

March 2021

JHS Competitive Speech and Debate Club

We had a number of our club members qualify for the State Speech and Debate tournament this year! This is only our second year as a club and the students have worked incredibly hard to compete and succeed against some very tough competition. The students attended several tournaments from October to February to practice and qualify for the state competition in March. **Arnav Sood** is the club's founder and president and he deserves much of the credit for our club's success. He has worked tirelessly in organizing the club, getting students registered and prepared for tournament competition, and laying the foundation of the club's future success. The club is entirely student-led with the exception of some outside volunteer support from a speech and debate coach.

Below are the students who qualified for state. Highlighted students placed at the state competition this month:

Public Forum Debate:

- Ashwika Gampa and Jasmine Jumpawong
- Thomas Chung and Dylan Kang

Lincoln Douglas Debate:

- Ian Todd

Congress Debate:

- Terra Pilch-Bisson – qualified for finals!

Impromptu Speaking:

- Ashwika Gampa
- Audrey Elwood
- Esther Park – 4th place!
- Terra Pilch-Bisson

Original Oratory:

- Audrey Elwood

Humorous Interpretation:

- Ayush Das – STATE CHAMPION!! (1st place)

Dramatic Interpretation:

- Dylan Barker – 5th place!

Duo Interpretation:

- Ann Duan and Rome Drewery -5th place!

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