

## 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.)

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

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

### UNITED STATES EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

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

### INTERNATIONAL EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

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

## STATE "A" INDIVIDUAL EVENTS CONTESTS RESULTS

### ORIGINAL ORATORY

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

### UNITED STATES EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

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

### INTERNATIONAL EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

<b>CLASS "A"</b>	<b>Champion</b>	-	Ella Murray, Spearfish Coach: Bob Speirs
	<b>Runner-up</b>	-	Andrew L Calhoon, Lennox Coach: Mike Larson
	<b>3rd place</b>	-	Christopher Shuman, Sturgis Brown Coach: Eric Johnson
	<b>Finalists</b>	-	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  
*(Courtesy of SDPB)*