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HOSA COMPETITION IN DALLAS, TX:

This was the strongest team we have ever taken to Dallas. The students worked really hard and exemplified what it means to be a T-wolf.

Biomedical debate team- Grace Dada, Katherine Schaffer, Laasya Chintamani, Sannidhi Revan- They made it to round 2 after beating out a 100+ teams at the international level leading to a 32 team bracket playoff system. Unfortunately, the team from Pflugerville, TX beat them in the first round of the bracket. The debate team did an amazing job in their event and are looking for a come back next year.

Health Career Display- Arjun Vinodhan and Bhumika Singh. They had a beautiful display tri-fold poster and model showing discussing the ins and outs of being a neurosurgeon. Unfortunately, they did not advance to round 2. They are already thinking of ways to improve on this event for next year.

Epidemiology- Jaemon Jumpawong. This an event that only involves one testing time. Jaemon competed in this event last year at ILC and felt even more comfortable this year after taking the exam. Although Jaemon's results did not include a top ten placement, the hard work and confidence that Jaemon put into the event meant that it was a success.

Extemporaneous writing- Marianna Augustine. Marianna's event was a 1 hour write on a secret topic. Marianna felt confident about their response to the prompt. This led to the most exciting thing to happen to our team at ILC. **Marianna won the GOLD MEDAL in her event.** Beating out teams from all over the US, China, Canada and Korea. **She is the WORLD CHAMPION for her event.** A lot of our video footage is not great due to the jumping and screaming coming from the JHS and Washington team on the whole. This is our teams first time placing in the top 3 at ILC.

Through it all, I am so proud of our JHS team and the hard they all worked in all of their events. The good news is that only 2 members of this year's team were graduating seniors. So we have a lot of talent and expertise returning next year. We already have our eyes set on conquering Houston at the 2024 HOSA ILC.

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