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The Ohio University Forensics Team competed at the Ball State University Speech and Debate Tournament October 20-21, 2006. In addition to placing in team sweepstakes we picked up two more qualification for the NFA National Tournament, bringing our new total to nineteen entries.

Dani Bernat (Dramatic Interp) and Jesse Branner (Informative) earned qualifications for the American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament in April.

Please join me in congratulating the following students on their recent success.

OVERALL TEAM SWEEPSTAKES

1st Place - Ohio University

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS SWEEPSTAKES

3rd Place - Ohio University

DEBATE SWEEPSTAKES

4th Place - Ohio University

QUADRATHON (for students entered in 4 or more events)

4th Place - Dani Bernat

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

1st Place - Dani Bernat

DRAMATIC DUO INTERPRETATION

6th Place - Dani Bernat & Daniel DiLoreto*

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

3rd Place - Dan Glaser

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

1st Place - Jesse Branner**

3rd Place - Dan Glaser

NOVICE INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

3rd Place - Paul Heidemann

PROGRAMMED ORAL INTERPRETATION

2nd Place - Dani Bernat**

PROSE INTERPRETATION

5th Place - Dan Glaser

RHETORICAL CRITICISM

3rd Place - Sarah Hoppes*

*Denotes an event now qualified for the NFA National Tournament

**Denotes an event now qualified for the AFA National Tournament.



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The Ohio University Forensics Team placed 2nd in Large School Sweepstake at the John G. Fee Memorial Forensics Tournament held at Berea College on November 4th, 2006.

Please join me in congratulating the following students on their recent success:

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES

2nd Place – Ohio University

INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES

2nd Place – Dan Glaser

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

3rd Place – Daniel DiLoreto*

4th Place – Dan Glaser*

6th Place – Paul Heidemann*

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

1st Place – Dan Glaser

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

1st Place – Daniel DiLoreto

3rd Place – Dan Glaser

5th Place – Paul Heidemann

Top Novice – James Williams*

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

Top Novice – Dan Glaser

POETRY INTERPRETATION

2nd Place – Sarah Hoppes*

PROSE INTERPRETATION

Top Novice – Dan Glaser

* - Denotes events now qualified for the NFA National Tournament. Ohio University now has 24 entries qualified for nationals.

Wish us luck as we head to NYU for their tournament this weekend.



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The Ohio University Forensics Team placed 4th at the 2006 NYU Speech Tournament this past weekend, November 11-12, 2006.

This trip was underwritten, in part, by the generous donation of John Gibbons, an alumnus of the Forensics Team.

Please join with me in congratulating the following students on their recent success.

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES

4th Place - Ohio University

INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES

4th Place - Dan Glaser

After Dinner Speaking

4th Place - Daniel DiLoreto

6th Place - Dan Glaser

Communication Analysis

6th Place - Jesse Branner

Dramatic Duo Interpretation

5th Place - Dani Bernat & Daniel DiLoreto

Dramatic Interpretation

5th Place - Dan Glaser

Extemporaneous Speaking

1st Place - Dan Glaser

Impromptu Speaking

Semi-Finalist - Dan Glaser

Informative Speaking

1st Place - Daniel DiLoreto

2nd Place - Jesse Branner

3rd Place - Dan Glaser

Program Oral Interpretation

3rd Place - Dani Bernat



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Even though we are on break, two of our students attended the Otterbein College Forensics Tournament on December 3, 2006. Please join with me in congratulating them on their recent success.

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES

6th Place - Ohio University

PENTATHALON (for students entered in 5 or more events)

2nd Place - Dan Glaser

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

Semi-Finals - Dan Glaser

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

2nd Place - Jesse Branner

5th Place - Dan Glaser

RHETORICAL CRITICISM

6th Place - Dan Glaser*

*Denotes an event now qualified for the NFA National Tournament. Ohio University now has 25 events qualified for nationals.

Our next tournament is the Butler/Kent Swing, January 20-21, 2007. We will be hosting a swing tournament with Marshall University on our campus, January 27-28, 2007.

Happy Holidays!



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This past weekend, the Ohio University Forensics Team traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana to attend two tournaments. Please join me in congratulating the following students on their recent success:

Butler University Speech Tournament
Saturday, January 20, 2007

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES
3rd Place – Ohio University

INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES
2nd Place – Dan Glaser

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING
1st Place – Daniel DiLoreto

DRAMATIC DUO
4th Place – Daniel DiLoreto & Dan Glaser*

DRAMATIC INTERP
6th Place – Dani Bernat

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING
4th Place – Dan Glaser

NOVICE IMPROMPTU
3rd Place – Dan Glaser
4th Place – Jesse Branner

NOVICE PROSE
4th Place – Dan Glaser

ORIGINAL SHAKESPEARE
1st Place – Dan Glaser*
2nd Place – Dani Bernat

POETRY INTERP
2nd Place – Dani Bernat*
4th Place – Sarah Hoppes

PROGRAM ORAL INTERP

3rd Place – Dani Bernat

Kent State University Tournament

Sunday, January 21, 2007

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES

3rd Place – Ohio University

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

4th Place – Chris Glaser

DRAMATIC DUO

4th Place – Dani Bernat & Daniel DiLoreto

5th Place – Daniel DiLoreto & Dan Glaser

7th Place – Paul Heidemann & Sarah Hoppes

DRAMATIC INTERP

4th Place – Dani Bernat

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

2nd Place – Chris Glaser*

6th Place – Dan Glaser

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

4th Place – Chris Glaser*

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

2nd Place – Daniel DiLoreto

3rd Place – Dan Glaser

4th Place – Jesse Branner

7th Place – Paul Heidemann

POETRY INTERPRETATION

4th Place – Dani Bernat

7th Place – Sarah Hoppes

PROGRAM ORAL INTERP

1st Place – Dani Bernat

* - Denotes events now qualified for the National Forensics Association Individual Events Tournament. Ohio University now has 26 entries qualified for nationals.



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The Ohio Forensics Team has just competed an amazing weekend of competition. Before I get to the results, I really need to take a moment to frame this for you.

Last year, our team qualified 9 entries for the national tournament, placing 4th in President's Division III (Division IV) and 35th overall.

At the beginning of this year, I set our team goal at 40 entries for nationals, a stepping stone to my ultimate goal of 100+ entries each year, which would secure Ohio a place among the top 10 teams nationally.

As of December 1st, we had qualified 20 entries for nationals. With February marking the end of our qualification season, we remained optimistic, yet guarded.

I am proud to announce that after two amazing one-day tournaments, we have met our goal. Ohio University has qualified 40 entries for the NFA National Tournament which will be held at Berry College in Rome, Georgia, this coming April. Please, join with me in congratulating the following students on their outstanding success.

Marshall University Speech Tournament
January 27, 2007

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES
3rd Place – Ohio University

INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES
2nd Place – Dan Glaser
3rd Place – Chris Glaser
5th Place – Daniel DiLoreto

VARSITY EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING
1st Place – Dan Glaser
2nd Place – Chris Glaser
3rd Place – Jesse Branner

JV EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING
4th Place – James Williams

JV PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

- 1st Place - Chris Glaser*
- 2nd Place – Jarrod Pollard*
- 4th Place – Emily McKeen*
- 5th Place – Jaime Bright-Wittman*
- 6th Place – James Williams*

VARSITY DRAMATIC DUO

- 5th Place (tie) – Daniel DiLoreto & Dani Bernat
- 5th Place (tie) – Daniel DiLoreto & Dan Glaser

JV DRAMATIC DUO

- 1st Place – Paul Heidemann & Sarah Hoppes*
- 2nd Place – Paul Heidemann & Dani Bernat*

JV PROSE INTERPRETATION

- 2nd Place – Chris Glaser*
- 5th Place – Jaime Bright-Wittman
- 6th Place – Paul Heidemann

ORIGINAL SHAKESPEARE

- 1st Place – Dan Glaser
- 2nd Place – Dani Bernat*

VARSITY AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

- 1st Place – Daniel DiLoreto

JV AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

- 1st Place – Sarah Hoppes
- 3rd Place – James Williams

VARSITY INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

- 4th Place – Dan Glaser
- 5th Place – Daniel DiLoreto
- 6th Place – Jesse Branner

JV INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

- 4th Place – James Williams*
- 6th Place – Jarrod Pollard

JV RHETORICAL CRITICISM

- 1st Place – Sarah Hoppes
- 2nd Place – Jesse Branner*

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

2nd Place (tie) – Jesse Branner

2nd Place (tie) – Chris Glaser

JV IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

6th Place – James Williams

Ohio University Tournament

January 28, 2007

(Ohio U hosted this tournament. Chris Glaser, who we are glad to have back with us, competed in Varsity and most of our first-year competitors competed in some of their JV events)

INDIVIDUAL SWEEPESTAKES

6th Place – Chris Glaser

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

2nd Place – Chris Glaser

JV EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

1st Place – James Williams*

JV PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

1st Place – Dani Bernat*

2nd Place – Jarrod Pollard

3rd Place – Sarah Hoppes*

4th Place – Chris Glaser

5th Place – Emily McKeen

JV AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

1st Place – Paul Heidemann

2nd Place – Sarah Hoppes

4th Place – James Williams

JV INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

1st Place – James Williams

3rd Place – Jarrod Pollard

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

5th Place – Chris Glaser

JV IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

5th Place – James Williams

JV PROSE INTERPRETATION

2nd Place – Chris Glaser

3rd Place – Jamie Bright-Wittman

4th Place – Paul Heidemann

What an AMAZING year. Wish us luck as we travel to the Ohio Forensics Association Novice State Tournament at Bowling Green State University this coming weekend.

NFA NATIONALS – 78 days and counting!



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This past weekend, our first year competitors attended the Ohio Forensics Association State Novice Tournament. Please join me in congratulating the following students on their recent success:

INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES

2nd Place – Dan Glaser

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

State Champion – Dani Bernat

4th Place – Paul Heidemann

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

State Champion – Dan Glaser

6th Place – Jesse Branner

DRAMATIC DUO

5th Place – Dani Bernat & Paul Heidemann

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

3rd Place – Dan Glaser

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

State Champion – Dan Glaser

2nd Place – James Williams

4th Place – Jesse Branner

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

3rd Place – Dani Bernat

PROGRAM ORAL INTERP

3rd Place – Dani Bernat

RHETORICAL CRITICISM

State Champion – Jesse Branner

3rd Place – Dan Glaser

Wish us luck as we attend the United States Air Force Academy Tournament this upcoming weekend.



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In addition to the Ohio State Novice Championships, two upperclassmen attended two speech tournaments held at Murray State University in Murray, KY this past weekend. Please join me in congratulating them on their outstanding success.

Murray State University – Crider Classic
Saturday, February 3, 2007

SCHOOL SWEEPSTAKES (Limited Entry)
3rd Place – Ohio University

PENTATHALON
4th Place – Sarah Hoppes

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING
5th Place – Sarah Hoppes

RHETORICAL CRITICISM
2nd Place – Sarah Hoppes

Murray State University – Alumni Tournament
Sunday, February 4, 2007

SCHOOL SWEEPSTAKES (Limited Entry)
1st Place – Ohio University

PENTATHALON
1st Place – Sarah Hoppes

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING
2nd Place – Daniel DiLoreto
4th Place – Sarah Hoppes

RHETORICAL CRITICISM
3rd Place – Sarah Hoppes

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING
2nd Place – Sarah Hoppes

Wish us luck as we compete at the United States Air Force Academy Tournament this weekend.



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This past weekend the Ohio University Forensics Team attended the 46th Annual Forensics Classic hosted at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. Please join me in congratulating the following students on their amazing success.

TEAM SWEEPTAKES

2nd Place – OHIO UNIVERSITY

QUADRATHON – for students entered in 4 or more events

2nd Place – Dani Bernat

3rd Place – Daniel DiLoreto

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

2nd Place – Daniel DiLoreto

4th Place – Chris Glaser

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

4th Place – Dani Bernat

DRAMATIC DUO INTERPRETATION

6th Place – Daniel DiLoreto & Dan Glaser

4th Place – Daniel DiLoreto & Dani Bernat

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

4th Place – Chris Glaser

3rd Place – Dan Glaser

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

3rd Place – Dan Glaser

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

1st Place – Dani Bernat

POETRY INTERPRETATION

2nd Place – Sarah Hoppes

PROGRAM ORAL INTERPRETATION

1st Place – Dani Bernat

PROSE INTERPRETATION

Semi-Finalist – Daniel DiLoreto

Semi-Finalist – Paul Heidemann

Additionally, the Dean of the Faculty of the Air Force Academy, Brigadier General Dana Born awarded Dan West the “Dean’s Coin” for his service as co-tournament director this year.

Wish us luck as we head to Cedarville University for the Ohio Forensics Association State Tournament this weekend.



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The Ohio University Forensics Team placed 2nd in Team Sweepstakes at the Ohio Forensics Association State Championship Tournament held at Cedarville University, February 16-17, 2007. Miami University took top honors, but the Bobcats were just 3 points from claiming the state title.

Freshman, Dan Glaser was named top overall speaker in the State of Ohio and also earned a state championship in Dramatic Duo with his partner, senior Daniel DiLoreto. Freshman Dani Bernat was named state champion in Persuasive Speaking, qualifying her to attend the 135th Interstate Oratorical Association National Tournament, which will be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico in late April. The "IOA" Tournament is the oldest intercollegiate speech contest in the United States. Past contestants include Robert LaFollette, President Lyndon Johnson and Representative Barbara Jordan.

The Ohio State Tournament marks the end of the regular season for the team. Wish us luck as we prepare for the Pi Kappa Delta (Forensics Honorary Society) Tournament in March, and of course, the National Forensics Association Championship Tournament in April.

Please join with me in congratulating the following students on their recent success:

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES

2nd Place – Ohio University

INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES

State Champion – Dan Glaser

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

3rd Place – Daniel DiLoreto

6th Place – Dani Bernat

DRAMATIC DUO

STATE CHAMPION – Daniel DiLoreto & Dan Glaser

3rd Place – Daniel DiLoreto & Dani Bernat

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

3rd Place – Dani Bernat

DUO CINEMA INTERPRETATION

2nd Place – Dani Bernat & Dan Glaser

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

2nd Place – Dan Glaser

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

2nd Place – Dan Glaser

4th Place – Daniel DiLoreto

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

STATE CHAMPION – Dani Bernat

4th Place – Sarah Hoppes

POETRY INTEPRETATION

5th Place – Sarah Hoppes

RHETORICAL CRITICISM

4th Place – Sarah Hoppes



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At Ohio University, the Speech and Debate Team prepares diligently for competition at the National Forensics Association National Tournament. One of the organizations founding members, OU is one of only 5 schools to win the national tournament more than once, and one of only two schools to have attended the tournament every year. Over the years, Ohio University is proud to have earned 21 individual national championships and 4 national team championships at NFA. And, as I am sure you have gathered from the many, many emails you have received from me this past year, we are excited about our prospects for success at NFA Nationals in 2007 and beyond.

In addition to the NFA National Tournament, other organizations sponsor national tournaments. In recent history, Ohio University has occasionally attended one of these other “nationals” to best prepare our students for the rigor of the NFA. Under the direction of Jerry Miller, the team attended the American Forensics Association national tournament a few times, consistently placing among the top twenty teams in the country, with OU student Rob Barnhart earning two national championships.

This year, the team was granted a charter in Pi Kappa Delta, one of two national honorary societies for intercollegiate speech and debate. This past weekend, the team attended the Pi Kappa Delta (PKD) National Convention for the first time. In addition to placing 7th in Team Sweepstakes, I am proud to announce that two of our students, senior Daniel DiLoreto and freshman Dan Glaser earned national championships in After Dinner Speaking and Dramatic Interpretation, respectively. OU students earned 9 Superior ratings (top 10%) and 6 excellent ratings (next 20%) indicating that we are well prepared for an excellent performance at the NFA National Tournament this year.

Please, join me in congratulating the following students on their amazing performance at the Pi Kappa Delta National Convention at Central Michigan University this past weekend.

TEAM SWEEPTAKES

7th Place – Ohio University (Excellent)

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

National Champion – Daniel DiLoreto* (Superior)

2nd Place – Sarah Hoppes (Superior)

5th Place – Chris Glaser (Superior)

DRAMATIC DUO

3rd Place – Dani Bernat & Daniel DiLoreto (Superior)

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

National Champion – Dan Glaser** (Superior)

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

16th Place – Dan Glaser (Excellent)

26th Place – Chris Glaser (Excellent)

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

11th Place – Chris Glaser (Superior)

16th Place – Dan Glaser (Superior)

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

17th Place – James Williams (Excellent)

25th Place – Daniel DiLoreto (Excellent)

POETRY INTERPRETATION

17th Place – Dani Bernat (Excellent)

PROSE INTERPRETATION

6th Place – Daniel DiLoreto*** (Superior)

15th Place – Dani Bernat (Superior)

RADIO BROADCASTING

4th Place – Dani Bernat (Superior)

*Denotes an event now qualified for the NFA National Tournament. OU now has 41 entries for the NFA.

**Daniel DiLoreto's national championship in ADS is OU's 24th National Title in Forensics.

***Dan Glaser's national championship in Dramatic Interp is OU's 25th National Title in Forensics.



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OHIO UNIVERSITY 2nd in the NATION

The Ohio University Speech Team just returned from the 37th National Forensics Association Individual Events Tournament hosted by Berry College in Rome, Georgia.

Thanks to the AMAZING work of our dedicated students, the Ohio Bobcat team placed 2nd in Division II and 11th among all teams in the nation. Please join me in congratulating the following students on their recent success:

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

Dan Glaser - 3rd in the Nation

ORIGINAL SHAKESPEARE

Dan Glaser - 4th in the Nation

Dani Bernat - 5th in the Nation

RHETORICAL CRITICISM

Jesse Branner - Semi-Finals (7th in the Nation)

TEAM TO DOUBLE IN SIZE NEXT YEAR

Thanks to the amazing success of our team along with a concerted effort on recruiting, 11 new or transfer students have already committed to attending Fall Work Week and joining the Bobcat Forensics Team. Success breeds success and the Forensic Program will continue to serve as a dynamic recruiting tool for HS students across the state of Ohio.

ONE MORE TRIP TO GO

Wish us luck as Dani Bernat is off to compete at the Interstate Oratory Championship Tournament in Santa Fe, NM this Thursday.

It has been an AMAZING YEAR - the team will only get bigger and better!

GO BOBCATS!