

DEBATE AND INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Schools participating in the Debate and Individual Events program are divided into two classes. Class "AA" represents the SDHSAA member schools with an A.D.M. enrollment of 450 and above while Class "A" involves all other schools. Any member school wishing to participate can directly enter the State Tournament in any of the debate or individual events without the necessity of participating in a regional tournament.

The 2020 State Tournament crowned the 106th State Policy Debate Champions for South Dakota. The Tournament also marked over 90 years for Extemporaneous speaking competition, the 86th year of competition in Original Oratory, the 40th year of Lincoln-Douglas Debate competition, and 18th year of Public Forum Debate Competition.

STATE DEBATE & INDIVIDUAL EVENTS TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Huron High School
March 6-7, 2020

STATE TOURNAMENT SWEEPSTAKES TEAM CHAMPIONS

(Based upon the total accumulated points earned by a school in each of the individual events and each of the debate divisions.)

CLASS "AA"	Champion Team	-	Aberdeen Central Kerry Konda, Coach
	Runner-Up Team	-	Sioux Falls Washington Travis Dahle, Coach
	Third Place Team	-	O'Gorman Bob Stevens, Coach
CLASS "A"	Champion Team	-	Spearfish Bob Speirs, Coach
	Runner-Up Team	-	Sturgis Brown Eric Johnson, Coach
	Third Place Team	-	Lennox Mike Larson, Coach



**State Class “AA” Sweepstakes Team Champions
Aberdeen Central High School**
(Courtesy of SDPB)



**State Class “A” Sweepstakes Team Champions
Spearfish High School**
(Courtesy of SDPB)

STATE "AA" INDIVIDUAL EVENTS CONTESTS RESULTS

ORIGINAL ORATORY

CLASS "AA"	Champion	-	Mariah William, Aberdeen Central Coach: Kerry Konda
	Runner-up	-	Blake Anderson, SF Washington Coach: Travis Dahle
	3rd place	-	Grace Ann Lamberty, Brandon Valley Coach: Gina Koehn
	Finalists	-	McCabe Wenande, O’Gorman Jordan Phillips, Aberdeen Central Allison Pommer, O’Gorman

UNITED STATES EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

CLASS "AA"	Champion	-	Nancy Flaherty, Watertown Coach: Scott Walker
	Runner-up	-	Riley James Nold, SF Washington Coach: Travis Dahle
	3rd place	-	Catherine Liu, SF Washington Coach: Travis Dahle
	Finalists	-	Lauren Rhodes, Aberdeen Central Noah Greble, SF O’Gorman Kara Vetch, Aberdeen Central

INTERNATIONAL EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

CLASS "AA"	Champion	-	Lyla Mattu, O’Gorman Coach: Bob Stevens
	Runner-up	-	Miles Pastian, Aberdeen Central Coach: Kerry Konda
	3rd place	-	Walker Haber, O’Gorman Coach: Bob Stevens
	Finalists	-	Drake VanSteenwyk, Aberdeen Central Prasoon Kharel, Brookings Abbie DeKramer, SF Lincoln

STATE "A" INDIVIDUAL EVENTS CONTESTS RESULTS

ORIGINAL ORATORY

CLASS "A"	Champion	-	Xavier W Larson, Lennox Coach: Mike Larson
	Runner-up	-	Brooklyn Pater, SF Christian Coach: Jeff Clapper
	3rd place	-	Paige Hoffman, SF Christian Coach: Jeff Clapper
	Finalists	-	Xuan Do, Spearfish Samantha Walters, Spearfish Taylor Tobias, Sturgis Brown

UNITED STATES EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

CLASS "A"	Champion	-	Baxter Meyer, St. Thomas More Coach: Anthony Flores
	Runner-up	-	Caleb Weiland, Beresford Coach: Kelly Josko
	3rd place	-	Samantha Pappas, Groton Area Coach: Kristen Gonsoir
	Finalists	-	Wyatt Trohkimoinen, Sturgis Brown Colter Huseby, Spearfish Charle Waugh, Spearfish

INTERNATIONAL EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

CLASS "A"	Champion	-	Ella Murray, Spearfish Coach: Bob Speirs
	Runner-up	-	Andrew L Calhoon, Lennox Coach: Mike Larson
	3rd place	-	Christopher Shuman, Sturgis Brown Coach: Eric Johnson
	Finalists	-	Gavin David Bautista, Beresford Amara Termes, Spearfish Destiny J Christopherson, Lennox

STATE CLASS "AA" LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE RESULTS

Champion:

Catherine Liu, SF Washington

Runner-up:

Rachel Beare, Aberdeen Central

Semi-Finals:

Walker Haber, O’Gorman

Areej Nazir, SF Lincoln

Quarter-Finals:

Prasoon Kharel, Brookings

Lyla Mattu, O’Gorman

Mariah William, Aberdeen Central

Rachel Overstreet, SF Lincoln



Catherine Liu
SF Washington
(Courtesy of SDPB)



Xuan Do
Spearfish
(Courtesy of SDPB)

STATE CLASS "A" LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE RESULTS

Champion:

Xuan Do, Spearfish

Runner-up:

Marion Mischel, Milbank

Semi-Finals:

Gunner Geiken, Lennox

Baxter Meyer, St. Thomas More

Quarter-Finals:

Adam Wood, Sturgis Brown

STATE CLASS “AA” PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE RESULTS

Champion Team:

Aberdeen Central:
Kara Vetch
Lauren Rhodes

Runner-up Team:

Yankton:
Tye Briggs
Leven McNatt

Semi-Finals Teams:

Brookings:
Uriah Koch
Jonathon Sundet

Watertown:
Nancy Flaherty
Rylea Anne Klatt

Quarter-Final Teams:

Aberdeen Central:
Casanova - VanSteenwyk
Harrisburg:
Anderson - O’Connor
Yankton:
Demaray - Gillis
SF Lincoln:
Gillespie - DeKramer



Kara Vetch & Lauren Rhodes
Aberdeen Central
(Courtesy of SDPB)

STATE CLASS “A” PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE RESULTS



Micah Wimmer & Grace Leonard
Sioux Falls Christian
(Courtesy of SDPB)

Champion Team:

SF Christian:
Micah Wimmer
Grace Leonard

Runner-up Team:

SF Christian:
Owen Lubben
Riley VanDenTop

Semi-Final Team:

Spearfish:
Ella Murray
Samantha Walters
Sturgis Brown:
Lexi McKee
Jillian Sutton

Quarter-Final Teams:

Sturgis Brown:
Shuman – Trohkimoinen
Lennox:
Bosma - Calhoon
Spearfish:
Becker - Ensor
Dakota Valley:
Zhou - Messersith

STATE POLICY DEBATE RESULTS

Champion Team:

SF Washington:
Riley Nold
Trenity Rosenberg

Runner Up Team:

Aberdeen Central:
Miles Pastian
Olivia Johnson

Semi-Finals:

Aberdeen Central:
Drew Comstock
Grant Aberle
SF Washington:
Ryan M. Downing
Suzie Esquivel



State Policy Debate Champions:
SF Washington
Riley Nold & Trenity Rosenberg
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