



Po-Hi Steppers Win National Championship

The Ponca City Senior High School Steppers have earned the National Championship at the National/International American Dance/Drill Team Competition held at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas March 22-24, 2019. The team has been coached by Kristin Smith for 28 years. Their entire list of awards is listed below.

Coach Kristin Smith said, "It is an absolute honor to coach these young ladies. I am so very proud of their accomplishments and hard work. They are true women of character and discipline. It has been eleven years since we have been able to win an overall National team title. I had a feeling from the very beginning of the season that this team would be the one to bring the trophy back home to Ponca City. What an exciting weekend it was, and it was even more special to be able to represent this town and our high school in such an amazing way. We are always humbled by the support this community gives us. Thank you, Ponca City!!"

"The District is so proud of our Po-Hi Steppers," said PCPS Superintendent Shelley Arrott. "They demonstrate the highest levels of grit, determination, work ethic, and pride, and these characteristics are exemplified by these awards. Kristin Smith not only coaches these ladies to be the best drill team in the nation, but also instills the passion for them to be strong, confident young ladies. The entire Ponca City School District is so proud of this team for all they have accomplished and for representing PCPS with pride. They are great ambassadors for our school and community and true role models for all to admire #pcpsproud, #wildcatway, #teampcps."

2019 Large Team National Champions!!!!

- 2019 - Team Prop National Champions
- 2019 - Team Military National Champions
- 2019 - Team Pom National Champions
- 2019 - Team Kick National Champions
- 2019 - Large School American Academic Champions - 3.625 Team GPA
- 2019 - Officers Kick National Champions
- 2019 - Officers Military National Champions
- 2019 - Officers 1st Runners-up National Champions in Officer Category
- 2019 - International Military Champions
- 2019 - International Prop Champions
- 2019 - International Kick - 3rd Runner Up
- 2019 - International Pom - 4th Runner Up
- 2019 - Po-Hi Freshman Virginia Bryce was named National Junior Miss American High Kick

The Stepper picture top left was taken at Po-Hi by **Photography by Jes**
The Stepper picture top right was taken at Nationals

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