ALBUQUERQUE, NM – The New Mexico Activities Association is proud to announce that the Estancia High School football team has been recognized as the Compete with Class award recipient for the month of November 2016.

In an email to the NMAA from Eunice Superintendent Dwain Haynes, he explained how Estancia showed great sportsmanship and class to the Eunice football team despite losing a state playoff football game.

Haynes commented by saying, "Following a 38-13 win by Eunice over Estancia in the Class 3A semifinal football game, the Cardinal football team did their postgame cheer with their fans. Instead of heading to the locker room, Estancia knelt at the 45-yard line to show respect to Eunice for a great game and a job well done."

Sportsmanship is defined by the NMAA as the act of treating others in a respectful manner, taking personal accountability for one’s actions, and responding with integrity while engaged in competition.

The NMAA would like to thank and recognize the Estancia High School football team for setting a great example for the state of New Mexico.

Their act of sportsmanship exemplifies the true ideals of the Compete with Class Sportsmanship Initiative - respect, integrity, and responsibility. More information regarding the “Compete with Class” sportsmanship initiative can be found on the NMAA website at www.nmact.org.

Note that the NMAA will announce a monthly honoree throughout the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year. Questions regarding this announcement can be directed to Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, at (505) 977-5385.