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DSHS Has Several State Qualifiers in Academic, Speech and Debate Competitions

Dripping Springs High School students will advance to the UIL Academic State Meet in five events based on their regional finishes April 13. The state meet will be held May 2-4 at the University of Texas at Austin.

Gabrielle Avena is the 5A Region Champion in Ready Writing and will move on to the state event. She also placed third in Literary Criticism and will advance in that event as well. The Literary Criticism team earned a Bronze Medal and will advance. Also placing third were Varun Verma in Computer Applications and Ken Gossett in the Spelling and Vocabulary event; both have secured spots in the state competition.

The Speech and Debate Team also had a great weekend at the UIL regional meet. Campbell Melton and Max Bibeau qualified for state by placing first and third, respectively, in Persuasive Extemporaneous Speaking. Addie Mae Villas earned the right to advance by placing second in Lincoln Douglas Debate; she is also the state alternate for Informative Extemporaneous Speaking. Lily Sethre-Brink is a state alternate in Lincoln Douglas Debate after placing fourth. As a team, DSHS was awarded second place Sweepstakes at the regional event.

The UIL state tournament for speech and debate will be held May 29-30 at the University of Texas