

## **Sterling Stars shined brightly in competitions**

The Ross S. Sterling High School Sterling Stars had the crowd on their feet during this year's contest season.

Winning First and Second Grand Champion Runner Up, the Stars participated in two contests this year.

The girls came home with many awards, including best large ensembles at both the Goose Creek Memorial contest and the DFW Contest, thanks to the tremendous work of the Kick and Jazz Companies.

The Stars also won a Super Sweepstakes award for their team routines. An outstanding Choreography and Crowdpleaser award was given to their Team Novelty, a UT vs. A&M football-themed routine, and a Crowdpleaser award went to their Team Modern, danced to the song Colorblind.

The Stars won a top honor by receiving the Precision Merit Award, which is only given to those that have top precision in all their team routines.

The Field Officers won special honors with a Super Sweepstakes award of their own and a Crowdpleaser award for Officer Jazz and Officer Novelty. Officer Novelty also won a Choreography award that is a huge compliment to the Field officers who choreographed their own routine.

The Stars had some special wins with their small ensemble consisting of Melanie Butler, Sarah Courtney, Lavalea Partsch and Samatha Postoak. Alyssa Binz and Ashley Johns also won a special award for their duet.

We also had three solo finalist, placing in the top five of their category. This is a huge honor and we are very proud of our Junior Division Finalist – Juliana Yolland, and Senior Division Finalists – Erin Viereck and Clayton Baker.

The Stars first contest was hosted by Goose Creek Memorial High School.



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The Stars, Star Parents, and Star Booster Club would like to thank and congratulate GCM and the Dazzlers for putting together such an organized and well-planned event. The Stars then took an adventure to the DFW area, where they met many adversities on their travels including a broken down bus, a three-hour wait on the side of the road, a stomach virus that spread to 10 girls the day of contest, an eye infection, a sprained ankle and a pulled calf muscle. The Stars overcame all of their obstacles and did a fantastic job this season. The Star Directors, Star Booster Club, and Star Parents would like to tell the girls how very proud we are and appreciate their determination.

The favorite quote of contest season by a Star, "... but it doesn't hurt when I'm dancing."

"We hope to see you at the Stars' next event, where they will be performing many of these award-winning routines," said Stars Director

The Sterling Stars annual Stage Show will be on May 4 and May 5 in the Sterling Auditorium.





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