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South Elgin High's Cheer Team to be Honored with Accent on Achievement

*Board to also recognize National School Social Work
Week*

ELGIN - The U-46 Board of Education will honor the South Elgin High School Co-Ed Varsity Cheer Team on Monday for being named champions at the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Cheerleading State Finals. The Board will also recognize the vital role social workers play in schools as part of National School Social Work Week, March 1-7, 2020.

The School Social Work Association of America's annual recognition highlights how school social workers enhance the social and emotional growth and academic outcomes of all students, emphasizing the whole child and linking students and families with needed services. U-46 employs about 90 social workers across the District.

"Our social workers act as advocates, mediators, counselors, case managers, program developers. They help in times of need and prevent far more issues from becoming a crisis," said CEO Tony Sanders. "Social workers are vital partners in the important work we are doing every day in U-46."

South Elgin High School is celebrating its co-ed cheerleading team, comprised of 24 students from all grade levels, for ranking first among 25 co-ed finalist groups in the state championships in Bloomington in February. The other categories were small team, medium team, and large team.

In celebration of their February win, South Elgin High School held an all-school assembly, during which team members and Principal Brian Moran showcased the trophy. Students and staff also had the opportunity to watch the cheer team's winning routine on an overhead screen.



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“The students are on cloud nine,” said Head Cheer Coach Savannah Bennett. “After how hard the students have worked - this is just the icing on the cake.”

The students being honored are: senior Mercedes Alejandre, junior Jovanina Anesi, junior Samantha Carlson, senior Tristan Cruz, junior Andrea Domin, junior Nicholas Domschke, senior Abigail Greco, junior Olivia Herak, freshman Avery Jagers, sophomore Samantha Jimenez, junior Mya Lyons, sophomore Krista Martin, senior Shannon Martin, junior Karly Mastrangeli, freshman Morgan Poole, sophomore Kaitlyn Ramos, senior TJ Ramos, sophomore Mark Rundio, sophomore Alexis Salazar, freshman Lillian Seifrid, senior Alexandra Spires, freshman Sydney Woertendyke, sophomore Alexandria Wrobel, and sophomore Kendall York.

The “Accent on Achievement” certificates will be presented to Bennett and the 24 students on the co-ed cheer team at 7 p.m. Monday, March 2 in room 140 of the Educational Services Center. Mary Abbott, lead school social worker in U-46, will accept the certificates on behalf of the District’s social workers. The U-46 Board of Education meetings are always open to the public and they stream live on [YouTube](#).

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School District U-46 serves families in 11 communities: Bartlett, Elgin, Hanover Park, South Elgin, Streamwood and Wayne, as well as portions of Carol Stream, Hoffman Estates, St. Charles, Schaumburg, and West Chicago. In total, the District encompasses 90 square miles within the Fox River Valley, approximately 45 minutes west of downtown Chicago, and includes communities within Cook, DuPage and Kane counties. More than 38,000 pre-K through twelfth graders attend the 57 District schools and programs. To learn more, visit the U-46 [website](#), or like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).