

## News from Dripping Springs ISD

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### **DSHS Speech/Debate Wins District**

The Dripping Springs High School Speech and Debate Team won the UIL District 26-5A Tournament March 23. The margin of victory for DSHS was more than 50 points. Five students earned the right to advance to the regional tournament.

Placing first in their events were Gwyneth Pietrzyk in Poetry Interpretation and Tori Listoe in Prose Interpretation. Placing second were Catherine Manning in Persuasive Speaking and Jackson Laws in Lincoln-Douglas Debate. Rounding out the regional qualifiers was Julia Roldan, who placed third in Prose Interpretation.

In addition, Griffen Smith was fourth in Informative Speaking and is a regional alternate. Also placing was Sam White (fifth in Prose Interpretation) and Mason Mohon (sixth in Persuasive Speaking).

The district standings also included the previously completed CX Policy Debate event. DSHS had 50 points added to its overall Sweepstakes points thanks to first-place district finish by Christopher Gearing and Riley Wheaton, and a second-place finish by Christian Pundt and Katy Reeves.