

KPHS Silver Stars are State Champions, compete in Hawaii

Kingwood Park High School Silver Stars recently became State Champions in the Miss Dance and Drill Team Texas state dance competition at Klein Forest High School. The team is under the direction of KPHS Drill Team Director Cyndi Vaughn.

The team earned a first place overall State Champion title both in the Team Lyrical and Team Novelty divisions and second place overall in the Team Jazz division. The Silver Star military officers earned a first place overall State Champion title in the Officer Lyrical division and a third place overall in the Officer Jazz division.

All six dances in both the Officer and Team categories won awards for Choreography. Both the Officer group and the Team group were awarded Super Sweepstakes and a State Champion Banner.



The Silver Stars Dance Team toured the USS Missouri in Pearl Harbor after their performance.



Division I Solo participants were Jessica Arnold, Carolyn Arredondo, Allee Bales, Jasmine Cardenas, Gracie Crawford, Bailey Ferguson, Lindsey Ferris, Reagan Graves, Moira Greff, Katie Heese, Kendall Hougen, Alyssa Knapschaefer, Courtney Knight, Shannon Lambert, Logan Lancaster, Kris Love, Hannah Marucci, Sydney Miller, Lexie Richardson, Shelby Schoettlin, Victoria Soderman, Tori Trease, and Lexie Yohn.

Both Lindsey Ferris and Moira Greff were Runners Up for 9th Grade Solo and Reagan Graves earned the 9th Grade Solo State Champion title! Lexie Richardson was Runner Up for 11th Grade Solo while Sydney Miller and Hannah Marucci were Runners Up for 12th Grade Solo. Moira Greff, Gracie Crawford, and Hannah Marucci won first place in the Medium Division for their trio performance. Victoria Soderman was awarded Miss Photogenic for her Action Shot Photo.

“The girls worked long and hard this year and were excited to wrap up their competition season with a big win!” said parent Kim Bales.

Following their state victory, the team went to Hawaii during spring break to perform at Pearl Harbor, learn about and visit the Pearl Harbor Memorial and tour the sites around Waikiki.

The students raised funds for the trip by hosting and working community fundraising events. The team expressed appreciation for the many friends and families who supported their fundraisers, as well as community members who provided support by becoming Sponsors of the KPHS Silver Stars.

Pictured above, 9th Grade Solo State Champion Reagan Graves. Pictured at right, the State Championship Novelty Dance that was also performed at Pearl Harbor shows. From left, Kim Elorriaga, Mady Dockens, Brenna Embrey, Allee Bales, and Lexie Richardson

