

East Carteret Triumphs at 71st High School in Fayetteville

Congratulations to the East Carteret High School National Forensic League for their victorious weekend at Pine Forest. The small team of ten students took home twelve individual awards and trophies and won the first place overall school sweepstakes trophy prevailing over Cape Fear Academy, Cape Fear High, Cary Academy, Gray's Creek, HARC, Jack Britt, Massey Hill Classical, Pine Forest, Pinecrest, Reid Ross, South View, Sand Hoke, Terry Sanford, 71st, and West Springfield, with the smallest competing school, the debating Mariners, emerging as the ultimate winner.

The first place oral interpretation trophy went to sophomore Mallory Felton. In that event, senior Kitty Dixie Goodwin won the second place trophy and sophomore Jessie Smith won the third place trophy. The duo interpretation team of senior Samantha Goodwin and ECHS NFL acting president junior Julie Rowland brought home double trophies in duo interpretation. Current senior ranking officer Julie Rowland also tied for sixth in dramatic interpretation.

Sophomore Torisha Dozier won the third place trophy in storytelling with a double-handed triumph winning the third place trophy in original oratory as well. Sophomore Amanda Morganne Newton won the fourth place medal in storytelling with sophomores Jessie Smith and Mallory Felton also working in that event.

Senior debate team captain A. David Jones, Jr., won the second place trophy in impromptu speaking, leading the impromptu team of sophomore Amanda Morganne Newton, Kitty Dixie Goodwin, and George Hachmeister who also battled in that event. Captain David Jones also won a double-fisted victory with his second place trophy in extemporaneous speaking. Junior George Hachmeister won the third place trophy in that event as well.

Sophomore Will Stanley won the sixth place medal in student congress legislative debate, again nearly reaching the National Forensic League maximum score for a per-tournament congress with his persistence and skill.

A. David Jones is currently the third ranking debater in the state of North Carolina with over 1,200 speaking and debate points, distinguishing him as one of the top all-time forensics performers in the state.

Succeeding in advanced degrees with this sweepstakes-winning tournament were Mallory Page Felton to the degree of honor and Amanda Morganne Newton to the degree of excellence in the National Forensic League, the prestigious honors society to build leadership skills through public speaking.

Media Center Coordinator Jane Burbella and Guidance Office Test Coordinator Connie Dickinson provided evidence and research for the debaters. Donations from Keith and Anna Willis, Will and Paula Stanley, Claudia and Braxton Goodwin, Royce and Emily Dudley helped the team with entry fees and hotel expenses. Parent Dr. Karen Skarda helped fulfill the team judging requirement. Central Services Office Accountability Coordinator David Millush provided transportation and chaperoning. "So many people and elements made our wonderful team a success on the debate field," says team sponsor and coach East Carteret teacher Julia Millush. "The Lord's grace took us through many

challenges to a rewarding experience for these amazing students.”

The East Carteret debate team’s next competitions will be the American Legion, Rotary, mock trial, and Jack Britt High School tournament.

PHOTO Top Row: Will Stanley, Torisha Dozier, Mallory Felton, Kitty Dixie Goodwin, Morganne Newton, David Jones; Second Row: Julia Millush, George Hachmeister, Bottom Row: Samantha Goodwin, Julie Rowland, and Jessy Smith



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