

## News Release

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### DeKalb Seniors Place at State Forensics Championship

The DeKalb High School Forensics team has added another page to its storied history with a strong showing at the IHSA State Finals, held February 16-17 at Rock Island High School.

After winning Conference, Regional, and Sectional championships for the third consecutive season, DHS sent 11 events to the State tournament. When the two-day competition was finished, three seniors had earned medals as State finalists: Stephanie Irving captured 5th place in Humorous Interpretation, Holden Wilson took 6th place in Oratory, and Anny Ying won 7th place in Oratorical Declamation.

Other State qualifiers were seniors Will Goehring (along with Wilson) in Dramatic Duet Acting, Peter Lindsey in Original Comedy, Jeanine Larson in Special Occasion Speaking, Georgia Hill in Verse Reading, and Larson & Lindsey in Humorous Duet Acting. Junior Sam Crittenden also qualified for State in Impromptu Speaking.

The DHS Performance in the Round team qualified for State as well for the 5th straight year. Team members were seniors Cleo Caudillo, Jay Clark, Christy Collins, Caleb Hepler, Matt Hudak, Ryan Mascall, and Kelly Metcalf, and freshman Kayla Kennedy.

The 2006-2007 campaign was one of DeKalb's most successful seasons to date in the 17-year tenure of head coach Greg Solomon. The team of 80-plus members won 251 individual medals while competing at 18 tournaments, winning 5 tournament championships outright.