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## **New Mexico State Fair Hosts “Parade of Champions”**

Thousands of people will line Central Avenue tomorrow morning (Saturday, September 10) to witness the 2016 New Mexico State Fair Parade, which will begin its procession at 8:30 AM from Gate 1 and proceed East on Central Avenue. The parade will end at the intersection of Central and Conchas Street.

This year’s theme is “Parade of Champions,” with a host of notable New Mexicans leading the way as grand marshals, including Roswell High School “Charlie’s Angels” dance team, first place winners of the 2016 National Dance Alliance Championships recently held in Orlando, Florida. Members of the team include: Allison McKinley, Courteney Baca, Reyna Vasquez, Savannah Grado, Victoria Vasquez, Priscilla Richardson, Gabrielle Gonzales, Arianna Padilla, Alana Dumlao, Aryka Montes, Kaileigh Holloway, Jennifer Carreon, Reagan Bradford, Marisa Moncayo, Taylor Fitts, Jianna Mendoza, Danielle Estrada, Kaylen Duran, Kate McDonald, Kaitlynn Wilson, Chloe Salcido, Aneisa Otero and Elisa Perez. Kim Castro is the Head Coach and Silvia Hernandez is the Assistant Coach.

Also leading the way will be three time Indianapolis 500 winner Bobby Unser, members of the professional dance company Baila Baila, and Jim Ciccarello, long time track coach and jump rope coach with the Bandelier Jump Rope Team. Over several decades as a high school track coach, Ciccarello has worked with more than two hundred individual New Mexico State Champions.

“We are really pleased to take this opportunity to recognize local champions whose accomplishments help to put New Mexico on the map.” said Dan Mourning, General Manager of the New Mexico State Fair. “Whether it’s inspiring others to excel, or winning national titles for excellence, the New Mexico State Fair parade is a great way to honor and celebrate their successes.”

There are well over 200 entries in this year’s parade. For more information on the 2016 New Mexico State Fair, please log onto [www.exponm.com](http://www.exponm.com).