

## Universal Dance Academy earns several national titles



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Universal Dance Academy's Competitive Company (UCC) spent six days in Branson, Mo., June 16-21 competing at the Spotlight Dance Cup Nationals at the Lawrence Welk Grand Theatre. The UCC Team had great success in all areas including choreography, entertainment, costume, judges' and director's choice awards.

UDA owners and directors Vivian Ball and Angela Beery received several national award titles. They had several of their numbers chosen to re-compete for the top four positions. Universal's top scoring dancers all received a diamond trophy and cash awards totaling \$2,000 for placing in the top four positions. All of Universal's 28 dances taken to nationals received top Diamond or Ruby scores.

Results of dances in the final extravaganza:

Petite lyrical solo "New Child" 1st overall national champion, Lexie Gibson . Petite jazz trio "Express & Shine" 2nd overall, Ava Freeman, Addison Hasenpflug and Caitlyn Kleinschmit. Petite jazz group "Hit the Road Jack" 4th overall, Hudson Beery, Paxton Beery, Ava Freeman, Lexie Gibson, Holland Maxwell. Junior lyrical trio 2nd overall, "Now Three" Lillian Ball, Halie Gibson & Emma Luci. Junior lyrical small group 2nd overall, "Lifelines" Lillian Ball, Rose Copes, Halie Gibson, Emma Luci and Patia Wolfe.

Junior large group "Candy Shop Drop" 4th overall, Lillian Ball, Beaudree Ball, Paxton Beery, Hudson Beery, Jack Beery, Macy Behrens, Madison Behrens, Kelsie Bliss, Danielle Delp, Olivia Foster, Ava Freeman, Halie Gibson, Lexie Gibson, Addison Hasenpflug, Payton Prall, and Lucy Schwartz. Teen tap solo "Get Up Offa That Thing" 2nd overall, Jack Beery. Teen tap duo "Mr. Pitiful" 1st overall national champions, Jack Beery & Kelsie Bliss. Teen tap small group "September" 1st overall national champions, Lillian Ball, Jack Beery, Kelsie Bliss and Emma Rhodes. Senior tap trio "Wake Me Up" 1st overall national champions Lillian Ball, Trevin Ball and Emma Rhodes.