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Our North Judson-San Pierre Lady Jay Volleyball team brought home our first IHSAA State Championship on Saturday. A State Championship is an ultimate dream for any high school athlete. Congratulations to our entire volleyball team of managers, coaches, and players.

The site of the IHSAA Volleyball State Finals is a special place to play—Muncie and Ball State's rich history in the sport, make this a mecca for volleyball. The energy in Worthen Arena from the royal blue crowd could not be topped from any other school. You cannot beat small-town support and loyalty. Most of the people in the stands have cheered for NJ-SP their entire lives. They bleed blue and gold. The energy did not stop in Worthen Arena, though. The crowd back in North Judson that greeted the team bus was electrifying and was literally filled with fireworks.

The Christian Academy Warriors were playing against more than a group of talented volleyball players; they were playing against a school community of over 2,000. Yes, the girls were playing out their ultimate athletic dream, but it was also about community. This group of student-athletes and their coaches epitomize and represent all that is good about today's teens. They value their families, they value their friends, they value their school, and they value their community. This has been very evident in the last four weeks, as they pursued their dream of a State Championship. The players and their coaches enjoyed every step of the way. They shared joy, fun, and excitement with their school and community.

As the team presented the trophy to the community in the gym on Saturday night, it was obvious to me that it was about representing more than a school, but rather a community. It was about more than themselves, but rather their friends and neighbors from their hometown. As populations shift and small rural towns change in dynamics, you do not get this everywhere anymore. However, you do find it in communities like North Judson and San Pierre. The idea that a group of volleyball players would bring us all together for a common cause is a lesson that will stick with us forever.

Warm Regards,

Dr. Annette Zupin
Superintendent