

# Mats Cheer Wins National Championship

The Miramonte Competitive Cheerleading Team placed first at the USA Spirit Nationals at the Small Varsity Show Cheer Novice division. The event took place at the Anaheim Convention Center from March 24th to the 26th.

The MHS Comp Team pulled ahead from the eight other squads to secure first place over the two day competition. After their first performance on Friday, Miramonte secured first place and lead the pack by a comfortable 1.6 points. On day two, El Modena and Lake Oswego High School made an impressive come back and pulled ahead, taking first and second place for the day two performances. But overall Miramonte pulled ahead by .18 points to secure the National title.

“We thought Covina High School was going to be our biggest competition but they ended up getting fourth,” junior Olivia Kaufmann said, “but we were happy we pulled ahead because .18 is extremely close.”

In order for a high school cheer squad to be eligible for nationals they have to receive a certain qualifying score at their competitions throughout their cheer season. Miramonte qualified for nationals at their first competition of the year in Santa Cruz. The team, however, decided to continue competing to get more practice.

This win marked an emotional ending for the seniors on the team as it was their last high school cheering competition. Last year the Miramonte Competitive Cheerleading Team also took first place at the USA Spirit Nationals.