

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 625 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 2023 State Tournament marked the 97th year for Extemporaneous speaking competition, the 89th year of competition in Original Oratory, the 43rd year of Lincoln-Douglas Debate competition, the 3rd year of Informative Speaking, and 21st year of Public Forum Debate Competition.

STATE DEBATE & INDIVIDUAL EVENTS TOURNAMENT RESULTS

**Mitchell High School
March 3-4, 2023**

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 – Sturgis Brown – Eric Johnson, Coach

Third Place Team – Sioux Falls Jefferson – Travis Dahle, Coach

CLASS “A”

Champion Team – Spearfish - Bob Speirs, Coach

Runner-Up Team – Milbank – Kathy Tyler, Coach

Third Place Team – Bereford – Ann Tornberg, 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" STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

AA Division

Public Forum

1st - Abiah George & Sami Hegge - Aberdeen - coached by Kerry Konda

2nd - Beneyam Hassen & Josiah Stolz - Sioux Falls Jefferson - Coached by Travis Dahle

Semi-Finalists include:

Emily Hua & Igen Nyawanda - Brookings - Coached by Sally Pies

Lucy Walker & Josee Compton - Watertown - Coached by Scott Walker

Quarter-Finalists include:

Reagan Blackburn & Katelyn Ryan - Aberdeen

Angeth Mayen & Rebekah Kane - SF Jefferson

Alex Shore & Albert Shore - Brookings

Abigail Johnson & Bono Buchtel - Sturgis Brown

Octo-Finalists include:

Olivia Boerger & Grace Albertson - Rapid City Stevens

Nathan Johnson & Julian Clementz - Douglas

Alana Frederickson & Aadil Ali - Harrisburg

Lily Heisinger & Cecilia Shyne - Sturgis Brown

Alexis Korzan & Shawn Boehmer - Mitchell

Lincoln Douglas

1st - Kira Waldhalm - Harrisburg - Coached by Patrick Pope

2nd - Martin Jones - Sturgis Brown - Coached by Eric Johnson

Semi-Finalists Include:

Breanna Wollman - Aberdeen - Coached by Kerry Konda

John Hinrichs - SF Washington - Coached by Eric Uecker

Quarter-Finalists Include:

Landon Whittle - Watertown

Amanda Rothe - Douglas

Heidi Pan - Harrisburg

Sophia Meyer - Douglas

Octo-Finalists include:

Lily Williams - Aberdeen

Xander Hof - Brookings

US Extemp

1st - Kira Waldhalm - Harrisburg - Coached by Patrick Pope

2nd - Sami Hegge - Aberdeen - Coached by Kerry Konda

3rd - Breanna Wollman - Aberdeen

4th - Shawn Boehmer - Mitchell

5th - Noah Johnson - O'Gorman

6th - Bono Buchtel - Sturgis Brown

Oratory

- 1st - Breanna Wollman - Aberdeen - Coached by Kerry Konda
- 2nd - Beneyam Hassen - SF Jefferson - Coached by Travis Dahle
- 3rd - Meridian Hailu - SF Jefferson
- 4th - Abiah George - Aberdeen
- 5th - Carlie Johnson - Sturgis Brown
- 6th - Aadli Ali - Harrisburg

International Extemp

- 1st - Kaleb Ringgenberg - Aberdeen - Coached by Kerry Konda
- 2nd - Abiah George - Aberdeen - Coached by Kerry Konda
- 3rd - Aadli Ali - Harrisburg
- 4th - Martin Jones - Sturgis Brown
- 5th - Igen Nyawanda - Brookings
- 6th - Sophia Meyer - Douglas

Informative Speaking

- 1st - Kayla Waltman - Aberdeen - Coached by Kerry Konda
- 2nd - Paige Lewis - O'Gorman - Coached by Teresa Fester
- 3rd - John Hinrichs - SF Washington
- 4th - Ian Candy - Brandon Valley
- 5th - Rebekah Kane - SF Jefferson
- 6th - Ashley Crouch - Aberdeen

Team Sweepstakes

- 1st - Aberdeen - Head Coach - Kerry Konda
- 2nd - Sturgis Brown - Head Coach - Eric Johnson
- 3rd - Sioux Falls Jefferson - Head Coach - Travis Dahle

STATE "A" STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

A Division

Public Forum

- 1st & 2nd (closeout) - Carson Weiner & Blake Hoogeveen and Bethany Kobes & Anna Netjes - Sioux Falls Christian - coached by Jeff Clapper & Rachel Heckman

Semi-Finalists Include:

- Madi Cross & Donald Werner - Spearfish - Coached by Robert Spieris
- Will Scharf & Levi Taglioli - Spearfish - Coached by Robert Speirs

Quarter-Finalists include:

- Rachel Bryan & Brayden Karkalik - Dakota Valley
- Debbie Campbell & Arianna Georgescu - Vermillion
- Qualon Grant & Elxia Quintanilla - Milbank

Lincoln-Douglas

- 1st - Gunner Geiken - Lennox - Coached by Michael Larson
- 2nd - Max Schuelke - Milbank - Coached by Kathy Tyler

Semi-Finalists Include:

Ava Gooch - Spearfish - Coached by Robert Speirs

Sam King - Spearfish - Coached by Robert Speirs

Quarter-Finalists include:

Jack Vitt - Vermillion

McKenzie Ritenour - Lennox

Hedy Perez Paulin - Vermillion

US Extemp

1st - Ava Gooch - Spearfish - Coached by Robert Speirs

2nd - Nina Jodre - Vermillion - Coached by Garrett Adam

3rd - Max Schuelke - Milbank

4th - Will Scharf - Spearfish

5th - Max Josko - Beresford

6th - Rylen Frerichs - Milbank

Oratory

1st - Laney Andrews - Beresford - Coached by Ann Tornberg

2nd - Emma Andrews - Beresford - Coached by Ann Tornberg

3rd - Sophie Matsuda - Spearfish

4th - Carlos Olivares Zuniga - Milbank

5th - Ava Gooch - Spearfish

6th - Noah Saylor - Lennox

International Extemp

1st - Sam King - Spearfish - Coached by Robert Speirs

2nd - Gunnar Geiken - Lennox - Coached by Michael Larson

3rd - Donald Werner - Spearfish

4th - Shane Spiering - Milbank

5th - Jack Vitt - Vermillion

6th - Laney Andrews - Beresford

Informative Speaking

1st - Rylee Nordyke - Vermillion - Coached by Garrett Adam

2nd - Emma Andrews - Beresford - Coached by Ann Tornberg

3rd - Qualon Grant - Milbank

4th - Maria Eisenbraun - Spearfish

5th - Abbi Johnson - Spearfish

6th - Ixtal Macias - Milbank

Team Sweepstakes

1st - Spearfish - Head Coach - Robert Speirs

2nd - Milbank - Head Coach - Kathy Tyler

3rd - Beresford - Head Coach - Ann Tornberg