

June 19, 2020

Congratulations to all who made the Nationals team this year and to all of those who supported them, from teammates to parents! We had a record breaking contingent and each of you made it possible for them to be part of it. Teammates helped with Nats prep, did practice rounds, pushed each other to achieve during the season, and were there for each other in tough times. Parents were understanding of time commitments, supported Hawkers their whole lives, and were always willing to help behind the scenes.

We had a great showing this year at Nationals:

- Macy Thompson finished top 30 in Informative Speaking
- Brooke Bothner finished top 60 in US Extemp
- Nic Kuntz, Irene Liang, Megan Mahoney, Lorelei Michael-Owens, and Annika Gao finished top 60 in World Schools Debate

Several others missed the break cut by 1-2 ballots or 1-2 ranks.

I am intensely proud of everyone on this team for the way they compete and for the way they comport themselves. You had an amazing season! The Nationals contingent was the biggest we have ever had, had a great competitive showing, and I'd imagine the Hawkers will end up being ranked in the range of 26-29th in the world when things are calculated after the online dust settles. That's a phenomenal accomplishment for a mid-sized public school in a comparatively rural state. You should be proud of yourselves or proud of your children! It was a great way to end a rough year and a fitting end to a unified Bozeman High School.

Have a great summer. Read some good books. Take some time off. We look forward to a great 2020-2021 season for both BHS and GHS!

When you consider a full varsity meet in Montana allows 42 entries, having 28 from Bozeman compete at Nationals is nothing short of astounding. Feel proud to have had a part in it, feel humble to have the support that allows it, and feel psyched for next year!

I remain honored to be your coach and to be the custodian of this amazing tradition,

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