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Henry M. Jackson High School dancers selected to perform in Holiday Bowl activities

Bowl Games of America is pleased to announce the selection of this outstanding dance team as featured performers in the December 2008 Pacific Life Holiday Bowl Halftime Show and nationally televised Big Bay Balloon Parade in San Diego, CA.

The Holiday Bowl Halftime Show is traditionally known as one of the most extravagant and highly publicized shows of all the NCAA bowl games. The dancers from Henry M. Jackson were selected to join with other dance groups from across the country to combine in one of this year's biggest halftime extravaganzas. The groups were selected based upon outstanding performance, geography, and the strength of community support.

The dancers will assemble together with other performers in San Diego for three days of intense rehearsal with choreographer Cris Judd. They will end their year on a high note by performing in front of 160,000 spectators between the game and the parade. They will also enjoy a party held in their honor at Sea World.

This is not the first time that the H.M. Jackson High dancers have been recognized for their skills. Under the leadership of Tracy Theriault, the team has an impressive history of accomplishments including taking first place at the district level and going on to the state dance competition to earn Fourth place in 2006-07.

This school year the team has competed locally in six competitions with other high schools and earned numerous trophies. "They placed again at the district level this year and qualified and performed very well at state," according to Theriault, who adds, "I am very proud of this team and have never seen a group of girls more dedicated or work harder!" It is no surprise that the H.M. Jackson dance team is becoming recognized nationally for their superior dance and performance abilities. The team is very excited to perform for such a large audience. It will mean many extra practices and lots and lots of fund raising but we are very inspired to go and want to have the opportunity to represent H.M. Jackson High School at the Holiday Bowl!