

## Sterling Stars excel at dance competition

The Sterling Stars earned the title "Grand Champions" at dance contest on Feb. 19-20 at Willis High School.

Sterling Star Director Kelley Start said the team - all 75 of them - had been working very hard, and won many awards including Grand Champion, team sweepstakes and judges award, officer sweepstakes and judges award, Best in Category team novelty movie themed, team pom - boxers, and team modern - rain.

"We could not have asked for better performances," said Start. "The Stars truly represent the best of Ross S. Sterling High School and set the standard for upcoming leaders in your community.<sup>3</sup>

The Team Modern was also awarded a Showtime Applause Award for choreography.

The officers won Best in Category modern - bang, bang, bang, jazz - looking good and feeling gorgeous and runner up for their Frankenstein novelty.

The Star Jazz Company performed to "That's Life" and swept the competition winning 1st place champion out of all the large ensembles, and the Kick Company placed runner up doing a fast kick to "What I Like About You!"

The Stars had several soloist two placing as finalist, one in the Junior Freshman Division - Karli Ramirez and one in the Senior Division - Clayton Baker.

1st Division soloist include Joshalyn Jones, Kelsey Thain, Carolina Cuellar, Tyler Williams, Elizabeth Johnston, Erin Viereck, Elizabeth Cano, Sofia Tellez, Lauren Whitely, Rachel Green, Brittany Sams, Alyssa Binz, and Karli Henderson.



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Brittany Sams and DeQuadra Guidry as well as Shelby Hodges and Briana White also represented the Stars with 1st division duets

And last but not least, the Star small ensemble with Clayton Baker, Elizabeth Cano, Rachel Green and Taylor Robinson won Champion 1st place of all small ensembles.

The Stars' largest dance of the weekend was the novelty to "Let's Go to the Movies" from Annie with every member of the team. "It is quite a site with 75 girls dancing!" said Start.

The Stars will be performing all the routines from the competition at its annual Stage Show on April 15 and 16.





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