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CSULB Dance Team Takes Home 2nd in College National Championship

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Long Beach, CA – The Cal State Long Beach Dance Team continued their winning tradition by placing second in the UCA/UDA College National Championship held January 13-16 2005 in Orlando, Florida. CSULB Dance was one of only 20 top teams across the nation invited to compete at Walt Disney World, where they walked away with yet another championship title.

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Not afraid to take a risk, this tight-knit group decided to use Indian symphonic music in their routine to help them stand out from the current trends in collegiate dance. While the music has an original sound, it lacked lyrics which made for an uncommon approach to performances they usually used at CSULB athletic events and competitions.

“There was a risk that the judges and the audience would not enjoy the music or routine,” said Dance Coach Rey Lozano. “Fortunately the girls performed it at a basketball game, which are our most important performances, and the audience was receptive as were the judges at the competition,” he said.

After returning from Orlando, the 12-girl team will now set their sights on the 12TH Annual USA Collegiate Cheer and Dance Nationals in Las Vegas, Nevada February 5-6, 2006. Associated Students, Inc. wishes Co-captains Laura Rysavy and Pennee Eagatatt and their entire team the best of luck as they continue a long standing tradition of success for the CSULB Dance Team.

For more information about Long Beach State’s National Champion Dance Team please contact Chance Decker, Beach Pride Center Coordinator, 562-985-2518 or cdecker@csulb.edu. You may also visit www.beachpride.com for more information.

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