

Hawkers place second in state speech and debate meet

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Bozeman High School's Hawkerc speech and debate team came in second in the state tournament held in Bozeman this weekend, while Flathead High won first place.

Flathead High's team finished with 168 points while Bozeman was the runner up with 153.5 points. Glacier High was third with 131 points.

All 15 of the largest, AA high schools in Montana competed. Belgrade High, in its first year as a AA school, came in ninth with 21 points.

"It was a squeaker and a tough loss, but there were certainly high points," Hawkerc head coach Adam Thane wrote.

Bozeman senior Emily Daniels was the state champion in original oratory and sophomore Sada Schumann won first in informative speaking. Hawkerc won second place in six events.

"I'm immensely proud of our students," Thane said, "and look forward to seeing how our seniors use the skills they developed on the team to make the world a better place."

Here are individual results for Bozeman students:

--Policy debate: second, Nic Kuntz and Daniel Waterman; third, Amelia Hartshorn and Esmirelda Hurd; sixth, Lorelei Michael-Owens and Christian Poole; seventh, Megan Mahoney and Anna Sofianek.

--Extemporaneous speaking: second, Brooke Bothner; fifth, Parker Summerhill; sixth, Joshua Nguyen.

--Impromptu speaking: seventh, Brooke Bothner; eighth, Parker Summerhill.

--Duo interpretation: second, Hugh Burroughs and Tristan Pritham; seventh, Olivia Bulis and Sada Schumann.

--Humorous interpretation: second, Willow Craighead; sixth, Erika Johnson; eighth, Emily Daniels.

--Dramatic interpretation: second, Olivia Bulis; fourth, Zane Segal.

--Memorized public address: second, Olivia Smith.

--Original oratory: first, Emily Daniels.

--Informative speaking: first, Sada Schumann; fifth, Macy Thompson; sixth, Tesia Frisque.

Here are results for Belgrade students:

--Lincoln Douglas debate: third, Robby Ayers.

--Original oratory: fifth, Catherine Pierce.

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