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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

JHS Unified Bowling Team Places First at 2025 High School State Tournament

The Jefferson High School Unified Bowling Team placed first at the 2025 Unified Bowling High School State Tournament.

The JHS team competed against 41 other teams on Saturday, March 15, in Indianapolis, bringing home the State Championship.

The team has 41 student bowlers and is coached by Zach Brennan, Kristen Van Laere, Joe Ramon, Jannice Bell Davis and Patrice Chenault.

Unified Sports give special needs students an opportunity to participate on an athletic team. They are partnered with typical students, who act as mentors to the student athletes. In addition to Unified Bowling, JHS offers Unified Track and Bocce Ball.

Jefferson High School is a National Banner School for Special Olympics, a distinction they earned by achieving 10 standards. They are challenged to engage their entire school community in inclusive activities and to achieve certain goals related to each of the four pillars of the Unified Champion School program. Schools that meet or exceed each of these milestones in a given school year are awarded a recognition banner, while those that go above and beyond may be eligible for national recognition by Special Olympics North America.

JHS is proud to be implement the program's four pillars: inclusive youth leadership opportunities, Unified Sports, whole school engagement, and collaborative fundraising. The program is designed to be woven into the fabric of the school, enhancing current efforts and providing rich opportunities that lead to meaningful change in creating a socially inclusive school that supports and engages all students, teachers, and administrators. JHS will be a recognized school through 2027.

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