

# Winter Guard Wins State!



The Winter Guard performs their routine to "Rhythm Is Gonna Get You" by Miami Sound Machine.



Fully costumed, the guard members return to their seats once the show is completed.



The guard performs their routine in competition for the State Finals.

Winter Guard members proudly display their state championship trophy and medals for the camera. Winter Guard members are (bottom) Shannon Smeelink, Ginger Martin, Wendy Martin, Amy Cruz, Julie Parent, (above) Bridgette Birtchman, Jody Judy, Brandi Anderson, Shannon Elliott, Bridget Perkins, Tamie Sharp, Staci Hunter, Debbie Flint, and Jenny Wyeth.



The Winter Guard was honored at the State Capitol by House Representative Susan Crosby for their wonderful achievement of winning the State Finals.

The Winter Guard put a lot of hard work into the show. Jody Judy said, "It took us six months to get prepared for it. We had some Saturday and Sunday evening practices along with every day practice the last month before our contest, but it was worth it."

It was a great feeling for everyone when they announced North Putnam had won the State Finals. Debbie Flint explains, "I was really happy and excited. I felt like crying because I was so happy. It felt so good because that was what we always worked for since the first practice."

The most vivid memory other than winning for Ginger Martin was, "The fun times spent together — we're like one big family!"