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LHS Debate Program Sweeps UIL Congressional Debate Meet

The Lindale High School Speech and Debate Team competed this past week at a state UIL Meet in Austin. With only three entries given to each school for competition within their region, Lindale High School took all three available state qualifying spots. Listed below are the following LHS student qualifiers:

- 1st Evan Bewersdorf
- 2nd Anthony Wyatt
- 3rd Jonas Thrasher-Evers

“It's always a great feeling to get back to a state meet in Austin ,” said Speech and Debate Coach Rory McKenzie. “It's an incredible feeling to sweep the top three spots in our region. This is a special group of kids who have all of the potential in the world to do even more amazing things. Mr. Fugler and I had a game plan going into the competition and they came through. It's a testament to their work and effort that they did as well as they did. We look forward to competing for a state championship in January!”

This is the first year Congressional Debate is considered a full-fledged UIL event after being piloted the past three years. In its fourth year, Evan (Bewersdorf), Anthony (Wyatt), and Ronak (Desai), are the 8th, 9th, and 10th qualifiers in school history. Bewersdorf and Desai competed last year at state as well. Bewersdorf is also a two-time regional champion.

Because it is a full-fledged event now, the state medalists will receive UIL State points towards a UIL Academic title.

"As Principal I stand in awe at the continuous hard work and dedication that both of these teachers, and all of their students exhibit in order to bring such acclaim to our school and District," said Lindale High School Principal Valerie Payne. "We are truly blessed to have such talent representing all of us in Lindale!"

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