

2011-2012 DANVILLE FORENSICS RESULTS

NFL NATS NEWS!

Recent Danville High School graduate Nate Johnson led the Speaking Admirals at the National Forensic League Grand National Tournament held June 10-15 in Indianapolis. Johnson placed third in the nation in Expository Speaking with his speech about String Theory. Other DHS award winners were Sarabeth Marlowe and John Thompson, Octofinals (top 60) in Duo Interpretation plus John Thompson, semifinals in Storytelling. The National Forensic League Grand Nationals is the largest academic contest in the world and pits the winners of 106 District contests from Guam to Maine against each other in an annual contest of eleven main speech and debate events plus seven supplemental and consolation events. Celebrities Shelley Long, Brent Spiner, Michael Urie, Josh Gad and Jared Padalecki are all past NFL National Champions; Jane Pauley, Oprah Winfrey, and James Dean also won awards at the contests when in high school. For more information please see www.nflonline.org.

Kudos to Nate, John, Sarabeth, and the whole NFL crew!

CONGRATULATIONS DHS ADMIRALS ON 2012 CFL NATS!

Recent Danville High School graduate Drew Lane placed fourth in Dramatic Performance at the national speech tournament sponsored by the National Catholic Forensic League May 26 and 27. Towson University as well as Baltimore area high schools and convention centers sponsored the sixty-first annual contest, drawing over two thousand students from sixty-eight diocese and five hundred seventy-seven high schools across the United States.

In addition to Lane, seven other DHS students won honors at the contest. Madeline Salinas and Joe Weston advanced to the quarterfinals, or top twenty-four students, in Original Oratory and Extemporaneous Speaking, respectively. Advancing to the octofinals, or top forty-eight, were Sue Cook and Emma Jackson in Declamation; John Thompson and Sarabeth Marlowe in Duo Interpretation; and Nate Johnson in Original Oratory. Over two hundred thirty entries competed in each event (six speech events and four debate events) for four preliminary rounds with award rounds beginning for the top forty-eight entries in each event at round five.

DHS wins State Speech and Debate Tournaments

LEXINGTON:

Danville High School won both the speech and debate state tournaments hosted by the Kentucky High School Speech League at the University of Kentucky March 22-24. With these wins, DHS completed a sweep of the four state titles forensics teams in Kentucky can win, a feat matched only by the 2008 Danville team in the history of the contests.

The Speaking Ads won the Speech tournament with a 39-point placing ahead of Boone County, 283 to 244 in combined scores. Rowan County, LaRue County, Lexington Dunbar, Kentucky Country Day, Harrison County, Central Hardin, Knott County Central, and North Oldham were the rest of the top ten in the school placings.

In the Debate tournament, Danville won for the first time with three of the top six placings in Congressional Debate and additional honors in Public Forum. Larry J. Ryle High and Lexington Henry Clay placed behind the Admirals to take second and third in school placings overall.

DHS took home state champion honors in four events. Dylan Crow and Nate Johnson took home the state title in Improvisational Duo while the Duo Interpretation team of Sarabeth Marlowe and John Thompson also won first. Also winning state titles were Johnson in Congressional Debate and first-year senior Waylon Duff in Storytelling.

Additional state finalists: Marc Manheim, sixth in Broadcasting; Joe Weston, fourth in Congressional Debate plus fifth in Extemporaneous Speaking and fourth in Impromptu Speaking; Jono Beto, sixth in Congressional Debate; Madeline Salinas, fourth in Declamation; Sarabeth Marlowe and Drew Lane, second and fourth respectively in Dramatic Interpretation; Isabelle Ballard and Dylan Crow, fifth in Duo Interpretation; Drew Lane, fourth in Humorous Interpretation; John Thompson and Wright Williams, second in Improvisational Duo; Andrew McKinney, second in Oratory; Nate Johnson, third in Oratory; Isabelle Ballard, fifth in Prose; Laurel Payne, fifth in Storytelling.

Also honored with placings past the preliminary rounds into the top eighteen in their events were Mary-Scott Bugg and Andrew McKinney in Congressional Debate; Sue Cook and Emma Jackson in Declamation; Koltan Winfield in Dramatic Interpretation; Jack Graham and Tyler Whitehouse in Duo Interpretation; Jono Beto in Extemporaneous Speaking; Jack Graham in Humorous Interpretation; Jono Beto and Nate Johnson in Impromptu Speaking; Madeline Salinas in Oratory; the teams of Jono Beto/Nate Johnson and Andrew McKinney/Phoebe Ross in Public Forum Debate; and Wright Williams in Storytelling.

The Ads will conclude their regular season with a Spotlight performance Tuesday night at 7 PM in Gravely Hall. Several of the state winners will perform. DHS will resume competition in late May and mid-June with entries who earned spots in the two national tournaments earlier this month.

The Speaking Ads are coached by Head Coach Steve Meadows and Assistants Christel Belcher, Beth Marlowe, Logan Scisco, and Terri Branson plus recent graduates Maggie Tirey, McKay Nelson, Jared Rehberg, Ali Gautier, Olivia Allen, and Jamie Mohan plus honorary coach James Murphy.

MARCH MADNESS CONTINUES -- DHS SENDS SIX TO NFL NATIONALS, WINS SPEECH AND CONGRESS SWEEPS

Danville High School placed first in Speech and first in Congress in the team competitions during the National Forensic League's Kentucky District Tournament held Friday and Saturday at Centre College. DHS qualified six students for the Indianapolis national speech and debate tournament, the world's largest academic competition, in June.

Qualifying for nationals from Danville: Nathan Johnson, first in Oratory; Sarabeth Marlowe and John Thompson, first in Duo Interpretation; Andrew McKinney, third in US Extemporaneous Speaking; Phoebe Ross, fourth in International Extemporaneous Speaking; Joe Weston, first in International Extemporaneous Speaking.

Danville High School assistant coaches Christel Belcher and Beth Marlowe were named the District Coaches of the Year at the awards ceremony. During awards, DHS was recognized as the 2011-2012 Leading Chapter for Kentucky, an award announced earlier this year.

DHS students won several other prizes at the competition including several students who qualified for nationals in multiple events but who were forced to choose one event in which to compete in Indianapolis. Additionally, senior Isabelle Ballard was named the District Student of the Year, and senior Nathan Johnson won the Susan Moore Prize for outstanding Congressional Debater.

Additional DHS honors at the contest: Sarabeth Marlowe, first in Dramatic Interpretation; Calvin Steber, first alternate in the House; Andrew McKinney, second alternate in the House; Joe Weston, second in US Extemp and third in the Senate; Isabelle Ballard and Dylan Crow, third in Duo Interpretation; Madeline Salinas, third in Oratory; Nathan Johnson, first in the Senate and second in International Extemporaneous Speaking.

19 ADMIRALS HEADED TO CFL NATIONALS!

Danville High School's forensics team qualified nineteen students – a school record – to compete in the National Catholic Forensic League's Star Spangled National Tournament to be held in Baltimore over Memorial Day Weekend. The contest, open to all schools public and private, is held each year in diocese around the country. Kentucky's contest was held Saturday (March 5) in Hodgenville.

DHS has won the Kentucky speech contest sixteen years in a row and took first place in three of the six speech events: Dramatic Performance (Drew Lane), Duo Interpretation (Isabelle Ballard and Dylan Crow), and Oratory (Nate Johnson). Henry Clay High was named debate champion in the team sweepstakes.

Also qualifying to nationals from DHS are Austin Barringer (Congressional Debate); Emma Jackson and Sue Cook (Declamation); Waylon Duff (Dramatic Performance); Jack Graham, Sarabeth Marlowe, John Thompson, and Tyler Whitehouse (Duo Interpretation); Phoebe Ross, Calvin Steber, and Joe Weston (Extemporaneous Speaking); Taylor Hesselbach and Laurel Payne (Oral Interpretation); and Marc Manheim and Madeline Salinas (Oratory).

Additionally, DHS had three of the first alternates to Nationals: Sydney Lewis in Declamation, the Duo Interpretation team of Molly Anderson and Mary Thompson, and Dylan Mullins in Oral Interpretation.

DANVILLE WINS KESDA!

Danville High School won the Kentucky Educational Speech and Drama Association's State Speech Tournament for the second straight year this past weekend. This open state tournament, attended by the state's most competitive teams as they can bring as many entries as they like in each event, is a precursor to the KHSSL State Speech tournament held in March and is the largest speech event held in Kentucky each year. Danville took first with 623 points followed by Boone County with 530 and Rowan County with 507; LaRue County, Harrison County, Lexington Dunbar, Calloway County, Kentucky Country Day, Ryle, and Hazard comprised the rest of the top ten.

Danville took home four championships of the fifteen events. Senior Nate Johnson took first in Student Congress and Extemporaneous Speaking; the Group Interpretation he directed also took first (enacted by Johnson, Sam Nelson, Jack Graham, and Wright Williams). Additionally, senior Drew Lane won first in Humorous Interpretation. DHS placed twenty-eight entries into the final rounds (top six in each event) and brought home sixty-one awards overall from the contest.

Students participating in five events (with at least one public speaking, one interpretation, and one limited preparation event) competed in the Pentathlon contest for best overall competitor in the tournament. Nate Johnson placed second, Sam Nelson placed sixth, and Drew Lane placed ninth in the John Edwards Pentathlon contest named for the event's founder.

Listed here are the award winners at the tournament by event. Students in semifinals placed in the top twelve but not the top six; students in quarterfinals advanced from preliminary rounds to the top twenty-four but not the top twelve.

Broadcasting: Dylan Crow, Taylor Hesselbach, Tyler Whitehouse Quarterfinals.

Declamation: Cloe Anderson, Madeline Salinas Semifinals.

Dramatic Interpretation: Sarabeth Marlowe, Fifth Place; Drew Lane, John Thompson Semifinals.

Duo Interpretation: Jack Graham/Tyler Whitehouse, Second Place; Sarabeth Marlowe/John Thompson, Fourth Place; Molly Anderson/Mary Thompson and Isabelle Ballard/Dylan Crow, Semifinals.

Expository Speaking: Sam Nelson, Second Place; Meagan Smith, Outstanding Novice.

Extemporaneous Speaking: Nate Johnson, Champion; Jono Beto, Second Place; Joe Weston, Fifth Place; Andrew McKinney, Calvin Steber Semifinals.

Group Interpretation: Jack Graham, Nate Johnson, Sam Nelson, Wright Williams, Champions; Emma Jackson, Drew Lane, Sarabeth Marlowe, John Thompson, Kolton Winfield Second Place.

Humorous Interpretation: Drew Lane, Champion; Jack Graham, Second Place; Waylon Duff, Sixth Place.

Impromptu Speaking: Jono Beto, Nate Johnson Semifinals; Dylan Mullins, Joe Weston Quarterfinals.

Improvvisational Pairs: Waylon Duff/Kolton Winfield, Second Place; John Thompson/Wright Williams, Third Place; Dylan Crow/Nate Johnson, Fourth Place; Isabelle Ballard/Joe Weston, Mary-Scott Bugg/Haley McCowan, Jack Graham/Sam Nelson, Quarterfinals.

Oratory: Nate Johnson, Fifth Place; Andrew McKinney, Madeline Salinas Semifinals.

Poetry: Isabelle Ballard, Second Place; Dylan Mullins, Laurel Payne Semifinals; John Thompson, Quarterfinals; Tanisha Bruce and Kayla Foushee, tied for Outstanding Novice.

Prose: Dylan Crow, Third Place; Sam Nelson, Fifth Place; Isabelle Ballard, Sixth Place; Laurel Payne, John Thompson Semifinals; Taylor Hesselbach, Quarterfinals.

Storytelling: Waylon Duff, Third Place; Wright Williams, Fifth Place; Laurel Payne, Sixth Place; Meagan Smith, Outstanding Novice.

Student Congress: Nate Johnson, Champion; Joe Weston, Second Place; Jono Beto, Fourth Place; Calvin Steber, Fifth Place; Andrew McKinney, Sixth Place.

DANVILLE WINS REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

The Danville Forensics Team won the Kentucky High School Speech League's 35-county Bluegrass Regional Tournament on Saturday for the third year in a row, qualifying all 36 of its entries to the state tournament and taking Regional Championships in 9 of the 12 speech events with 15 of the Region's 24 medals overall.

Students competed in 12 speech categories to qualify for the March 23-24 state speech tournament and for regional champion and runner-up medals. Danville qualified 36 entries for state.

Sarabeth Marlowe and Laurel Payne led the Speaking Admirals with dual regional championships. Marlowe placed first in broadcast announcing and dramatic interpretation, while Payne won first in poetry and storytelling.

DHS took five additional championships: Madeline Salinas in declamation; Joe Weston in extemporaneous speaking; Drew Lane in humorous interpretation; Nate Johnson in impromptu speaking; and Andrew McKinney in original oratory. Regional runners up included Danville's Taylor Hesselbach in broadcast announcing, Emma Jackson in declamation, Jack Graham in humorous interpretation, Nate Johnson in original oratory, Isabelle Ballard in prose, and Wright Williams in storytelling.

Advancing to state from Danville are Taylor Hesselbach, Marc Manheim and Sarabeth Marlowe in broadcast announcing; Sue Cook, Emma Jackson and Madeline Salinas in declamation; Drew Lane, Sarabeth Marlowe and Kolton Winfield in dramatic interpretation; Isabelle Ballard/Dylan Crow, Jack Graham/Tyler Whitehouse and Sarabeth Marlowe/John Thompson in duo interpretation; Jono Beto, Phoebe Ross and Joe Weston in extemporaneous speaking; Waylon Duff, Jack Graham and Drew Lane in humorous interpretation; Jono Beto, Nate Johnson and Joe Weston in impromptu speaking; Dylan Crow/Nate Johnson, Waylon Duff/Kolton Winfield and John Thompson/Wright Williams in improvisational duo; Nate Johnson, Andrew McKinney and Madeline Salinas in original oratory; Taylor Hesselbach, Laurel Payne and John Thompson in poetry; Isabelle Ballard, Dylan Crow and Sam Nelson in prose; and Waylon Duff, Laurel Payne and Wright Williams in storytelling.

BEST BARKLEY FORUM EVER

ATLANTA: Danville High School had its best showing ever at the 57th Annual Barkley Forum for High Schools held at Emory University January 27-29 in Atlanta. Twelve of Danville's sixteen entries advanced to the awards rounds in Speech events, the highest number for any school at the tournament, which featured competitors from 172 schools from 26 states and the District of Columbia competing in six speech and four debate contests through four preliminary rounds and three elimination rounds.

Senior Drew Lane repeated as the champion in Humorous Interpretation after winning that contest's first key last year. Junior Jack Graham also advanced to the finals in Humorous Interpretation, placing sixth overall. Additionally, four DHS students advanced to the top twelve, or semifinals: the Duo Interpretation teams of Jack Graham and Tyler Whitehouse plus Sarabeth Marlowe and John Thompson; Nate Johnson in Oratory; Isabelle Ballard in Prose/Poetry. Six more DHS entries advanced to the quarterfinals, or top 24, before being eliminated from the contest: Sarabeth Marlowe in Dramatic Interpretation; Isabelle Ballard and Dylan Crow in Duo Interpretation; Phoebe Ross in Extemporaneous Speaking; Wright Williams in Humorous Interpretation; Madeline Salinas in Oratory; John Thompson in Prose/Poetry.

For his win, Lane again received a commemorative silver key cast from an antique brass key hidden in Georgia before Sherman's March to the Sea in 1864. The Barkley Forum is one of the most prestigious contests in the country, sponsored annually by Emory University's award-winning debate society. Danville High competes in this contest annually with thirteen finalists in speech events since 2004 and was awarded a full membership chair in 2009; Lane is the school's third champion.

ADMIRALS BRING HOME FOUR TROPHIES FROM ASSUMPTION

While their teammates were running the 2012 Anchor Invitational for Middle Schools at Danville High on Saturday (January 21), the ninth grade and new senior members of the DHS Forensics team competed at the Louisville Assumption Rocket Invitational. These thirteen students placed seventh overall in the contest (out of 24 schools) and brought home four individual honors. Senior Waylon Duff added to his string of Storytelling first places with another win, and he also took first in Humorous Interpretation. Additionally, senior Jordyn Perry placed sixth overall in Storytelling while freshman Laurel Payne was fifth in Poetry.

DHS WINS LAFAYETTE THELMA BEELER

Danville High School won its sixth speech tournament of the school year at the Lexington Lafayette Thelma Beeler Invitational Saturday. DHS won by more than doubling the score of second place Lexington Dunbar; Harrison County, North Oldham, Central Hardin, and Lexington Henry Clay finished out the top six in a contest attended by twenty Kentucky high schools.

DHS took first place in seven of the thirteen individual contests: Andrew McKinney in Congressional Debate, Sarabeth Marlowe in Dramatic Interpretation, Jack Graham and Tyler Whitehouse in Duo Interpretation, Jono Beto in Extemporaneous Speaking, Jack Graham in Humorous Interpretation, Dylan Mullins in Poetry, and Waylon Duff in Storytelling. Twenty of the forty DHS team members took home one or more individual trophies for placing in the top six of their events.

Additional individuals winning honors at Lafayette from DHS: Cloe Anderson, second in Humorous Interpretation; Isabelle Ballard, third in Improvisational Duo and third in Prose; Jono Beto, third in Impromptu Speaking; Nate Johnson, second in Original Oratory; Drew Lane, third in Humorous Interpretation; Marc Manheim, sixth in Broadcasting; Sarabeth Marlowe, third in Duo Interpretation; Andrew McKinney, fourth in Original Oratory; Laurel Payne, third in Storytelling; Phoebe Ross, third in Extemporaneous Speaking and sixth in Original Oratory; Madeline Salinas, fourth in Declamation; Max Searcy, fourth in Impromptu Speaking; Calvin Steber, second in Congressional Debate, sixth in Extemporaneous Speaking and sixth in Storytelling; John Thompson, third in Duo Interpretation and fourth in Improvisational Duo; Joe Weston, second in Extemporaneous Speaking and third in Improvisational Duo; and Wright Williams, fourth in Improvisational Duo.

Danville Wins @ Rowan County

Danville High School placed first by a wide margin over reigning state champions Boone County (282-166) at the first annual Harlen Hamm Memorial Speech Tournament held at Rowan County High School on Saturday in Morehead. Lexington Dunbar, North Oldham, Harrison County, and Ryle rounded out the top six teams at the meet. DHS went home with thirty individual awards plus several recognitions for novice (first-year) competitors. Among the DHS awards were the top five places in Improvisational Duo, an event student-coached by senior team member Dylan Crow.

Team captain Nate Johnson was named the Outstanding Speaker at the tournament for scoring the most points at the contest of any student for his first place win in Oratory and second in Improv Duo with partner Dylan Crow. Additional DHS award winners were Cloe Anderson, second in Declamation; Jono Beto, first in Extemporaneous and fifth in Improv Duo; Mary-Scott Bugg, sixth in Humorous Interpretation; Dylan Crow, second in Prose; Waylon Duff, first in Improv Duo and first in Storytelling; Jack Graham, first in Duo Interpretation and second in Humorous Interpretation; Taylor Hesselbach, third in Poetry; Emma Jackson, sixth in Declamation; Drew Lane, third in Humorous Interpretation and fourth in Improv Duo; Sarabeth Marlowe, third in Broadcasting and fourth in Duo Interpretation; Andrew McKinney, sixth in Extemporaneous, fifth in Improv Duo, and fifth in Oratory; Dylan Mullins, fourth in Prose; Laurel Payne, second in Poetry; Phoebe Ross, fifth in Extemporaneous; Madeline Salinas, third in Declamation and second in Oratory; Max Searcy, second in Broadcasting and fourth in Improv Duo; Meagan Smith, fifth in Storytelling; John Thompson, fourth in Duo and third in Improv Duo; Joe Weston, third in Extemporaneous and third in Impromptu; Tyler Whitehouse, first in Duo Interpretation; Wright Williams, third in Improv Duo and second in Storytelling; and Kolton Winfield, first in Improv Duo.

DHS takes the Hilltopper

The Danville High School Forensics Team took first at the WKU Hilltopper hosted by national champion Western Kentucky University Forensics on Saturday, December 12.

DHS placed first in a tight three-way race between second place Ravenwood (TN) and third place Rowan County High. The loss was Ravenwood's first in six years. Twenty schools from four states competed in the last contest of the Fall semester. Individual results are listed below.

Varsity events:

Broadcasting: Sarabeth Marlowe 1, Dylan Crow 4

Declamation: Madeline Salinas 1, Sue Cook 2,
Emma Jackson 4

Dramatic: Drew Lane 1

Duo Interp: Marlowe and Thompson 1,
Ballard and Crow 4

Extemp: Phoebe Ross 3, Jono Beto 4,
Andrew McKinney 5

Humorous: Jack Graham 4

Improv Duo: Crow and Johnson 1,
Graham and Nelson 4,

Thompson and Williams 5,

Beto and McKinney 6

Oratory: Madeline Salinas 3

Novice events:

Declamation: Cloe Anderson 2,

Tanisha Bruce 4,

Sydney Mullins 6

Humorous: Mary-Scott Bugg 2

Impromptu: Austin Barringer 4

Improv Duo: Barringer and Cosby 2

Poetry: Laurel Payne 2

Mary Thompson 3

Tanisha Bruce 4

Prose: Mary Thompson 2,

Molly Anderson 3

Danville wins Boone County Before the Blizzard Blowout!

The Danville High School forensics team placed first at the Boone County Before the Blizzard Blowout on December 3. Rowan County, Beechwood, Harrison County, Lexington Dunbar, and Larry J. Ryle completed the top six in the team competition. Danville took first in five of the twelve events with a top three sweep in Improvisational Duo. Nineteen DHS entries advanced to the final rounds for awards and are listed below.

DHS award winners at Boone:

Broadcasting Sarabeth Marlowe first, Max Searcy second, Dylan Crow sixth

Declamation Sue Cook fifth

Duo Interpretation Sarabeth Marlowe and John Thompson first, Jack Graham and Tyler Whitehouse fourth, Isabelle Ballard and Dylan Crow fifth

Extemporaneous Phoebe Ross first

Humorous Drew Lane second, Jack Graham third

Improv Duo John Thompson and Wright Williams first, Drew Lane and Max Searcy second,

Waylon Duff and Kolton Winfield third

Poetry John Thompson third

Prose Isabelle Ballard second, Sam Nelson sixth, Mary Thompson eighth

Storytelling Waylon Duff first, Wright Williams second.

WKU SWING RESULTS

Danville High School won both halves of the Western Kentucky University Forensics Team and Alumni Association Swing on Saturday. The contest, sponsored by the reigning collegiate championship team and its alumni association, included schools from across Kentucky plus Huntington High in West Virginia. Danville won both events by wide margins with Huntington placing second and LaRue County placing third at both tournaments.

The event was the first high school contest for thirteen of the DHS team members, and several freshmen – Austin Barringer, Sue Cook, Max Cosby, Laurel Payne – took home honors. DHS won forty-six individual trophies at the two tournaments. Individual awards are listed here with designations for winners in the first contest sponsored by the WKU Forensics Team (F) and second contest winners, sponsored by the WKU Forensics Alumni Association (A), indicated by letter.

Broadcast Announcing: Taylor Hesselbach, fifth (F); Sam Nelson, second (A); Max Searcy, first (F).

Declamation: Cloe Anderson, second (F), fifth (A); Sue Cook, sixth (F), third (A); Madeline Salinas, fourth (A).

Dramatic Interpretation: Drew Lane, second (F); Sarabeth Marlowe, first (F); Phoebe Ross, sixth (F); Kolton Winfield, fifth (A).

Duo Interpretation: Isabelle Ballard and Dylan Crow, first (F), second (A); Jack Graham and Tyler Whitehouse, third (F), first (A).

Extemporaneous Speaking: Emma Jackson, fifth (A); Phoebe Ross, first (F), second (A); Joe Weston, fourth (F), first (A).

Humorous Interpretation: Mary-Scott Bugg, fifth (A); Jack Graham, second (F), sixth (A); Drew Lane, third (F), third (A).

Impromptu Speaking: Joe Weston, second (F), second (A); Max Searcy, third (F), sixth (A).

Improvisational Duo: Dylan Crow and Nate Johnson, first (A); Waylon Duff and Kolton Winfield, second (F), second (A); John Thompson and Wright Williams, first (F).

Original Oratory: Nate Johnson, sixth (F), fifth (A).

Prose Interpretation: Isabelle Ballard, second (A); Austin Barringer, third (F); Sam Nelson, second (F); Laurel Payne, fourth (F), second (A).

Storytelling: Max Cosby, sixth (A); Waylon Duff, first (F), second (A); Wright Williams, second (F), first (A).

LaRue/Calloway Swing results!

In its first outing of the current school year, Danville High School's forensics team took twenty team members to the LaRue County/Calloway County Swing speech tournament on November 5. Overall, the team placed second at Calloway's half of the contest and third at the LaRue-sponsored portion. Twenty-one Kentucky high schools and one from Mississippi competed. Boone County took first place at both tournaments with Rowan County, Danville, Oak Grove, Calloway County, and Kentucky Country Day taking top six honors at LaRue; at Calloway's portion, Oak Grove, Rowan County, LaRue County, and Kentucky Country Day were the third through sixth place teams (behind Boone and Danville).

Individual event placings are listed below: LaRue (L), Calloway (C). Special congratulations go out to senior Waylon Duff and sophomore Cloe Anderson for taking home honors from their first tournaments ever!

Broadcasting: Sarabeth Marlowe 5C

Sam Nelson 6C

Max Searcy 1L, 1C

Congressional Debate: Andrew McKinney 2L

Declamation: Cloe Anderson 5L

Dramatic Interpretation: Sarabeth Marlowe 1L, 1C

Extemporaneous Speaking: Jono Beto 2L

Phoebe Ross 2C

Joe Weston 3L

Impromptu Speaking: Jono Beto, 6C

Nate Johnson 3L, 4C

Max Searcy 4L, 1C

Joe Weston 3C

Improvisational Duo: John Thompson & Kolton Winfield 3L, 4C

Original Oratory: Nate Johnson 3L, 6C

Poetry: Nate Johnson 4C

Prose: Dylan Mullins 4C

Sam Nelson 6L, 6C

Storytelling: Waylon Duff 1L, 2C