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### SPOTSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CHEER TEAMS PLACE AT UNIVERSAL CHEERLEADERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CAMP

SPOTSWOOD, NJ - The Spotswood High School Cheer teams attended the Universal Cheerleaders Association annual camp at Pine Forest, in Greeley, Pennsylvania, August 24<sup>th</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Both the Junior Varsity and Varsity teams performed very well at the end-of-camp competitions.

The JV team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Extreme Routine (dance/stunts) and earned an award for superior status as a team. In the Elite Division, the Varsity team placed 1<sup>st</sup> in sideline chant performance, 4<sup>th</sup> in Extreme Routine (dance/stunts), 2<sup>nd</sup> in Cheer/Stunts and was recognized as a most improved team in new division.

Individually, Alyana Martinez placed first among all JV contestants in a jump contest. In the Varsity division, freshman Gabriella Alves was a semi-finalist and Jovanna Alves was a finalist.

Additionally, six Varsity team members were named All-Americans for their performance of a dance, cheer and jump. They are: Grade 9 - Jovanna Alves and Gabriella Alves; Grade 10 - Dana Dantoni; Grade 11 - Lea Pappalardo and Amanda Pavlis; and Grade 12 - Senior Captain Lizzy Nielsen.

Dr. Scott Rocco, Superintendent of Schools said, "I would like to extend congratulations on behalf of the Spotswood Board of Education, Administrators and staff, to all members of the Varsity and Junior Varsity Cheer teams for their outstanding competition achievements!"

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