



Dear 2011-2012 Forensics Team and Coaches:

I just wanted to take a moment to remind you what we have accomplished together this year plus offer a bit of perspective.

- We won **6** of the **9** invitational tournaments our students competed in in-state. In the other **3**, we only sent ½ the team (LaRue and Calloway) or just the **9th** graders plus an extra or **2** (Assumption). Our full team was undefeated.
- We had our best Barkley Forum ever with Drew Lane defending his Humorous Interpretation title there plus Jack Graham in finals and **12** of our **16** entries advancing past preliminary rounds.
- We won the Regional team title again – **8th** time in **10** years – and **9** of the **12** Regional titles in speech events.
- We won KESDA, our **3rd** win there with **28** in finals and **61** awards overall including **4** champions in individual events.
- We won CFL Districts for the **16th** year and qualified our most students ever – **19** – to the CFL Grand Nationals.
- We won both Speech and Congress sweeps at NFL Districts and also qualified **6** students to NFL Nats, bringing to **20** our total students competing at Nationals (out of a total of **40** students who completed the regular season for us).
- We won the state tournaments (KHSSL) in Speech and Debate – our **5th** in Speech and our **1st** in Debate! As part of that celebration, we took home **17** entries in Speech finals and **12** more in Speech/Debate outrounds including champions in Duo Interpretation, Duo Improvisation, and Storytelling plus the champion in Congress and **2** more finalists in Congress!
- Our NFL Chapter became the largest in Kentucky and passed **200** members and degrees for the **1st** time.
- We were named the **2011-2012** Leading Chapter of the Kentucky National Forensic League for leadership in membership degrees over a period of years – **500** members and degrees since we last earned the award **8** years ago.
- Nate Johnson, Drew Lane, and Joe Weston earned the highest degree possible –Premier Distinction – in National Forensic League by posting more than **1500** NFL points each while in high school.
- Christel Belcher and Beth Marlowe were named the Kentucky NFL Coaches of the Year – the **1st** co-winners ever.
- Captain Isabelle Ballard was named the Kentucky District Student of the Year at NFL Districts.
- Captain Nate Johnson won both the Susan Moore (NFL) and Gifford Blyton (KHSSL) scholarships.

I will always remember the numbers from this team, and they're impressive. And we will commemorate the numbers with t-shirts and at the banquet and wherever else we can. But what I will remember the most is the feeling on the bus, the kids coming rarin' to go at practice, the incredible attitudes, the "jump in and help" willingness of all whenever anything was needed, the House Cup and the weird jokes and the smiling faces and the Murphy and the rescue of Bus Yoda. This team was truly something special. I will ALWAYS remember this team as perhaps my greatest ever – not from the numbers – but from who you were as you were Danville Forensics.

You did, not tried.

You were Danville.

As you get older, **please remember** what you did and how hard work, good guidance, and being given a chance pay off for all.

'Nuff said.

Your coach,

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