

Dance Team Wins Competition

The Harlan County Dance Team recently competed at the Winterfest Cheer and Dance Competition at the Mac Arts Center in Prestonsburg Kentucky on Jan 23, 2010. Harlan County competed against Pike County Central, Sheldon Clark High School and Shelby Valley High School. Harlan County placed first in the Hip-hop division and was also asked to do two exhibition dances (dances for audience entertainment during breaks).



"Already we have had a very successful season beginning with the Fright Fest Cheer and Dance Competition at Six Flags Kentucky Kingdom in Louisville Kentucky on October 3, 2010. While there we won first place in pom, first in hip-hop, first place in the open category and Best overall, meaning we had the highest combined score of any team that competed.

We also competed at the Lake Cumberland Dance Invitational in Somerset Kentucky on November 21, 2010. While there the HC dancers also won first place in the hip-hop division as well as Best All Around.



We are currently preparing for our last upcoming competition. We will compete on March 6th at the Bluegrass State Championship in Lexington Kentucky at Henry Clay High School. We will be practicing and concentrating on perfecting our dances until that time. We are hopeful that we will be successful or at least try our very best to be.

To be only in our second year together it is absolutely remarkable to me that this team could be as successful and recognized as they are. We have different offers to dances at all types of events for intermission entertainment. We have people come up to us at Walmart and even other schools across the region and tell us they have heard about us and some of our dances and they love to see us perform. It feels really good when you can see your dedication is appreciated. We have been very fortunate to have some of the best choreographers to help with our dances. Although I don't want to reveal my sources, our choreographers do have quite a reputation, they have been National College Champions for many years.



As a coach I feel I am very blessed to work with such a wonderful group of young ladies and “gentlemen”. It never ceases to amaze me that 13 girls and 1 boy can work so efficiently together and for two years get along and support one another with absolutely no conflicts among themselves. As the old adage says, succeed or fail, either way, we do it as a team."

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