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DSHS QUALIFIERS FOR TEXAS FORENSICS ASSOCIATION STATE TOURNAMENT

The DSHS Speech and Debate team concluded its Texas Forensic Association (TFA) invitational season on Feb. 10 at the Claudia Taylor Johnson tournament in San Antonio. DSHS students placed first in Original Oratory, first and second in Public Forum Debate, sixth in Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking, and second through sixth in Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking. As a team, Dripping Springs won fourth-place Sweepstakes.

The team has attended 12 TFA tournaments this year, and nine debaters have now qualified to compete at the TFA State Tournament in La Vernia on March 1-3, 2018. Students earn state points throughout the season by placing at TFA-sanctioned tournaments; a minimum of 12 points is needed to qualify for the state competition.

The following is a list of DSHS qualifiers for the TFA state meet:

Campbell Melton: Congressional Debate, Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking, Original Oratory

Max Bibeau: Congressional Debate, Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking

Griffen Smith: Congressional Debate, Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking

Christian Pundt and Mason Mohon: Policy Debate

Qasim Aziz and Ethan French: Public Forum Debate

Lily Sethre-Brink and Catherine Manning: Public Forum Debate