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### **Debaters Compete in State Championship**

Two pairs of Dripping Springs High School students competed in the UIL Cross Examination Debate State Tournament, and the team of Christian Pundt and Katy Reeves advanced to the octofinal round, finishing among the top 16 teams in 5A.

Pundt and Reeves qualified based on their second-place finish at the 26-5A UIL District championship in January, as did first-place finishers Christopher Gearing and Riley Wheaton.

The state championship was held at the University of Texas March 17-18, where debaters addressed the topic: "Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its economic and/or diplomatic engagement with the People's Republic of China."