

## 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 2017 State Tournament crowned the 103rd State Policy Debate Champions for South Dakota. The Tournament also marked the 91st year for Extemporaneous speaking competition, the 83rd year of competition in Original Oratory, the 37th year of Lincoln-Douglas Debate competition and 15th year of Public Forum Debate Competition.

### STATE DEBATE & INDIVIDUAL EVENTS TOURNAMENT RESULTS Mitchell High School March 3-4, 2017

#### 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”	<b>Champion Team</b>	-	Aberdeen Central (355 Points) Kerry Konda, Coach
	<b>Runner-Up Team</b>	-	Watertown (259 Points) Scott Walker, Coach
	<b>Third Place Team</b>	-	Sioux Falls Washington (243 Points) Travis Dahle, Coach
CLASS “A”	<b>Champion Team</b>	-	Spearfish (293 Points) Bob Speirs, Coach
	<b>Runner-Up Team</b>	-	Lennox (220 Points) Mike Larson, Coach
	<b>Third Place Team</b>	-	Milbank (145 Points) Caitlyn Oien, Coach



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



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

## STATE "AA" INDIVIDUAL EVENTS CONTESTS RESULTS



**Class "AA" State  
Original Oratory Champion**  
Hamza Jamal, Aberdeen Central  
Coach: Aberdeen Central  
(Courtesy of SDPB)



**Class "AA" State  
U.S. Extemp Champion**  
Alexander King, SF O'Gorman  
Coach: Bob Stevens  
(Courtesy of SDPB)



**Class "AA" State  
International Extemp Champion**  
Matt Cooke, Aberdeen Central  
Coach: Kerry Konda  
(Courtesy of SDPB)

### ORIGINAL ORATORY

<b>CLASS "AA"</b>	<b>Champion</b>	-	Hamza Jamal, Aberdeen Central Coach: Kerry Konda
	<b>Runner-up</b>	-	Raina Grimsley, Mitchell Coach: Melanie Jacobson
	<b>3rd place</b>	-	Grace Douglas, Aberdeen Central Coach: Kerry Konda
	<b>Finalists</b>	-	Kashfia Rahman, Brookings Ruhama Tereda, SF Washington Brian Gutierrez, SF Roosevelt

### UNITED STATES EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

<b>CLASS "AA"</b>	<b>Champion</b>	-	Alexander King, SF O'Gorman Coach: Bob Stevens
	<b>Runner-up</b>	-	Isabella Osorio, SF Washington Coach: Travis Dahle
	<b>3rd place</b>	-	John Prosper, Aberdeen Central Coach: Kerry Konda
	<b>Finalists</b>	-	Maggie Fouberg, Aberdeen Central Madison Hetland, Mitchell Hayden Cole, Harrisburg

### INTERNATIONAL EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

<b>CLASS "AA"</b>	<b>Champion</b>	-	Matt Cooke, Aberdeen Central Coach: Kerry Konda
	<b>Runner-up</b>	-	Matthew Beynon, Mitchell Coach: Melanie Jacobson
	<b>3rd place</b>	-	Emmett Simmons, SF Washington Coach: Travis Dahle
	<b>Finalists</b>	-	Michael Linngren, Watertown Hunter Ringgenberg, Aberdeen Central Benjamin Menke, Harrisburg

## STATE "A" INDIVIDUAL EVENTS CONTESTS RESULTS



**Class "A" State  
Original Oratory Champion**  
Griffin Smith, Spearfish  
Coach: Bob Speirs  
(Courtesy of SDPB)



**Class "A" State  
U.S. Extemp Champion**  
Nathan Waltjer, Lennox  
Coach: Mike Larson  
(Courtesy of SDPB)



**Class "A" State  
International Extemp Champion**  
Maxwell Bultena, Lennox  
Coach: Mike Larson  
(Courtesy of SDPB)

### ORIGINAL ORATORY

<b>CLASS "A"</b>	<b>Champion</b>	-	Griffin Smith, Spearfish Coach: Bob Speirs
	<b>Runner-up</b>	-	Keri Pappas, Groton Area Coach: Kristen Gonsoir
	<b>3rd place</b>	-	Jacksyn Bakeberg, Spearfish Coach: Bob Speirs
	<b>Finalists</b>	-	Jaelyn Morehead, Tea Area Sarah Logan, Lennox Amber Kelly, Tea Area

### UNITED STATES EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

<b>CLASS "A"</b>	<b>Champion</b>	-	Nathan Waltjer, Lennox Coach: Mike Larson
	<b>Runner-up</b>	-	Jacob Schlinkert, Spearfish Coach: Bob Speirs
	<b>3rd place</b>	-	Morgan Roberts, Spearfish Coach: Bob Speirs
	<b>Finalists</b>	-	Connor Lightfield, Milbank Keri Pappas, Groton Area Nathan Loutsch, Milbank

### INTERNATIONAL EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

<b>CLASS "A"</b>	<b>Champion</b>	-	Maxwell Bultena, Lennox Coach: Mike Larson
	<b>Runner-up</b>	-	Carli Johnke, Beresford Coach: Thomas Merriman
	<b>3rd place</b>	-	Taylor Hersch, Spearfish Coach: Bob Speirs
	<b>Finalists</b>	-	Logan Smith, Spearfish Faith Weiland, Beresford Jaelyn Morehead, Tea Area

## STATE CLASS "AA" LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE RESULTS

**Champion:**  
Isabella Osoria, SF Washington

**Runner-up:**  
Leah Waid, Yankton

**Semi-Finals:**  
Matt Cooke, Aberdeen Central  
Dhwani Kharel, Brookings

**Quarter-Finals:**  
Sophie Holtz, SF O'Gorman  
Amy Pham, SF Roosevelt  
Nathaniel Pekas, SF O'Gorman  
Rebecca Roy, Watertown



**Isabella Osoria**  
**SF Washington**  
(Courtesy of SDPB)

## STATE CLASS "A" LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE RESULTS



**Coach Caitlyn Oien, Connor Lightfield, Milbank**  
(Courtesy of SDPB)

**Champion:**  
Connor Lightfield, Milbank

**Runner-up:**  
Jaelyn Morehead, Tea

**Semi-Finals:**  
Maxwell Bultena, Lennox  
Claire Mischel, Milbank

**Quarter-Finals:**  
Nathan Waltjer, Lennox  
Tanner Hanson, Spearfish

## STATE CLASS “AA” PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE RESULTS

### Champion Team:

Watertown:

Michael Linngren  
Brandon Maag

### Runner-up Team:

SF O’Gorman:

Alexander King  
Samuel Diedrich

### Semi-Finals Teams:

Aberdeen Central:

Sophie Wieland  
Maggie Fouberg

Harrisburg:

Marisa Morris  
Claire Tufty

### Quarter-Final Teams:

Aberdeen Central:

Muldoon—Geffree

Rapid City Central:

Grundstrom—Dam

Watertown:

Mitchell—Vlasman

Mitchell:

Grimsley—Patrick



**Michael Linngren, Coach Scott Walker, Brandon Maag**  
**Watertown**  
*(Courtesy of SDPB)*

## STATE CLASS “A” PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE RESULTS



**Kassidy Van Surksum, Coach Bob Stevens, Logan Dean Aukes**  
**Sioux Falls Christian**  
*(Courtesy of SDPB)*

### Champion Team:

SF Christian:

Kassidy Van Surksum  
Logan Dean Aukes

### Runner-up Team:

Spearfish:

Connor Blair Speirs  
Hannah Neumiller

### Semi-Final Team:

Sioux Falls Christian:

Lauren Lavin  
Elise Ackerman

Spearfish:

Gretchen Blain  
Tessa Sleep

### Quarter-Final Teams:

Groton Area:

Pappas—Pappas

Madison:

Buskness—Shan

Lennox:

Meyer—Metivier

Madison:

Knuths—Bloom

## STATE POLICY DEBATE RESULTS

### **Champion Team:**

SF Roosevelt:  
Gabe Josko  
Shikhar Kumar

### **Runner Up Team:**

Aberdeen Central:  
Hamza Jamal  
John Prosper

### **Semi-Finals:**

Aberdeen Central:  
Lucas Fredrick  
Tallon Everson  
SF Roosevelt:  
Caroline Moriarty  
Carla Graciano

### **Quarter-Finalist Teams:**

Watertown:  
Carlson—Walker  
Yankton:  
Marlow—Bray  
Washington:  
Decker—Curry  
Washington:  
Schumacher—Rosenberg



### **State Policy Debate Champions: Sioux Falls Roosevelt**

Shikhar Kumar, Coach Luke Cumbee, Gabe Josko  
(Courtesy of SDPB)