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## NMAA Selects its First "Compete with Class" Honoree for 2015-2016

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** -- The New Mexico Activities Association is proud to announce that the Piedra Vista High School Volleyball Team has been recognized as the Compete with Class award recipient for the month of September.

The Lady Panthers showed honesty and integrity when two of their student-athletes corrected two separate calls made by officials at the Piedra Vista Volleyball Tournament that should have been points for their opponent. "I wanted to make sure that the Piedra Vista volleyball team was recognized for the great example they set for younger players and fans in the stands by their honesty during the match. They showed true sportsmanship and did the right thing, even though it would have been easy to say nothing, and no one would have known. That's how we define character, isn't it? Doing the right thing, even when no one is watching, was very refreshing to see," Cathy Chavez, NMAA Volleyball official stated.

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

The NMAA would like to thank and recognize the Lady Panthers 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 <u>www.nmact.org</u>.

Note that the NMAA will announce a monthly honoree throughout the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year. Questions regarding this announcement can be directed to Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, at (505) 977-5385.

