome, Natalie Strehlo, Lindsey Vanney, Lora Wykle, and Emily Yund.

The team's coaches are Heather Holasek and Alyssa Hadsall.

In capturing the jazz/funk state title, the Pantherettes out-scored a strong Class 2A field that included dance teams from Academy of Holy Angels, Benilde-St. Margaret's, Duluth East, Fairbault, Orono, St. Cloud Cathedral, Sartell-St. Stephen, Sauk Rapids-Rice, Simley, South St. Paul, and Totino-Grace.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, the Pantherettes placed sixth in the state competition's second category, the High Kick/Precision competition.

A pepfest in honor of the state champions was held at the high school on February 21.