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Ashwaubenon High School Dance Team Wins State Championship

Ashwaubenon, WI – February 4, 2014 – On Saturday, February 1st, the Ashwaubenon High School Jaguaress Dance Team won its first State Championship. The team took 1st place out of 15 teams in Division 2 Pom. Team members Keira Hockers and Kelsie Leurquin were both selected to the Division 1 All-State Dance Team, an honor awarded to only 12 dancers in the state. Ashwaubenon was the only team to have two All-State dancers.

The team also placed 4th out of 17 teams in Division 1 Jazz, marking the first time a Jaguaress dance team has ever placed in Division 1 Jazz.

The 2014 WACPC State Competition was held in LaCrosse. From here, the team heads to Orlando, Florida in early March to compete in the Contest of Champions National Dance Competition. There is a sendoff for the team on Monday, February 24th at 6:30 p.m. in the AHS Fieldhouse. Admission to the sendoff is free, but the team will be accepting donations on behalf of the Class of 2012 Derek Benton Memorial Fund.

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Picture Attachment: ASD-HS-Dance-118.jpg, 'Ashwaubenon Jaguaress Dance Team competing at State'.

Picture Attachment: ASD-HS-DanceState-Team.jpg, 'Front Row (left to right): Keira Hockers, Andrea Walker, Charronda Nelson, Sierra Berg, Ashley Shimanek, Bri Beauchamp, Alyssa Thomas, Victoria Vang, Maggie Melotte. 2nd Row: Kelsie Leurquin, Alayna Powers, Mackenzie VanLanen, Lydia Barrette, Katherine Enderby, Donglin "Linda" Zhang, Kaila VanLieshout. 3rd Row: Coach Andrew Meinel, Coach Rodney Anderson, Sammie Turensky, Theresa Murdock, Kayla Collette, Allaina Woodke, Elsie Wells, Jennifer Gajeski, Abby Lukens, Sabrina Gardner'.

Picture Attachment: ASD-HS-DanceState-AllState.jpg, 'Division 1 All-State Dance Team Members (left to right): Keira Hockers, Kelsie Leurquin.

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