

News Release

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DHS Forensics Team Wins Conference Title

The DeKalb High School forensics team dominated at its first conference championship tournament in the Western Sun conference on Saturday, Jan. 20 at DeKalb High School. This is DeKalb's third consecutive conference championship. (The last 2 were in the Upstate 8 Conference.) DeKalb had four students take first place in their events, eight second place slots and seven third place finishes.

Forensics is a speech competition involving fourteen separate events. There are individual events, duet events, events that involve original compositions written by students, and events that use published work.

Team total scores were as follows: DeKalb, 101; Rochelle, 65; Yorkville, 41; Geneva, 28; Glenbard South, 22; Sycamore, 6; and Kaneland, 0.

Finishing in first place for DeKalb: seniors Cleo Caudillo in Verse Reading and Jay Clark in Original Comedy, junior Allison Shive in Dramatic Interpretation, and freshman Kaleigh Sheahan in Special Occasion Speaking.

Second place finishers: seniors Christy Collins in Prose Reading, Kim Dye in Oratory, Caleb Hepler and Ryan Mascall in Humorous Duet Acting, Bethany McAnly in Radio Speaking, and Amber Mingus in Verse Reading, junior Max Frank in Original Comedy, and sophomores Colin Gorman in Humorous Interpretation, and Lisa Oller in Declamation.

Placing third in their events: senior Kelly Metcalf in Prose Reading, juniors Jasmine McClain in Declamation, Kevin Smith and

Kendalle Tanner in Dramatic Duet Acting, and Will Stafstrom in Extemporaneous Speaking, sophomores Stephen Bentley in Original Comedy, Gabe Kalal in Humorous Interpretation, and Jovana Nguyen in Impromptu Speaking.

Fourth place finishers: senior Josh Warren in Impromptu Speaking, junior Bryan Simpson in Humorous Interpretation, and freshmen Will Collins and Jackson Hallauer in Humorous Duet Acting.

Finishing in fifth place in their events: seniors Kim Dye in Verse Reading, and Christine Fiedler in Radio Speaking, juniors Max Frank in Extemporaneous Speaking, and Grace Hamilton and Danica Henry in Dramatic Duet Acting, and freshmen Michelle Diedrich and Liz Peregrine in Humorous Duet Acting.

Sixth place finishers: senior Corwin Magill in Special Occasion Speaking, juniors Sarah Blackstone in Declamation, and Melissa Nodurft in Impromptu Speaking.

Freshman Sabrina Kuykendall was a finalist in Extemporaneous Speaking.

DeKalb Forensics will hold its Regional Showcase on Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 7 p.m. in the DHS Auditorium. Students will perform their routines in preparation for the Regional meet. The public is welcome to attend and show support for the team. Regionals will be Saturday, Feb. 3 at Rochelle High School, Sectionals will be Saturday, Feb. 10 at Pearl City, and the State tournament will be Feb. 16-17 at Rock Island.