



Board Agenda Item

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Subject:	VII. COMMUNICATIONS A. RECOGNITIONS 2. Hillside Divaz Step Team National Championship				
Presenter or Contact Person:	Fine Arts Director Dr. Audrey Peterbark				
Policy/Code:	Not applicable.				
Summary:	In April, 2026, the Cedar Hill High School Hillside Divaz, a step team created by head coach William Holmes, won their first national championship in Arlington, TX. The 14 member team defeated the teams that finished first and second, respectively, a season ago. Teams traveled to the competition from as far away as Georgia and Missouri.				
Attachments:	Hillside Divaz Step Team National Championship Article				
Recommendation:	Not applicable.				
Recommended Motion:	Not applicable.				

The Hillside Divaz Step Team Wins First National Championship

The Cedar Hill High School Hillside Divaz, a step team created by head coach William Holmes, won their first national championship in April.

The team was led by senior Alasia Criswell and freshman Arianna Holmes, a third-generation step dancer who is also Holmes' granddaughter.

"The team had to lock in, stay disciplined, and let each other know what they needed to do," Holmes said. "And they stepped up their game."

Holmes said the accomplishment was especially significant because the team didn't place in any of the past three seasons. There were 14 members of the team, including five seniors.

"Stepping comes naturally, and it's fun," Holmes said. "It's just like any other competition. You build that bond, and there's adrenaline on that stage."

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While Criswell will continue stepping recreationally at Texas Woman's University, Arianna Holmes – who will be a sophomore next season – said this year's championship "gives us motivation to win again in 2027."