

After four years of hard work, winning a competition was really an amazing feeling. It was the first competition I have won since I became a Mann cheerleader my freshman year so it was a big deal!" Rebecca Turner, 12, said. The cheer team won their first competition in four years during the 2016 season.

"The competition meant so much to me, especially since it is my last year. Our goal for the season was to win a competition, and we did it," Madison Hammond, 12, said. Hammond has been cheering for Mann since her sophomore year, and it is the first competition she has won at Mann.

Rebecca Turner was named captain this year while Hammond was named as one of the co-captains. "I was named captain because I have been very dedicated to the team all four years, and I showed my leadership skills throughout the time I've been cheering for Mann," Rebecca Turner said. Rebecca Turner contributed to her stunt group as a base during the competition, while Hammond was the flyer for the same stunt group. They landed all of their stunts at the competition.

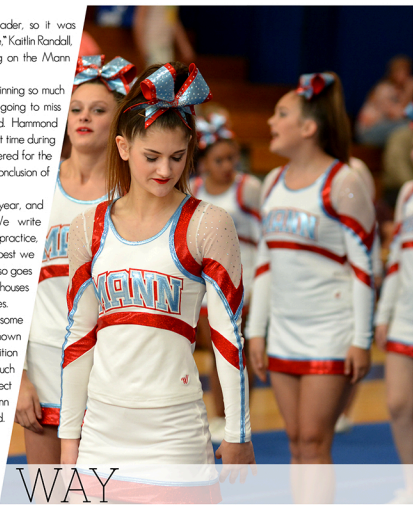
"Our team worked harder this year than we ever have and it truly paid off. I have never won a

competition as a Mann cheerleader, so it was amazing to be called for first place." Katlin Randall, 11, said. Katlin has been cheering on the Mann team since seventh grade.

"The girls on the team make winning so much fun. I love all the girls, and I am going to miss them next year," Hammond said. Hammond cheered for the Patriots for the last time during basketball season. Hammond cheered for the Patriots for the final time at the conclusion of basketball season.

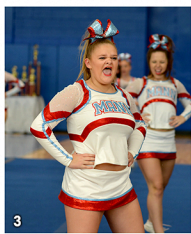
"Our team is really close this year, and that helped us get better. We write inspirational quotes on a board at practice, and it really pushes us to be the best we can be," Randall said. The team also goes on bonding events to each other's houses or restaurants after some practices.

"I have become really close to some girls that I would have never known without cheer. Winning a competition with all of them made us that much closer. I can't imagine a more perfect way to end my time as a J.L. Mann cheerleader," Rebecca Turner said.



Taking it All In

Madison Hammond, 12, prepares to start her routine at the competition the team won at Eastside. They announce awards starting with third place so the anticipation got higher and higher until we heard our name called for receiving first place. It was exhilarating," Hammond said.
Photo By Grace Guspart, 11



1 Making Memories
Caroline Cravens, 11, cheers at a football game this season. "This is my fifth year as a Mann cheerleader, and I always love getting to be with the girls." C. Cravens said.
Photo By Megan Felt, 11

2 All Good Things Come to an End
Taylor Delucca, 12, watches and cheers at her last Spirit Week pep rally. "This year has been bittersweet because everything is coming to an end!" Delucca said.
Photo By Hannah Keener

3 fierce Competition
Rally Kazawicz, 11, strikes a pose during a cheer at a competition. "Winning the competition was great because it felt great knowing our hard work paid off." Kazawicz said.
Photo By Grace Guspart, 11

4 Showing Spirit
Anna Cravens, 10, cheers at the football game against Riverside. "I love cheering at football games because the crowd cheers along with us." A. Cravens said.
Photo By Anna Robinson, 11

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Practicing for Perfection

Rebekah Mayfield, 12, strikes one final pose after completing the routine at the competition at Woodmont. "My favorite part about this competition was hitting all of our stunts. It was so reassuring after all the hard work we put in this season," said Mayfield.
Photo By Grace Guspart, 11

Can't Hide the Pride

Jillan McCurdy, 12, cheers at the football game against Eastley. "My favorite sport to cheer for is football. We get to pump up the crowd and Friday Night Lights are always the best," said McCurdy.
Photo By Grace Guspart, 11



Flying High

Rachel Turner, 9, soars through the air during the competition at Woodmont this season. "I love getting to compete because we get to get ready together, and our team bonds so much through those times. The team has really become like my second family," Rachel Turner said.
Photo By Grace Guspart, 11

Fresh Faces



Kathryn Lee, 9

"I definitely look up to the older girls. They are amazing cheerleaders and they know exactly what to do and where to go, which I have to learn from. Lee said Lee plans to continue cheering for Mann and making a positive impact on the team."
Photo By Grace Guspart, 11



Morgan Key, 9

"The senior and senior girls know so much more than me, so it is really helpful getting to learn from them. They are so nice and they always help me improve." Key said. Key is looking forward to cheering at more events, especially for Spirit Week next year.
Photo By Hannah Keener



Abbie Willer, 9

"I love getting to meet new girls every year. We are so close, so it makes it so much fun when we all cheer together." Willer said. Willer is on her first year, but has been on the team for many years. She plans to continue cheering as a Mann cheerleader.
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