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The Utah State Eastern Cheer team was crowned National Champions Sunday at the United Spirit Association championships in Anaheim.

Competing against squads from around the country, the team sat in third place after Day 1 of the competition but had a flawless day two routine to vault them to the championship.

“I could not be prouder of what they accomplished,” said Cheer Coach Kelley Bradley. “They worked so hard and they earned this.”

In addition to cheer, the USU Eastern Dance team also competed, taking third in jazz and falling just .14 points short of first place in hip hop, taking second.

“There was very good competition this year,” said Brandi Johansen, Dance Coach and Director of the Spirit Squad. “I am so proud of our team. They performed so well.”

Emmett the Eagle also performed in the mascot competition taking fourth.

This is a third straight national championship for the spirit squad, with dance winning the hip hop category each of the last two years and cheer winning this year.

“We like to celebrate excellence among our students, and it is amazing to see what this group continues to accomplish,” said Greg Dart, Chief Campus Administrator. “The future is very bright under Coach Johansen and Coach Bradley.”

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