**Twirlettes Most Successful Miss Majorette Competition Ever**

 The Saline Twirlettes had 23 young ladies compete on May 13th at the Miss Majorette of Michigan competition held at Walled Lake Northern High School. This competition is basically an all-around event where twirlers compete in modeling/interview, strutting and solo for overall state pageant winners and Miss Majorette winners. To date, the team came home with the best results in Twirlette history with 9 winners and 5 girls that placed 2nd and one 4th and one 5th place finish. Sixteen girls placing in the top five in this top state competition is incredible. The winners will not have the opportunity to represent the state of Michigan in their respective pageants at the National competition in July.

Grass Lake 4th grader , Hanna Alvarez captured the Juvenile Miss Majorette of Michigan title by winning in modeling/interview, strut and solo. Her sister 6th grader Haley Alvarez won the Pre-teen Miss Majorette of Michigan title while team mate Saline Junior, Amanda Coy won the Junior Miss Majorette of Michigan title amongst one of the largest competition groups of the day.

All three of these ladies will compete at the Miss Majorette of America pageant in July at Notre Dame University. Also in the advanced division Cori Walworth, recent Chelsea graduate won a 4th place in the Teenage division, Kelly Coghlan placed 3rd in the modeling & interview portion, while Grass Lake Freshman Lizzie Branch won 5th place in the Junior division.

In the Intermediate group, Avery St. Lawrence, Saline 7th grader won the modeling and solo portion and was crowned the Pre-teen Intermediate pageant winner while Saline 6th grader Alexis Figueras took home the 2nd place award by winning the strutting division and placing 3rd in solo.

Saline graduating senior, Julie Palmer won the Sr. Intermediate pageant title. She will close her competitive career at nationals so it is very fitting she gets to represent Michigan one final time. Avery and Julie will represent their respective divisions in the National intermediate pageant.

Jackson Christian freshman, Johanna Kegerreis placed 2nd overall in the Junior Intermediate division by placing 1st in modeling and 2nd in strut.

Milan 7th grader Aubrey Bukosky won the Pre-teen Beginner pageant with Saline 6th grader Jenna Huetteman wining a 3rd in strutting her first time in the Beginner division. Due to health reasons, Elly LeCursi was unable to compete in the pageant but placed 2nd in open solo. Kailtyn Kornacki, Milan 8th grader won 2nd place in the Junior beginner division. While Ali Gucwa , Ann Arbor Pioneer junior, won 2nd in the Sr. Beginner division.

Aubrey will join Julie and Avery at the National level pageants as well.

Newcomer , Alex Ley, Saline 1st grader won 2nd place in the Basic Skills pageant 0-6 division . She placed 2nd in modeling, 1st in basic strut and 3rd in solo. This was her first Miss Majorette competition so her coaches were very pleased and look forward to working with her potential.

In the Juvenile Basic Skills division, East Arbor student Maggie Smith won the Basic skills pageant by winning all three categories and Erin Huetteman won the Preteen basic skills pageant. Erin is a 5th grader in Saline. Jady Jackson won a 2nd place in solo in the preteen division. Catholic Cabrini freshman Addison Foy won the Junior Basic Skills pageant by also winning her modeling, strut and solo categories.

Overall it was an exceptional day for our athletes that have worked all year for this event, stated Head Coach , Susan Usher. “It will be exciting now to see how they can do at the national level with the top twirlers in their divisions. “

The Twirlettes continue to train and some will compete at the Regional competition the end of June in hopes to qualify there for the national level competition. Once school is out, the team will train daily between 6-10 hours a day to prepare of the NBTA nationals held the last full week of July at Notre Dame University.

The Spring recital on June 9th will feature all the Twirlettes and honor 2 seniors, Chelsea graduate Cori Walworth and Saline Graduate Julie Palmer. Cori will be attending the University of Toledo where she will become one of two Feature Twirlers with the Rocket Marching band and Julie will attend the University of Michigan.