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MEMORANDUM

TO: Randolph County Board of Education
Dr. Stephen Gainey, Superintendent

FROM: Amber Ward, Public Information Officer

DATE: July 20, 2026

RE: 4A Softball State Champion

Congratulations to the Southwestern Randolph High School 2026 Varsity Softball team for winning the North Carolina High School Athletic Association 4A state championship on Saturday, May 30, 2026.

The Cougars grabbed a championship series victory over West Stanly, winning in two games, 8-3 and 11-5, earning the program's first state title at the 4A NCHSAA classification level, finishing with an overall record of 25-4. Katelyn West was named Most Valuable Player of the state championship series. The championship also marked the program's sixth state title, adding another remarkable chapter to the proud tradition of Southwestern Randolph softball and further establishing Southwestern Randolph as one of North Carolina's premier high school softball programs. Southwestern Randolph High School was making its eighth appearance in the finals, having previously won titles in 2001, 2007, 2009, 2010 and 2024.