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PHOTO CAPTION – The Cedar Hill High School Highsteppers Dance/Drill Team competed at the Aloha Nationals earlier this month in Hawaii.

CEDAR HILL HIGHSTEPPERS EARN NATIONAL HONORS AT HAWAII DANCE COMPETITION

(Cedar Hill, TX) – The Cedar Hill High School Highsteppers Dance/Drill Team continues to build upon its tradition of success.

On March 13, Highsteppers finished second overall, while winning national championships in several categories at the Crowd Pleasers Dance Aloha Nationals in Hawaii. In the Elite category, they were “Overall National Elite Champions”, Pom Winners, Hip Hop Winners and Super Sweepstakes winners.

“I think it was very special,” Highsteppers head coach Mila McQueen said. “A lot of kids who have never been on a plane or traveled outside the state had the opportunity to do so on this trip. They truly bonded, and it’s something that they’ll talk about to their grandkids. I am so thankful to be able to give those kids that experience. We can’t wait for the new banners that represent these ladies’ hard work.”

The team’s 31 members and their coaches returned safely to Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport on Sunday, March 15, amid the beginning of social distancing measures due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The Highsteppers were able to build upon their success from last season when they competed in a Crowd Pleasers Competition in Los Angeles.

“At the national competition, my team did great,” senior Highstepper Hannah Ethridge said. “Everyone was so emotional and because it was our last competition, it was so bittersweet especially for seniors. I performed my solo to the best of my ability by free styling and connecting with God and was blessed to be named the Aloha Soloist National Champion.”

Senior Imari Hicks was the second runner-up in solos. She reflected upon the success of the trip.

“Hawaii was probably the best experience out of all my years of being a Highstepper,” Hicks said. “It was an amazing experience with my teammates and coaches. Competition felt different because of the vibes from the team. We’ve never worked so hard, and I love when a team works together.”



During their week in Hawaii, the Highsteppers experienced the culture of Hawaii. They visited Pearl Harbor, the Dole Plantation, several beaches and the Hawaii State Capitol.

The good news for Longhorn Nation is that they will be able to watch the Highsteppers compete nationally, close to home, next season.

They are scheduled to compete at the 2021 American Drill Team Competition in Denton.

In the Officer/Team Categories, the Highsteppers won the following honors:

Super Sweepstakes

Overall Contemporary Winner

Overall Hip Hop Winner

Jazz (First Runner Up)

Overall Pom Winner

Artistry Award for Contemporary

Crowd Pleaser Awards for Jazz, Pom and Hip Hop

Second Place Overall Officers

Super Sweepstakes (Team)

Overall Team Hip Hop Winner

Pom – First Runner Up

Modern – First Runner Up

Artistry Award – Pom, Military and Modern

Crowd Pleaser Award – Modern and Hip Hop

Third Place Highest Score for Military

Team members are:

Daisja Agee

Dominique Barnes

Triniti Dabney

Chyna Davis

Hannah Ethridge

Jordan Garza

Torri George



Cathryn Henderson

T'Aaliyah Henderson

Imari Hicks

Kennedi Hodge

Triniti Houston

Braniya Jenkins

Raena Jenkins

Sinaria Jones

Amari Leatch

Sharon Munoz

Mi'Kala Nixon

Essence Preston

Samiya Regains

Le'Kia Sanders

Brianna Scott

Eliza Simmons

Sade Standifer

Kiyah Tyner

Lauriana White



Demaria Williams

Jaylen Willams

Trinity Williams

Barbra Willis

Amaiya Morris- Manager

2020 Competition Elite Team

Hannah Ethridge

Torri George

Imari Hicks

Sinaria Jones

Mi'Kala Nixon

Samiya Regains

Eliza Simmons

Lauriana White

Trinity Williams

Barbra Willis

2020 Dance Officers Team:

Hannah Ethridge

Torri George

Sinaria Jones

Eliza Simmons