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 2021 State Tournament marked over 90 years for Extemporaneous speaking competition, the 87th year of competition in Original Oratory, the 40th year of Lincoln-Douglas Debate competition, and 18th year of Public Forum Debate Competition. This also marked the first year of Informative Speaking in the State Tournament.

STATE DEBATE & INDIVIDUAL EVENTS TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Virtual Competition March 5-6, 2021

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 "AA" INDIVIDUAL EVENTS CONTESTS RESULTS

ORIGINAL ORATORY

CLASS "AA" Champion - McCabe Wenande, O'Gorman

Coach: Bob Stevens

Runner-up - Jordan Phillips, Aberdeen Central

Coach: Kerry Konda

3rd place - Maggie Adams, Aberdeen Central

Coach: Kerry Konda

Finalists - Ellen Joseph, Brandon Valley

Tuba Ali, Harrisburg

Myles Adamiak, O'Gorman

UNITED STATES EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

CLASS "AA" Champion - Jordan Phillips, Aberdeen Cnetral

Coach: Kerry Konda

Runner-up - Catherine Liu, SF Washington

Coach: Travis Dahle

3rd place - Noah Greble, O'Gorman

Coach: Bob Stevens

Finalists - Madyson Fleckenstein, Aberdeen Central

Caleb Stewart, Douglas Joshua Park, Brookings

INTERNATIONAL EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

CLASS "AA" Champion - Aditya Tummala, Brookings

Coach: Sally Pies

Runner-up - Lyla Mattu, O'Gorman

Coach: Bob Stevens

3rd place - Miles Pastian, Aberdeen Central

Coach: Kerry Konda

Finalists - Walker Haber, O'Gorman

Riley Nold, SF Washington Prasoon Kharel, Brookings

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

CLASS "AA" Champion - Alli Joerger, Aberdeen Central

Coach: Kerry Konda

Runner-up - Olivia Johnson, Aberdeen Central

Coach: Kerry Konda

3rd place - John Hinrichs, SF Washington

Coach: Travis Dahle

Finalists - Sophia Meyer, Douglas

Grace Lamberty, Brandon Valley Vicki Kieszek, SF Washington

STATE "A" INDIVIDUAL EVENTS CONTESTS RESULTS

ORIGINAL ORATORY

CLASS "A" Champion - Carlie Johnson, Sturgis Brown

Coach: Eric Johnson

Runner-up - Xuan Do, Spearfish

Coach: Bob Spiers

3rd place - Samantha Walters, Spearfish

Coach: Bob Spiers

Finalists - Kaylee Bosma, Lennox

Hannah Ashton, Sturgis Brown

Xavier Larson, Lennox

UNITED STATES EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

CLASS "A" Champion - Samantha Pappas, Groton Area

Coach: Kristen Gonsoir

Runner-up - Wyatt Trohkimoinen, Sturgis Brown

Coach: Eric Johnson

3rd place - Bono Buchtel, Sturgis Brown

Coach: Eric Johnson

Finalists - Taylor Harms, Madison

Sam King, Spearfish Noah Freidrich

INTERNATIONAL EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

CLASS "A" Champion - Amara Termes, Spearfish

Coach: Bob Spiers

Runner-up - Christopher Shuman, Sturgis Brown

Coach: Eric Johnson

3rd place - Max Hinek, Sturgis Brown

Coach: Eric Johnson

Finalists - Andrew Calhoon, Lennox

Will Becker, Spearfish Gunnar Geiken, Lennox

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

CLASS "AA" Champion - Taylor Tobias, Sturgis Brown

Coach: Eric Johnson

Runner-up - Halli, Rabbenberg, Spearfish

Coach: Bob Spiers

3rd place - Kaylee Bosma, Lennox

Coach: Mike Larson

Finalists - Halle Fjelland, Spearfish

Brooke Holly, Sturgis Brown

Michael Hall, Lennox

STATE CLASS "AA" LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE RESULTS

Champion:

Catherine Liu, SF Washington

Runner-up:

Prasoon Kharel, Brookings

Semi-Finals:

Lyla Mattu, O'Gorman Walker Haber, O'Gorman

Quarter-Finals:

Hannah Anderson, Aberdeen Central Alli Joerger, Aberdeen Central

STATE CLASS "A" LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE RESULTS

Champion:

Taylor Tobias, Sturgis Brown

Runner-up:

Gunnar Geiken, Lennox

Semi-Finals:

Xuan Do, Spearfish Max Hinek, Sturgis Brown

STATE CLASS "AA" PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE RESULTS

Champion Team:

Yankton:

Carter Demery

Lauren Gillis

Runner-up Team:

SF Washington:

Riley Nold

Katerine Escalante

Semi-Finals Teams:

Harrisburg:

Tuba Ali

Madeline Grabow

Harrisburg:

Ryan Corcoran

Cassidy Herding

Quarter-Final Teams:

Douglas:

Rothe - Cookie

Huron:

Calkins - Weir

Aberdeen Central:

Aberle-Van Steenwyk

Douglas:

Ashley - Marquez

STATE CLASS "A" PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE RESULTS

Champion Team:

Spearfish:

Max Ensor

Samantha Walters

Runner-up Team:

Spearfish:

Halli Rabenberg

Halle Fjelland

Semi-Final Team:

SF Christian:

Maddie Kobes

Bethany Kobes

Sturgis Brown:

Wyatt Trohkimoinen

Christopher Shuman

Quarter-Final Teams:

Lennox:

Bosma - Calhoon

SF Christian:

Vander Lugt - Leonard

Sturgis Brown:

Jones - Johnson