

Hawkers speech and debate team third at state tournament

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There was no four-peat this year for Bozeman High School's highly successful Hawkerc speech and debate team, which came in third in the state tournament held last weekend in Kalispell.

Hometown favorites Glacier and Flathead high schools won first and second places with 172.5 and 167 points, to Bozeman's 109.5 points. Missoula Sentinel was fourth with 79.5 points and Missoula Big Sky had 36.5 points.

"It was a tough challenge for the Hawkercs, as we left some of our best speakers back in Bozeman due to illness, but our team showed resilience and their quality and had a respectable result," Adam Thane, head coach and English teacher, wrote in an email.

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The Hawkercs won the state tournament the last three years.

Several Bozeman students won all-state honors — partners Jackson Raecke and Ryan Geissler and partners Nic Kuntz and Daniel Waterman in policy debate; partners Mason Scurry and Kaitlyn Krushcfski and partners Aiden Farmer and Irene Liang in public forum debate; Macy Thompson in informative speaking; and Parker Summerhill in impromptu speaking.

Here are individual results for Bozeman students:

- Varsity policy debate: Jackson Raecke and Ryan Geissler, second; Daniel Waterman and Nic Kuntz, fourth.
- Varsity Lincoln Douglas: Audrey Miller, fifth.
- Public forum debate: Mason Scurry and Kaitlyn Krushcfski, second; Aiden Farmer and Irene Liang, third; Katie Gregoire and Michelle O'Shea, seventh.
- Extemporaneous speaking: Josh Nguyen, fifth.

- Impromptu speaking: Parker Summerhill, fourth; Josh Nguyen, eighth.
- Humorous interpretation: Erika Johnson, sixth.
- Dramatic interpretation: Lia Johnson-Hill, sixth.
- Original oratory: Reeba Walters, seventh; Lia Johnson-Hill, eighth.
- Informative speaking: Macy Thompson, second.

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