

Girls Cross Country Captures The Gold



Photo By: McQuitty

LADY MOOSE— The Alamosa Girls Cross Country won the gold for the first time since 2015. They are captured celebrating their huge victory on top of the state podium and are ready to head home with a 1st place trophy.



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—Staff Writer—

The Moose have worked extremely hard and trusted each other enough to arrive at the start line with no nerves.

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In the beautiful morning in Colorado Springs, seniors Lia Castillo, Autumn McQuitty, Abby Wubben, juniors Sarah DeLaCerde, Madeline Castillo, sophomore Elizabeth McQuitty, and freshman Vanessa Villalva jogged to the starting line. The team race was tight between the Lady Moose and The Classical Academy. The Lady Moose were trailing by five points after the first

mile. DeLaCerde led the moose pack in fourth place, M. Castillo followed in tenth place, E. McQuitty came by in 20th, followed by A. McQuitty and L. Castillo in 42nd and 43rd at the first mile.

At this point in the race the girls decided to pick off as many people from other teams as they could. They trudged up steep hills and raced through wooded trails to successfully perform for their teammates on a battlefield. There was so much support from the Alamosa community that cheered on the Moose through the winding paths.

By the second mile excitement filled the spectators' hearts. Alamosa took the lead and did not look back. It was do or die for the Lady Moose, any hesitation or disbelief would lead to a flawed finish. The mile two pad was crossed by DeLaCerde in fourth, M. Castillo moved up to sixth, E. McQuitty made a strong push up to 14th place, L. Castillo and A. McQuitty worked together to climb the standings to 25th and 26th.

They led the team race by a whopping 28 points at the second mile marker. If any team had a response, the time to act would have been on the third mile, but the Moose would not falter to the counters from other teams. In the end the Lady Moose finished as the strongest unit on the course.

Senior Autumn McQuitty clarifies very accurately, "... the most difficult part is the hill right at the end. It kills all your momentum before the finish. The finish is the most fun though because you come into a huge stadium with the crowd cheering".

Finally, the first Moose across the line was DeLaCerde in fifth (18:43), M.

Castillo in seventh (18:45), E. McQuitty finished the second sophomore in 13th (19:20), L. Castillo in 21st place (19:39), and rounding the score was A. McQuitty in 24th place (19:56). Wubben and Villalva finished 89th (22:00) and 92nd (22:04).

The Lady Moose crossed the line convinced they had the state title secured. They were very excited but also tired. It is not easy to run a 3.1 mile race. When the race got hard Abby Wubben thought of her team and did not want to let them down.

All the seniors will be deeply missed as they left behind so many great memories and amazing advice to elevate the teams in the future. The team looks to the upcoming track season this spring. What a flawless season ladies! I could not be more proud of the dedication of this team!

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St. Nick At The Bricks A Success



Theater Recap



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—Head Editor—

Theater is a viable part of AHS. It showcases students many talents, and how driven students at AHS are.

On November 17, theater had their opening night for their musical "High School Musical", and it was a hit.

Students showed up and showed some AHS spirit.

Ms. Fleming the theater director was speaking about the play and said "The musical went really well. The students put in a lot of work the last week and made everything come together".

She continued on to say "It always amazes me how well these kids perform under pressure and how well they can improvise when something goes wrong. They really demonstrated the idea that "the show must go on. I'm pretty proud of everything they've accomplished".

Ms. Fleming talked about how important theater was to these kids, she said "This whole process means so much to these students, though the rehearsals, to the stage building days, all the time and effort they put into it, and the end performances, They create a family they might not have without theater".

Safe to say, "High School Musical" was a huge hit for AHS. Thank you to theater for the time and dedication that was put into the three day show.

Many enjoyed it and are waiting to see what else this amazing group can bring.

Upcoming Events

Holiday Break
December 19-
December 30

Start Of Second
Semester
Jan. 3

