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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL [CHEERLEADER/DANCER/DRUM MAJOR] TO PERFORM IN THE ROME NEW YEAR’S DAY PARADE**

***[Your city, state, date] – [School Name]*** is proud to announce that its **[cheerleading/dance team/drum major]** member, [***Name of athlete],***  will represent Varsity Spirit, the global leader in cheerleading, dance team and band apparel, camps and competitions, and a division of Varsity Brands, the market leader in team sports, school spirit and achievement recognition, in the Rome New Year’s Day Parade in Rome, Italy from December 26, 2024 – January 2, 2025.

Cheerleaders, dancers, and drum majors who are invited to perform in the Rome New Year’s Day Parade are part of a select group of All-Americans identified at Varsity Spirit summer camps across the country. All-Americans are based on superior cheerleading, dance, or drum major skills as well as leadership skills at camps operated by Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA), Universal Dance Association (UDA), National Cheerleaders Association (NCA), National Dance Alliance (NDA), United Spirit Association (USA) or Urban Cheerleading Experience (UCE). **[School Name]** attended **[UCA/UDA/NCA/NDA/USA/UCE Camp]** at **[Camp Location] on [Camp Dates]** where **[He/She/They]** was selected as an All-American. Only the top 12% of the cheerleaders and dancers from Varsity Spirit camps earn the chance to participate in a performance of this caliber.

“We are thrilled to be back participating in the Rome New Year’s Day Parade, and that these excellent athletes will have the chance to perform and experience one of our Special Events abroad,” said Bill Seely, President of Varsity Spirit. “We are honored to provide athletes a one-of-a-kind opportunity, where they will meet and connect with cheerleaders, dancers, and drum majors from across the United States, as well as be a part of an international and historical parade experience.”

**[Name of Athlete]** will perform with Varsity Spirit All-Americans in an exclusive performance with more than 2,000 performers, including some of America's best-known high school marching bands, for a parade in central Rome. Besides being able to perform in a world-renowned parade, athletes will have the opportunity to meet cheerleaders and dancers from across the US and enjoy a memorable trip to one of the world’s most popular cities.

***[Insert quote from participant here, explaining what they are most looking forward to, or how they feel about being a part of the Rome New Year’s Day Parade.]***

For more information about the Varsity Spirit All-American Program, visit [www.varsity.com](http://www.varsity.com).

**About Varsity Spirit**
Memphis-based Varsity Spirit, the driving force behind cheerleading’s dynamic transformation into the high-energy, athletic activity it is today, is the leading global source for all things spirit, including cheerleading, dance team, performing arts and yearbook. A division of Varsity Brands, Varsity Spirit is a leader in uniform innovation, as well as educational camps, clinics and competitions, impacting more than a million athletes each year. Focused on safety, entertainment and traditional school leadership, Varsity Spirit’s employees have been dedicated to celebrating spirit through its brands since 1974. For more information about Varsity Spirit or Varsity Brands, please visit [varsity.com](https://www.varsity.com/) or [varsitybrands.com](https://www.varsitybrands.com/).