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### Varsity Cheerleading Team Celebrates Results of Nationals



The Port Chester High School Varsity Cheerleading team finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation and 6<sup>th</sup> at World Competition in the National High School Cheerleading Championship (NHSCC) in Orlando this month.

The JV team also earned a bid to compete for the first time, coached by Amanda Blasi and modified coach on special assignment with JV Caitlin Maggi.

Nationals was held at Disney's ESPN Wide World of Sports Arena on Feb 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. According to coaches Chezdis Sanchez-Bors and Melissa Pennino, there were about 15,000 cheerleaders from across the nation and around the world competing. The competition starts as early as 7:30am and continues until after 10PM. There are up to 3 rounds for the bigger divisions and only one or two for the smaller divisions.

The NHSCC is the most prestigious cheerleading championship in the country. The competition was nationally televised on ESPN and ESPN2 to over 100 million homes and 32 countries nationwide.

The following students are members of the teams:

**Varsity**

1. Faith Hudson
2. Kayla Gillespie
3. Darby McDermott
4. Marissa Arminio
5. Cindy Cruz
6. Carsen Swallen
7. Jade Lovallo
8. Carlyne Molano
9. Zoe Kim
10. Sydney Sullivan
11. Rebecca Salerno
12. Daniela Ocampo
13. Carli Sileo
14. Hope Baxter
15. Briana Zuccarelli
16. Celeste Crivelli
17. Leah Yusi
18. Marissa Tauro
19. Olivia Birrittieri
20. Wilmary Parrilla

**Junior Varsity**

1. Nataly Ortiz
2. Isabella Aguirre
3. Vanessa Vazquez
4. Mariela Pineda
5. Naomi Ash
6. Ayana Rivers
7. Andrea Salcedo
8. Melissa Perez
9. Alia James
10. Theresa Di Leo
11. Emily Boccarossa
12. Adrianna Mendez
13. Dafnett Salazar
14. Michelle Vintimilla
15. Carly Ceja
16. Sophia Montenegro
17. Cristina Vargas\*\*
18. Marcela Calderon\*\*

\*\*Substitutes not attending NHSCC