

Dancing their way to State

DHS Dance Team makes history

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The dance team finished off its season with one of the best years in DeKalb High School history.

Between JV and varsity, there are 20 students that make up the winter dance team, with 14 on varsity and one alternate.

The group placed third at the Northern Illinois Big 12 Conference on Sun. Jan. 8, with Morris coming in first and Sycamore second.

They then went on to the IHSA Sectional on Sat., Jan. 21. 18 teams were in their sectional, and the top 6 were to move on to state. The DHS dance team was awarded with a state-qualifying fourth place.

The girls went out with a bang at the IHSA State Finals. The competition was held at Illinois State University in Bloomington-Normal on the weekend of Jan. 28.

Out of the 30 schools competing at State, DHS was awarded eighteenth place.

For many girls on the team, the bonds and relationships formed are greater than any trophy that the team could receive.

Junior Callie Borden said, "The team is a great group of gals. All of the seniors have worked very hard this year



The dance team after ringing the bell before state. Photo provided by Meghan Riel.

to lead our team."

Seniors Meghan Riel and Gabbie Farrell say the best part of dance is "getting close with friends." However, it wasn't all fun and games for many.

The seniors on the dance team worked very hard with new responsi-

bilities. The girls helped choreograph the routines for football and basketball games, and each senior got to choreograph a part of the competition routine that took them to state.

Clearly, the hard work paid off for the incredible group.