

North Hunterdon Regional High School

Cheerleading Program

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Nineteen of North Hunterdon High School Competitive Cheerleaders attended the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) Elite Camp at Trails End in Pennsylvania from August 19 - 22 under the direction of Head Coach Michael K. Drulis and Assistant Coach Laura Schuetz. The camp is known for excellent instructional programs, focusing on cheer gymnastics, stunting, team spirit and leadership skills. The athletes traveled to Pine Forest Camp, in Greeley, Pennsylvania for four days of team training and a competition.

This UCA training camp has earned a reputation of being an exclusive elite camp due to the accomplishment of the participating programs and the rigorous training program expected of participants. The coaching staff and parents are particularly thankful to the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District and North High School Administration for permitting our athletes to attend this prestigious camp.

All nineteen athletes and coaches participated in, and successfully completed an "Athlete Credentialing" and "Coaching Credentialing" program qualifying them in their roles as student athletes and school leaders.

On the last day, the North Competition Squad was evaluated against other, like sized, participant teams and was selected and awarded a second-place designation for their competition cheer routine.

Drulis noted that, "The North Cheerleaders put themselves into a very competitive environment for the first time at this camp, and were awarded a very prestigious recognition by some of the nation's top judges against some of the nation's top cheer programs. We are humbled and thankful to have the North Hunterdon name recognized among so many excellent programs."

He added, "this recognition was a necessary accomplishment for the team to grow towards competing at Regionals, where they will attempt to qualify for a bid to nationals."

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The team was awarded a *Spirit Stick* and *Superior Ribbon* for each night's award ceremony and performance leading up to the last performance. It is also noteworthy that the following athletes from the squad, and residents of the towns sending to the High School, were recognized for leadership on the team and as top cheerleading athletes in the area of jumps, cheers and dance.

- Kate Approvato, Junior, Annandale, NJ, All American Cheerleader Designation
- Cayleigh Greger, Junior, Hampton, NJ, All American Cheerleader Designation
- Alyssa Markey, Junior, Lebanon, NJ, Pin It Forward Award, for team leadership and kindness and All American Cheerleader Designation
- Nikki O'Connell, Senior, Annandale, NJ, All American Cheerleader Designation
- Florence Puxted, Junior, Union Township, NJ, All American Cheerleader Designation
- Catherine Stenberg, Junior, Lebanon, NJ, All American Cheerleader Designation

The North Hunterdon Varsity Spirit Squad will open their season on Saturday, September 9th, vs. Summit at 2 pm at Summit High School. The Competition Squad will begin their competition season in October.