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Lindenwood University's dancers finished in fourth in the nation this year at the Universal Dance Association Collegiate Dance competition in Orlando, FL.

The annual event took place Jan. 16-19. Lindenwood submitted a video and was chosen as one of 30 schools to participate in the Open Division of the competition, with only 11 of the 30 teams make it to the final round. This was the third year that Lindenwood has participated in the event. The previous two years the team had finished 8th.

"During awards I could hardly breathe, I just wanted to get past eighth place and this year I knew that we were going to do it," Brenda Parisi, Director of the Dance Team said. "When they called Lindenwood for 4th place my heart just stopped. The look of satisfaction, excitement and accomplishment that came across each of the girl's faces was my reward for the season. They deserved every bit of glory this past weekend. I couldn't be more proud to be the coach."

Additionally, the team won the Heart of America Athletic Conference Dance Competition in 2002 and finished second in 2003. The team is gearing up for this year's competition which take place on February 14 at Culver-Stockton College.

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