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## Ohio University Speech & Debate Team wins Purdue Tournament

The Ohio University Bobcat Speech and Debate Team dominated the Purdue University season opening tournament this past weekend beating defending national champions Western Kentucky University by a large margin.

Ohio University captured first place by earning an impressive 31 percent of the possible points during the weekend event. Western Kentucky placed second with 12 percent of the points. The Speech Team garnered 238 points to win first place in the Speech division.

Dani Bernat was named Top Speaker with 46 points, 2 points more than Texas Southern University earned to place 2nd in team sweepstakes. Ohio University students were named the top eight overall speakers at the tournament.

The team ended the weekend with 23 qualifications for the National Forensics Association Championship Tournament.

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

Purdue University  
Boilermaker Classic Speech & Debate Tournament  
West Lafayette, IN  
September 13-14, 2008

**COMBINED SPEECH AND DEBATE SWEEPSTAKES**  
1st Place - OHIO UNIVERSITY

**INDIVIDUAL EVENTS (Speech) SWEEPSTAKES**  
1st Place - OHIO UNIVERSITY

**TOP SPEAKER - Individual Events**

1st Place - Dani Bernat  
2nd Place - Dan Glaser  
3rd Place - Austin Temple  
4th Place (tie) - Nadine Ajaka  
4th Place - Jeremy Frazer  
6th Place - Jill Flauto  
7th Place (tie) - Mike Catlos  
7th Place - Annie Farinella

#### AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

1st Place - Austin Temple\*

2nd Place - Jill Flauto

Top Novice - Austin Temple

#### DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

2nd Place - Nadine Ajaka\*

Top Novice - Nadine Ajaka

#### DRAMATIC DUO

1st Place - Annie Farinella & Nadine Ajaka\*

2nd Place - Tony Sylvester & Jeremy Frazer\*

Top Novice - Annie Farinella & Nadine Ajaka

#### EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

1st Place - Dan Glaser\*

5th Place - Ted Dacey\*

6th Place - Spark Tabor\*

#### IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

1st Place - Dan Glaser\*

2nd Place - Spark Tabor\*

3rd Place - Daniel Leister\*

6th Place - Nick Prephan\*

Top Novice - Nick Prephan

#### INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

1st Place - Dan Glaser\*

2nd Place - Mike Catlos\*

5th Place - Nick Prephan

Top Novice - Nick Prephan

#### LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE

Semi-Finalst - Hassan Sheikh\*

#### LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE SPEAKER

5th Place - Hassan Sheikh

#### PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

2nd Place - Dani Bernat\*

3rd Place - Ted Dacey\*

5th Place - Taylor Mirfendereski

Top Novice - Taylor Mirfendereski

## POETRY INTERPRETATION

1st Place - Dani Bernat\*  
2nd Place - Jeremy Frazer\*  
4th Place - Annie Farinella\*  
6th Place - Tony Sylvester  
Top Novice - Jeremy Frazer

## PROGRAM ORAL INTERPRETATION

1st Place - Dani Bernat  
3rd Place - Austin Temple  
Top Novice - Austin Temple

## PROSE INTERPRETATION

1st Place - Dani Bernat\*  
2nd Place - Jill Flauto\*  
3rd Place - Mike Catlos\*  
5th Place - Austin Temple\*  
6th Place - Jeremy Frazer\*  
Top Novice - Austin Temple

\*Denotes an event now qualified for the NFA National Tournament, April 2009

Wish us luck as we head to Heidelberg College for the Ohio Forensics Association Fall Workshop Tournament September 19-20, 2008.

For more information about the Ohio University Speech and Debate Team contact Dan West, Director of Forensics at westd1@ohio.edu



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OU Speech Team wins again!

On Saturday, September 20, the OU Speech Team competed at the Ohio Forensics Association Fall Workshop Tournament hosted by Heidelberg College. Attended by many of the teams in the state, this tournament officially kicks off the fall speech season. The Bobcats once again earned more points than all other teams combined. The team placed first with 253 points with 2nd place going to Marietta College with 40 points.

Junior Dani Bernat was named top speaker with 46 points, 6 points more than 2nd place team, Marietta College. Freshman Austin Temple was the 2nd place speaker overall, tying with the 2nd Place Marietta College. OU Students earned all top six individual sweepstakes awards.

While the Bobcats continue to dominate Ohio Forensics, they face a true test of their talent and preparation this coming weekend at the Western Kentucky University Tournament when the 11th ranked Bobcats will face 5th ranked Alabama, along with other top 10 teams.

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

#### TEAM SWEEPSTAKES

1st Place – Ohio University

#### INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES

1st Place – Dani Bernat

2nd Place – Austin Temple

3rd Place – Dan Glaser

4th Place (tie) – Ted Dacey

4th Place – Annie Farinella

4th Place – Mike Catlos

#### AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

1st Place – Jill Flauto\*

2nd Place – Austin Temple

3rd Place – Ted Dacey

4th Place – Annie Farinella

Top Novice – Austin Temple

#### DRAMATIC DUO

1st Place – Austin Temple & Nadine Ajaka\*

2nd Place – Jeremy Frazer & Annie Farinella\*

Top Novices – Austin Temple & Nadine Ajaka

## EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

1st Place – Dan Glaser  
2nd Place – Ted Dacey

## IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

2nd Place – Daniel Leister

## INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

1st Place – Dan Glaser  
2nd Place – Mike Catlos  
4th Place – Nick Prephan  
Top Novice – Nick Prephan

## NOVICE EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

2nd Place – Nick Prephan

## PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

1st Place – Dani Bernat  
2nd Place – Brooke Betit\*  
Top Novice – Brooke Betit

## POETRY INTERPRETATION

1st Place – Dani Bernat  
4th Place – Tony Sylvester\*  
5th Place – Annie Farinella  
6th Place – Jeremy Frazer

## PROGRAM ORAL INTERPRETATION

1st Place – Austin Temple  
2nd Place – Dani Bernat  
Top Novice – Austin Temple

## PROSE INTERPRETATION

1st Place – Dani Bernat  
2nd Place – Mike Catlos  
3rd Place – Tony Sylvester\*  
4th Place – Austin Temple  
5th Place – Jill Flauto  
6th Place – Jeremy Frazer  
Top Novice – Austin Temple

## SPORTS EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

1st Place – Ted Dacey  
3rd Place – Nick Prephan  
5th Place – Daniel Leister  
Top Novice – Nick Prephan

Wish us luck as the team heads off to Western Kentucky University, Spetember 28-30.

For more information about the Ohio University Speech & Debate Team, please contact Dan West, the John A. Cassese Director of Forensics at [westd1@ohio.edu](mailto:westd1@ohio.edu)



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The OU Bobcat Speech & Debate Team placed 2nd in Team Sweepstakes behind 5th ranked Alabama at the Western Kentucky University Forensics Fiesta, September 27-28, 2008. While the Bobcats won 4 of the 11 events, the team is still young compared to Alabama. Only two students, Dani Bernat and Dan Glaser, have been part of the OU Team for 3 years, while 6 students return for their second season. 10 new freshman and one transfer student round out the current roster.

The OU Team hosted the second tournament of the weekend, on the campus of Western Kentucky University, with the upperclassmen assisting with tournament operations while the novice team went head to head with Alabama and top-ranked Western Kentucky. The Speaking "Bobkittens" held their own, earning enough points for a 3rd place finish in team sweepstakes, even though the team (because we were hosting) was ineligible for the award.

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

WESTERN KENTUCKY FORENSICS FIESTA  
September 27, 2008

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES  
2nd Place – Ohio University

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING  
1st Place – Jill Flauto  
4th Place – Annie Farinella  
5th Place – Ted Dacey

DRAMATIC DUO  
4th Place – Jeremy Frazer & Tony Sylvester  
5th Place – Nadine Ajaka & Annie Farinella  
6th Place – Annie Farinella & Jeremy Frazer

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION  
3rd Place – Nadine Ajaka

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING  
1st Place – Dan Glaser  
2nd Place – Ted Dacey

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING  
1st Place – Dan Glaser

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

2nd Place – Dan Glaser

LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE SPEAKER

7th Place – Hassan Sheikh

NOVICE LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE

2nd Place – Bethany Scott

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

6th Place – Grace Brikmanis

Top Novice – Grace Brikmanis

PROGRAM ORAL INTERPRETATION

5th Place – Austin Temple

PROSE INTERPRETATION

4th Place – Jill Flauto

Top Novice – Nadine Ajaka

POETRY INTERPRETATION

1st Place – Dani Bernat

3rd Place – Jeremy Frazer

4th Place – Tony Sylvester

5th Place – Annie Farinella

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OHIO UNIVERSITY FORENSICS FIESTA

(hosted at Western Kentucky University)

September 28, 2008

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES

3rd Place – Ohio University

(While the freshman competed an earned enough points to place 3rd, the team was ineligible for the sweepstakes trophy.)

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

3rd Place – Austin Temple

Top Novice – Austin Temple

POETRY INTERPRETATION

4th Place – Jeremy Frazer

5th Place – Annie Farinella

Top Novice – Jeremy Frazer

## DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

1st Place – Nadine Ajaka

Top Novice – Nadine Ajaka

## OVERALL SWING SWEEPSTAKES

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Ohio University

(While the team earned enough points in our IEs on both days and our LD entry, the team was ineligible for the sweepstakes trophy.)

Wish us luck as we head off to Illinois State this coming weekend.



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The Ohio University Speech Team placed 2nd in Team Sweepstakes at both the Illinois State University Tournament and the Bradley University Tournament, October 4 & 5, 2008.

This was the team's second large national invitational. The 11th ranked Bobcats placed second to National Champions Western Kentucky University, placing ahead of 6th ranked Arizona State University, 9th ranked Eastern Michigan University and 10th ranked Wisconsin - Eau Claire.

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

I-74 Swing

Illinois State University Tournament  
Saturday, October 4, 2008

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES  
2nd Place - Ohio University

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING  
6th Place - Annie Farinella

DRAMATIC DUO  
5th Place - Austin Temple & Nadine Ajaka

NOVICE DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION  
3rd Place - Nadine Ajaka

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING  
5th Place - Ted Dacey

NOVICE EXTEMP  
4th Place - Nick Prephan

IMRPOMPTU SPEAKING  
2nd Place - Dan Glaser

NOVICE IMPROMPTU SPEAKING  
2nd Place - Nick Prephan

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING  
1st Place - Dan Glaser

NOVICE INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

1st Place - Nick Prephan

NOVICE PERSUASION

3rd Place - Brooke Betit

4th Place - Grace Brikmanis

NOVICE POETRY INTERPRETATION

4th Place - Jeremy Frazer

1st Place - Annie Farinella

PROSE INTERPRETATION

5th Place - Dani Bernat

6th Place - Tony Sylvester

NOVICE PROSE INTERPRETATION

2nd Place - Austin Temple

3rd Place - Nadine Ajaka\*

5th Place - Jeremy Frazer

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BRADLEY UNIVERSITY TOURNAMENT

Sunday, October 5, 2008

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES

2nd Place - Ohio University

DRAMATIC DUO

5th Place - Austin Temple & Nadine Ajaka

6th Place - Tony Sylvester & Jeremy Frazer

NOVICE DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

1st Place - Nadine Ajaka

NOVICE EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

3rd Place - Nick Prephan

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

4th Place - Dan Glaser

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

2nd Place - Dan Glaser

NOVICE INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

2nd Place - Nick Prephan

NOVICE PERSUASION

2nd Place - Grace Brikmanis

3rd Place - Brooke Betit

NOVICE POETRY INTERPRETATION

1st Place - Jeremy Frazer

2nd Place - Annie Farinella

NOVICE PROSE INTERPRETATION

4th Place - Jeremy Frazer

5th Place - Austin Temple

Wish us luck as the team competes at Minnesota State University-Mankato and Ball State University this weekend.



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Students on the Ohio University Speech and Debate Team have earned 200 trophies this season...and it's only the beginning. The team has attended 6 of the 18 tournaments on its regular season schedule.

Last weekend, 4 students attended the Minnesota River Swing (2 tournaments) at Minnesota State University - Mankato and Gustavus Adolphus College while the rest of the team competed at Ball State University. With our team split between two different states, the Speaking Bobcats didn't claim a tournament championship, their impressive showing makes them one of the top teams in the country.

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

**BALL STATE UNIVERSITY**

Muncie, Indiana  
October 18, 2008

**TEAM SWEEPSTAKES**

4th Place - Ohio University

**AFTER DINNER SPEAKING**

6th Place - Austin Temple

**DRAMATIC DUO**

3rd Place - Jeremy Frazer & Tony Sylvester

**NOVICE EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING**

2nd Place - Nick Prephan

**INFORMATIVE SPEAKING**

3rd Place - Tony Sylvester  
6th Place - Mike Catlos

**NOVICE PROSE INTERPRETATION**

1st Place - Austin Temple  
2nd Place - Jeremy Frazer  
3rd Place - Kori Zanin

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MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY - MANKATO  
Mankato, MN  
October 18, 2008

QUALITY SWEEPSTAKES  
1st Place - Ohio University

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES  
4th Place - Ohio University

INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES  
1st Place - Dan Glaser

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING  
4th Place - Jill Flauto

DRAMATIC DUO  
4th Place - Dani Bernat & Jill Flauto  
EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING  
1st Place - Ted Dacey  
2nd Place - Dan Glaser

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING  
1st Place - Dan Glaser

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING  
1st Place - Dan Glaser

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING  
1st Place - Dani Bernat

POETRY INTERPRETATION  
2nd Place - Dani Bernat  
3rd Place - Jill Flauto

RHETORICAL CRITICISM  
5TH Place - Dan Glaser

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GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE TOURNAMENT  
St. Peter, MN  
October 19, 2008

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES  
3rd Place - Ohio University

### INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES

2nd Place - Dan Glaser

3rd Place - Dani Bernat

### DRAMATIC DUO

1st Place - Dani Bernat & Jill Flauto

### EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

4th Place - Ted Dacey

### INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

1st Place - Dan Glaser

6th Place - Ted Dacey

### IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

4th Place - Dan Glaser

### PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

Dani Bernat - 2nd

### PROSE INTERPRETATION

1st Place - Dani Bernat

4th Place - Jill Flauto

### RHETORICAL CRITICISM

1st Place - Dan Glaser

Wish us luck as we compete at Berea College this weekend!



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This past weekend the OU Speech Team attended tournaments hosted by the University of the Cumberlands and Berea College in Kentucky while the debate team attended a tournament at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. The team placed 2nd in both speech tournaments to the defending national champions, Western Kentucky University. Overall, the Speaking Bobcats picked up 65 awards for another amazing weekend.

Stop by the main office in Lasher Hall to see this week's trophies on display.

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

University of the Cumberlands  
Berea, Kentucky  
October 24-25, 2008

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES  
Large School Division  
2nd Place - Ohio University

INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES  
1st Place - Dan Glaser  
2nd Place - Ted Dacey  
5th Place - Austin Temple

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING  
3rd Place - Ted Dacey  
5th Place - Annie Farinella  
6th Place - Austin Temple  
2nd Top Novice - Annie Farinella  
3rd Top Novice - Austin Temple

DRAMATIC DUO  
3rd Place - Austin Temple & Nadine Ajaka  
5th Place - Jeremy Frazer & Austin Temple  
1st Top Novice - Austin Temple & Nadine Ajaka  
2nd Top Novice - Jeremy Frazer & Austin Temple

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION  
2nd Place - Nadine Ajaka  
1st Top Novice - Nadine Ajaka

### EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

1st Place - Dan Glaser (Going Straight 1s in the Tournament)

2nd Place - Ted Dacey

3rd Place - Daniel Leister

5th Place - Spark Tabor

2nd Top Novice - Nick Prephan

### IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

1st Place - Dan Glaser

2nd Place - Spark Tabor

### INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

1st Place - Dan Glaser

5th Place - Ted Dacey

2nd Top Novice - Nick Prephan

### PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

2nd Place - Ted Dacey

### POETRY INTERPRETATION

7th Place - Ronnie Talbot

3rd Top Novice - Annie Farinella

### PROSE INTERPRETATION

3rd Place - Annie Farinella\*

6th Place - Kori Zanin

1st Top Novice - Annie Farinella

2nd Top Novice - Kori Zanin

### RHETORICAL CRITICISM

3rd Place - Dan Glaser

5th Place - Mike Catlos

1st Top Novice - Brooke Betit

Berea University  
Berea, Kentucky  
October 25, 2008

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES

Large School Division  
2nd Place - Ohio University

INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES

2nd Place - Dan Glaser  
4th Place - Austin Temple  
6th Place - Ted Dacey

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

1st Place - Annie Farinella  
3rd Place - Ted Dacey  
1st Top Novice - Annie Farinella

DRAMATIC DUO

3rd Place - Jeremy Frazer & Austin Temple  
4th Place - Austin Temple & Nadine Ajaka  
1st Top Novice - Jeremy Frazer & Austin Temple  
2nd Top Novice - Austin Temple & Nadine Ajaka

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

2nd Place - Nadine Ajaka  
1st Top Novice - Nadine Ajaka

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

2nd Place - Spark Tabor  
4th Place - Dan Glaser  
Semifinalist - Nick Prephan  
Semifinalist - Daniel Leister  
Semifinalist - Ted Dacey  
1st Top Novice - Nick Prephan

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

3rd Place - Dan Glaser  
Semifinalist - Daniel Leister

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

6th Place - Ted Dacey

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

5th Place - Brooke Betit  
1st Top Novice - Brooke Betit

POETRY INTERPRETATION

2nd Place - Jeremy Frazer

1st Top Novice - Jeremy Frazer

PROSE INTERPRETATION

4th Place - Mike Catlos

1st Top Novice - Nadine Ajaka

2nd Top Novice - Annie Farinella

RHETORICAL CRITICISM

2nd Place - Mike Catlos

3rd Place - Dan Glaser

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Creighton University

Omaha, Nebraska

October 24-25, 2008

LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE

Quarter-Finalist - Hassan Sheikh

The debate team is off to St. Anselm's College in New Hampshire this weekend and the speech team heads to the L.E. Norton Tournament hosted by Bradley University, November 7-9, 2008. Wish us luck!



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While Athens celebrated Halloween, OU Debater Hassan Sheikh represented OU at the St. Anselm's College Tournament in Manchester, NH. Please join me in congratulating Hassan on his recent success:

ST. ANSELM'S COLLEGE DEBATE TOURNAMENT  
Manchester, NH  
November 1, 2008

LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE  
Quarter Finalist - Hassan Sheikh

LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE SPEAKER  
4th Place - Hassan Sheikh



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This weekend, the Speaking Bobcats attended the 61st L.E. Norton Invitational hosted by Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois. With 48 schools in attendance the "Norton" is one of the largest and most competitive Individual Events Tournaments held during the regular season. With most major speech teams represented, success at the "Norton" is often considered a litmus test for the national tournaments in the Spring.

The Bobcats had an amazing weekend, placing third behind defending national champions Western Kentucky University and 6th ranked George Mason University. Please join me in congratulating the following students on their recent success:

61st L.E. Norton Invitational  
Bradley University  
Peoria, IL  
November 8-9, 2008

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES  
3rd Place - OHIO UNIVERSITY

NOVICE PENTAHALON  
1st Place - Austin Temple

NOVICE DRAMATIC DUO  
4th Place - Nadine Ajaka & Austin Temple  
5th Place - Jeremy Frazer & Austin Temple

NOVICE DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION  
3rd Place - Nadine Ajaka

VARSITY EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING  
1st Place - Dan Glaser  
Semi Finals - Ted Dacey

VARSITY IMPROMPTU SPEAKING  
3rd Place - Spark Tabor  
Semi Finals - Dan Glaser

NOVICE IMPROMPTU  
Semi Finals - Nick Prephan  
Semi Finals - Austin Temple

**VARSITY INFORMATIVE SPEAKING**

1st Place - Dan Glaser

**NOVICE INFORMATIVE SPEAKING**

5th Place - Nick Prephan

**NOVICE POETRY INTERPRETATION**

4th Place - Annie Farinella

5th Place - Jeremy Frazer

**VARSITY PROSE INTERPRETATION**

Semi Finals - Dani Bernat

Semi Finals - Jill Flauto

**NOVICE PROSE INTERPRETATION**

2nd Place - Annie Farinella

3rd Place - Nadine Ajaka

4th Place - Austin Temple

Semi Finals - Jeremy Frazer

**VARSITY RHETORICAL CRITICISM**

5th Place - Dan Glaser

Wish us luck as we head off to the Falcon Classic at Bowling Green State University this upcoming weekend.



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Fall Quarter comes to a close on an amazing season for the Speaking Bobcats of Ohio University. The Ohio University Forensics Team placed first in team sweepstakes at the 61st Falcon Classic hosted by Bowling Green State University. The team ended the one day competition with 325 points, well head of 2nd place George Mason University (178 points) and 3rd place Eastern Michigan University (141 points). The Bobcats earned 8 first place awards and a total of 38 awards for the weekend.

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

#### 61st FALCON CLASSIC

Bowling Green State University  
November 15, 2008

#### TEAM SWEEPSTAKES

1st Place – Ohio University

#### INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES

1st Place – Austin Temple  
2nd Place – Tony Sylvester

#### AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

5th Place – Jill Flauto  
Top PKD Competitor – Jill Flauto

#### NOVICE AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

1st Place – Austin Temple  
3rd Place – Annie Farinella

#### NOVICE DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

1st Place – Nadine Ajaka  
4th Place – Kori Zanin

#### DRAMATIC DUO INTEPRETATION

1st Place – Jeremy Frazer & Tony Sylvester  
2nd Place – Nadine Ajaka & Austin Temple  
3rd Place – Jeremy Frazer & Austin Temple  
4th Place – Mike Catlos & Jill Flauto  
Top PKD Competitors – Jeremy Frazer & Tony Sylvester  
Top Novice – Nadine Ajaka & Austin Temple

NOVICE EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

1st Place – Nick Prephan

NOVICE IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

3rd Place – Nick Prephan

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

2nd Place – Ted Dacey

4th Place – Tony Sylvester

6th Place – Mike Catlos

NOVICE INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

2nd Place – Nick Prephan

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

2nd Place – Ted Dacey

Top PKD Competitor – Ted Dacey

POETRY INTERPRETATION

3rd Place – Tony Sylvester

Top PKD Competitor – Tony Sylvester

NOVICE POETRY INTERPRETATION

1st Place – Jeremy Frazer

3rd Place – Annie Farinella

PROSE INTERPRETATION

3rd Place – Jill Flauto

5th Place – Mike Catlos

6th Place – Tony Sylvester

NOVICE PROSE INTERPRETATION

1st Place – Jeremy Frazer

5th Place – Austin Temple

6th Place – Kori Zanin

Even though OU is on break, wish us luck as we attend the Holiday Frolic Tournaments hosted by The Ohio State University and Otterbein College, December 5-7, 2008.



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Even though OU is on Winter Break, a few OU Forensics Team students met in Columbus to attend the Ohio State University Forensic Holiday Frolic on December 5-6, 2008. Even though the OU team wasn't out in full force, they captured 2nd place in Team Sweepstakes behind defending National Champion, Western Kentucky University.

Please join me in congratulate the following Bobcats on their recent success:

2008 OSU Holiday Frolic  
Columbus, OH  
December 5-6, 2008

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES  
2nd Place - Ohio University

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING  
4th Place - Austin Temple

DRAMATIC DUO  
3rd Place - Nadine Ajaka & Austin Temple

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION  
5th Place - Austin Temple  
Top Novice - Austin Temple

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING  
2nd Place - Dan Glaser

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING  
1st Place - Dan Glaser

NOVICE IMPROMPTU SPEAKING  
4th Place - Austin Temple

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING  
4th Place - Nick Prephan  
5th Place - Ted Dacey

LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE  
Octo-Finals - Hassan Sheikh

POETRY INTERPRETATION

5th Place - Ronnie Talbot

PROGRAM ORAL INTERPRETATION

2nd Place - Ronnie Talbot

PROSE INTERPRETATION

2nd Place - Dan Glaser

5th Place - Austin Temple

SPORTS EXTEMP

2nd Place - Ted Dacey

4th Place - Spark Tabor

TEAM SING (Holiday-themed song)

2nd Place - Ohio University

[Check it out on Facebook at

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/video/video.php?v=609833641454&ref=nf>]

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The Speaking Bobcats of Ohio U won the "Frolic Some More" Tournament hosted by Otterbein College on December 7, 2008. The first place finish at Otterbein, combined with second in sweeps from the OSU Tournament pushed the Bobcats over the top to win first place in Overall Team Sweepstakes for the weekend.

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

2008 Frolic Some More Tournament  
Otterbein College, Westerville, OH  
December 7, 20098

OVERALL SWING SWEEPSTAKES

1st Place - Ohio University

TOURNAMENT SWEEPSTAKES

1st Place - Ohio University

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

2nd Place - Ted Dacey

5th Place - Austin Temple

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

1st Place - Ted Dacey

4th Place - Dan Glaser

6th Place - Nick Prephan

**DRAMATIC DUO**

2nd Place - Nadine Ajaka & Austin Temple

**DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION**

1st Place - Nadine Ajaka

2nd Place - Austin Temple

**LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE**

Octo Finals - Hassan Sheikh

**LINCOLN-DOUGLAS SPEAKER**

6th Place - Hassan Sheikh

**INFORMATIVE SPEAKING**

2nd Place - Dan Glaser

4th Place - Ted Dacey

**PERSUASIVE SPEAKING**

1st Place - Ted Dacey

**POETRY INTERPRETATION**

1st Place - Ronnie Talbot

**PROSE INTERPRETATION**

5th Place - Austin Temple

6th Place - Nadine Ajaka

**RHETORICAL CRITICISM**

1st Place - Dan Glaser

The team is off for the rest of break and resumes competition in January with tournaments at Bradley University and Butler University, January 16-19, 2009.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



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Last weekend, a few of the Speaking Bobcats made their way to Peoria, IL to attend the 10th Annual "Hell Froze Over" Tournaments. This pair of competitions brought together 41 of top teams around the nation and serves as a good indicator of which events could do well at nationals later this spring.

The results indicate that Bobcats are on their way to a good finish at Nationals in April.

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

2009 "Hell Froze Over" Tournament  
Hosted by Bradley University  
January 17, 2009

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES  
10th Place – Ohio University

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING  
6th Place – Ted Dacey  
Semi-Finals – Dan Glaser

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING  
Semi-Finals – Dan Glaser

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING  
2nd Place – Dan Glaser

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING  
Semi-Finals – Dani Bernat

PROSE INTERPRETATION  
Semi-Finals – Jill Flauto

RHETORICAL CRITICISM  
Semi-Finals – Dan Glaser

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2009 "Hell Froze Over" Tournament  
Hosted by University of Texas  
January 18, 2009

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES  
8th Place - Ohio University

DRAMATIC DUO  
Semi-Finals – Dani Bernat & Jill Flauto

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING  
3rd Place – Dan Glaser

IMPROPMTU SPEAKING  
1st Place – Dan Glaser

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING  
6th Place – Dani Bernat

PROSE INTERPRETATION  
Semi-Finals – Dani Bernat

RHETORICAL CRITICISM  
5th Place – Dan Glaser

Wish us luck as we head off to Eastern Michigan University, January 23-24, 2009.



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While the Varsity Bobcats were in Illinois, the JV Speaking Bobcats competed at two tournaments in Indianapolis, winning more than 30 awards as well as overall sweepstakes for the weekend. These outstanding results prove that the OU Forensics force will be a forensics force to be reckoned with for years to come.

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

Butler Bulldog Battle  
Hosted by Butler University  
January 17, 2009

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES  
2nd Place – Ohio University

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING  
2nd Place – Annie Farinella

DRAMATIC DUO  
6th Place – Tony Sylvester & Jeremy Frazier

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION  
1st Place – Nadine Ajaka  
2nd Place – Kori Zanin  
5th Place – Ronnie Talbot

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING  
6th Place – Nick Prephan

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING  
2nd Place – Mike Catlos  
6th Place – Nick Prephan

POETRY INTERPRETATION  
4th Place – Jeremy Frazier

PROGRAM ORAL INTERPRETATION  
6th Place – Ronnie Talbot

PROSE INTERPRETATION  
1st Place – Annie Farinella  
2nd Place – Nadine Ajaka

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Redhawk Rumble  
Hosted by Miami University  
January 18, 2009

OVERALL WEEKEND SWEEPSTAKES

1st Place – Ohio University

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES

1st Place – Ohio University

TEAM QUALITY SWEEPSTAKES

1st Place – Ohio University

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

1st Place – Annie Farinella

DRAMATIC DUO

3rd Place – Tony Sylvester & Jeremy Frazier

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

1st Place – Nadine Ajaka

2nd Place – Kori Zanin

6th Place – Ronnie Talbot

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

3rd Place – Nick Prephan

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

3rd Place – Nick Prephan

4th Place – Mike Catlos

POETRY INTERPRETATION

1st Place – Annie Farinella

2nd Place – Jeremy Frazier

6th Place – Ronnie Talbot

PROGRAM ORAL INTERPRETATION

2nd Place – Ronnie Talbot

PROSE INTERPRETATION

1st Place – Jeremy Frazier

3rd Place – Tony Sylvester

4th Place – Kori Zanin

5th Place – Mike Catlos

Wish us luck as we head to Eastern Michigan University, January 23-24, 2009.



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This past weekend, the Speaking Bobcats of OU won the EMU Tower Invitational. Bringing home over 25 individual awards, the Bobcats took first place with an impressive 266 points. Second place Bowling Green State University earned 145 points and the University of Akron came in third with 106.5 points.

While Forensics doesn't follow traditional athletic conference lines, this weekend's finish puts OU at the top of the MAC standings with only EMU posing any possible threat to them for the rest of the season.

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

#### EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Tower Invitational  
January 23-24, 2009

#### TEAM SWEEPSTAKES

1st Place - Ohio University

#### INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES

3rd Place - Ted Dacey

#### AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

1st Place - Annie Farinella

3rd Place - Jill Flauto

5th Place - Austin Temple

#### DRAMATIC DUO

1st Place - Jeremy Frazer & Tony Sylvester

4th Place - Nadine Ajaka & Austin Temple

5th Place - Mike Catlos & Jill Flauto

#### DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

1st Place - Nadine Ajaka

3rd Place - Austin Temple

#### EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

2nd Place - Ted Dacey

5th Place - Daniel Leister

6th Place - Nick Prephan

### IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

1st Place - Spark Tabor

### INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

2nd Place - Mike Catlos

4th Place - Nick Prephan

### PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

1st Place - Ted Dacey

5th Place - Grace Brikmanis

### POETRY INTERPRETATION

3rd Place - Ronnie Talbot

4th Place - Jeremy Frazer

6th Place - Annie Farinella

### PROGRAM ORAL INTERPRETATION

4th Place - Ted Dacey

5th Place - Ronnie Talbot

### PROSE INTERPRETATION

1st Place - Jill Flauto

3rd Place - Annie Farinella

5th Place - Jeremy Frazer

6th Place - Nadine Ajaka

This weekend, the Bobcats will be hosting the OFA Novice Tournament, the Ohio University Interstate Individual Events Tournament and the Ohio University Alumni Tournament. Wish us luck!



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The Speaking Bob "kittens" of the Ohio University Forensics Team dominated the Ohio Forensic Association Novice State Tournament this past weekend. The 6 competitors on the team earned 6 individual State Championships and a total of 450 points, clearly putting them ahead of 2nd place Miami University (206 points) and 3rd place Cedarville University (200 points).

The freshman Bob "kittens" also won the top three places in "Trithon" or Individual Sweepstakes, for those students competing in public address, oral interpretation and limited preparation events. State Champion Trithon speaker Austin Temple (70 points) was followed by 2nd place Nick Prephan (68 points) with teammate Kori Zanin (58 points) coming in third.

The success of our first year competitors bodes well for the Ohio University Forensics Team for years to come.

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

Ohio Forensics Association  
Novice State Championship  
January 30-31, 2009

OPEN DIVISION TEAM SWEEPSTAKES  
STATE CHAMPIONS – OHIO UNIVERSITY

OPEN DIVISION QUALITY AWARD  
STATE CHAMPIONS – OHIO UNIVERSITY

NOVICE INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES  
STATE CHAMPION – Austin Temple  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Nick Prephan  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Kori Zanin

NOVICE AFTER DINNER SPEAKING  
STATE CHAMPION - Austin Temple  
2nd Place – Annie Farinella

NOVICE DRAMATIC DUO  
STATE CHAMPIONS – Nadine Ajaka & Annie Farinella  
3rd Place – Austin Temple & Nadine Ajaka  
5th Place – Kori Zanin & Austin Temple

NOVICE INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

2nd Place – Nick Prephan

4th Place – Annie Farinella

NOVICE PROGRAM ORAL INTERPRETATION

STATE CHAMPION – Nadine Ajaka

2nd Place – Kori Zanin

4th Place – Brittany Osterwise

NOVICE RHETORICAL CRITICISM

STATE CHAMPION – Nick Prephan

2nd Place – Kori Zanin

NOVICE SPORTS EXTEMP

STATE CHAMPION – Nick Prephan

3rd Place – Kori Zanin

6th Place – Brittany Osterwise

NOVICE POETRY INTERPRETATION

2nd Place – Annie Farinella

3rd Place – Austin Temple

6th Place – Nick Prephan

NOVICE EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

2nd Place – Nick Prephan

NOVICE IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

4th Place – Nick Prephan

5th Place – Austin Temple

NOVICE PROSE INTERPRETATION

STATE CHAMPION – Nadine Ajaka

2nd Place – Kori Zanin

3rd Place – Annie Farinella

4th Place – Austin Temple



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On Sunday, February 1, the Ohio University Forensics Alumni hosted the Ohio Alumni Forensics Tournament. Under the direction of Dr. Todd Holm, the tournament hosted 9 schools from around the region.

Special thanks to out to Erin Barnhart, Rob Barnhart and Katie Eppley for judging this weekend.

And of course, thanks to our event sponsors, who's generous contributions helped to fund the trophies for the following events:

Extemporaneous Speaking – Nathaniel Grow  
Prose Interpretation – John Gibbons  
Poetry Interpretation – John Gibbons  
Dramatic Duo Interpretation – John Gibbons  
Persuasive Speaking – Holly Sisk  
Dramatic Interpretation – Elizabeth Smathers  
Informative Speaking – Dan & Vicki West

While the Bobcats were not eligible to receive a sweepstakes trophy, they earned enough points to win the tournament.

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

Ohio University Alumni Tournament  
Ohio University  
Athens, OH  
February 1, 2009

#### INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES

2nd Place – Ted Dacey

#### JV AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

5th Place – Mike Catlos

#### AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

4th Place – Ted Dacey

5th Place – Annie Farinella

7th Place – Dan Glaser

#### DRAMATIC DUO INTERPRETATION

4th Place – Kori Zanin & Mike Catlos

## DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

1st Place – Tony Sylvester

2nd Place – Kori Zanin

3rd Place – Ronnie Talbot

## EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

1st Place – Dan Glaser

3rd Place – Ted Dacey

4th Place – Spark Tabor

5th Place – Daniel Leister

## IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

1st Place – Dan Glaser

3rd Place – Daniel Leister

## JV INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

1st Place – Daniel Leister

## INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

1st Place – Mike Catlos

3rd Place – Tony Sylvester

4th Place – Ted Dacey

6th Place – Nick Prephan

## PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

1st Place – Ted Dacey

## JV POETRY INTERPRETATION

3rd Place – Nick Prephan

## POETRY INTERPRETATION

1st Place – Annie Farinella

3rd Place – Ronnie Talbot

Program Oral Interpretation

4th Place – Ronnie Talbot

## PROSE INTERPRETATION

2nd Place – Dan Glaser

5th Place – Nadine Ajaka

## JV RHETORICAL CRITICISM

1st Place – Nick Prephan

3rd Place – Ted Dacey

4th Place – Kori Zanin

RHETORICAL CRITICISM

4th Place – Mike Catlos

SPORTS EXTEMP

1st Place – Daniel Leister

2nd Place – Ted Dacey

4th Place – Nick Prephan

5th Place – Spark Tabor

Wish us luck as we head to Malone University for a tournament this weekend.



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The Ohio University Forensics Team garnered 15 first place awards on its way to winning the Malone University Mid-Winter Blues Tournament in Canton, Ohio this weekend.

The Speaking Bobcats placed first in Individual Events Sweepstakes, earning 471 points. Marietta College came in 2nd with 72 points while the University of Akron placed third (53 points). The the also placed 2nd in Debate Sweepstakes (34 points) and 1st in Combined Speech and Debate Sweepstakes (505 points).

This regional tournament was widely attended by Ohio Schools and provided an outstanding venue for the Bobcats to practice their events for the upcoming weeks...while allowing friends and family of students from the Akron/Canton/Youngstown area a chance to see the Bobcats in actions.

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

MALONE UNIVERSITY  
Mid-Winter Blues Tournament  
February 6-7, 2009

COMBINED SPEECH and DEBATE SWEEPSTAKES  
1st Place - Ohio University

SPEECH SWEEPSTAKES  
1st Place - Ohio University

DEBATE SWEEPSTAKES  
2nd Place - Ohio University

PENTATHALON (5 or more events)  
1st Place - Ted Dacey  
2nd Place - Nick Prephan  
3rd Place - Austin Temple

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING  
1st Place - Dan Glaser  
2nd Place - Austin Temple  
3rd Place - Jill Flauto  
5th Place - Mike Catlos

## COMMUNICATION ANALYSIS

- 1st Place - Mike Catlos
- 2nd Place - Nick Prephan
- 3rd Place - Kori Zanin
- 4th Place - Ted Dacey
- 5th Place - Brittany Osterwise

## DRAMATIC DUO

- 1st Place - Tony Sylvester & Jeremy Frazer
- 3rd Place - Jill Flauto & Dani Bernat
- 4th Place - Austin Temple & Jeremy Frazer
- 6th Place - Jill Flauto & Mike Catlos

## DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

- 1st Place - Austin Temple
- 2nd Place - Tony Sylvester
- 3rd Place - Ronnie Talbot
- 4th Place - Kori Zanin

## EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

- 1st Place - Dan Glaser
- 2nd Place - Ted Dacey
- 4th Place - Daniel Leister

## IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

- 1st Place - Dan Glaser
- 2nd Place - Daniel Leister
- 4th Place - Nick Prephan

## INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

- 1st Place - Nick Prephan
- 2nd Place - Mike Catlos
- 4th Place - Daniel Leister

## NOVICE PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE

- 1st Place - Ted Dacey & Daniel Leister

## NOVICE PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE SPEAKER

- 1st Place - Daniel Leister

## PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

- 1st Place - Ted Dacey
- 2nd Place - Dani Bernat

### POETRY INTERPRETATION

1st Place - Dani Bernat  
2nd Place - Jeremy Frazer  
4th Place - Austin Temple  
5th Place - Nick Prephan

### PROGRAM ORAL INTERPRETATION

1st Place - Ronnie Talbot  
2nd Place - Ted Dacey

### PROSE INTERPRETATION

1st Place - Jeremy Frazer  
2nd Place - Dani Bernat  
3rd Place - Mike Catlos  
5th Place - Kori Zanin  
6th Place - Jill Flauto

### SPORTS EXTEMP

1st Place - Ted Dacey  
3rd Place - Nick Prephan  
4th Place - Daniel Leister  
6th Place - Kori Zanin  
7th Place - Brittany Osterwise

Wish us luck as we head to Harrisonburg, VA for the James Madison University Tournament next weekend.



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The Ohio Bobcat Forensics Team placed 1st in Team Sweepstakes at the James Madison University Tournament on Saturday, February 14, 2009. Attended by 15 schools, mostly from the east coast, this tournament provided the Speaking Bobcats the opportunity to face challenging competition for a new region. The Bobcat's first place finish bodes well for continued success this season.

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

2009 James Madison University Tournament  
Harrisonburg, VA  
February 14, 2009

**TEAM SWEEPSTAKES**

1st Place - OHIO UNIVERSITY

**INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES**

2nd Place - Dan Glaser

**AFTER DINNER SPEAKING**

2nd Place - Annie Farinella

6th Place - Ted Dacey

**DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION**

4th Place - Tony Sylvester

**EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING**

3rd Place - Dan Glaser

**INFORMATIVE SPEAKING**

1st Place - Dan Glaser

5th Place - Mike Catlos

**PROSE INTERPRETATION**

7th Place - Jeremy Frazer

**RHETORICAL CRITICISM**

2nd Place - Dan Glaser

Wish us luck as we head to the Ohio Forensic Association State Varsity Tournament at the University of Akron this weekend.



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The Ohio University Bobcat Forensics Team DOMINATED competition at the Ohio Forensic Association Varsity State Championship hosted by the University of Akron this past weekend. The Bobcats came home with 6 individual state titles and top honors in Individual Events Sweepstakes and Quality Sweepstakes. The Speaking Bobcats earned 550 points to win the State Championship while 2nd place Miami earned 260 and the University of Akron posted 238 points to place third.

Additionally, Bobcats were named the top overall speakers in the state and junior Dan Glaser won Trithon (top speaker in the state) for the third time. The results speak for themselves. Please join me in congratulating the following students on their recent success:

The Ohio Forensic Association  
State Varsity Championships  
University of Akron  
February 20-21, 2009

CUMULATIVE SWEEPSTAKES  
1st Place - Ohio University

OPEN DIVISION INDIVIDUAL EVENTS SWEEPSTAKES  
STATE CHAMPIONS - Ohio University

OPEN DIVISION QUALITY AWARD  
STATE CHAMPIONS - Ohio University

DEBATE SWEEPSTAKES  
3rd Place - Ohio University

TRITHON (Top Individual Events Speaker)  
STATE CHAMPION - Dan Glaser  
2nd Place - Dani Bernat  
3rd Place - Ted Dacey  
4th Place - Austin Temple

TOP DEBATE SPEAKER  
2nd Place - Hassan Sheikh

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING  
STATE CHAMPION - Annie Farinella  
2nd Place - Ted Dacey

## EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

STATE CHAMPION - Dan Glaser

5th Place - Ted Dacey

6th Place - Daniel Leister

## DRAMATIC DUO

STATE CHAMPIONS - Jeremy Frazer & Tony Sylvester

2nd Place - Jeremy Frazer & Austin Temple

3rd Place - Dani Bernat & Jill Flauto

5th Place - Nadine Ajaka & Annie Farinella

6th Place - Nadine Ajaka & Austin Temple

## IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

3rd Place - Spark Tabor

5th Place - Daniel Leister

## INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

2nd Place - Daniel Leister

3rd Place - Mike Catlos

5th Place - Tony Sylvester

6th Place - Dan Glaser

## LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE

Semi Finals - Hassan Sheikh

## LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Speaker – Hassan Sheikh

## POETRY INTERPRETATION

5th Place - Annie Farinella

6th Place - Jeremy Frazer

## PROGRAM ORAL INTERPRETATION

STATE CHAMPION - Nadine Ajaka

4th Place - Kori Zanin

## PROSE INTERPRETATION

STATE CHAMPION - Dani Bernat

2nd Place - Dan Glaser

3rd Place - Jill Flauto

## RHETORICAL CRITICISM

2nd Place - Dan Glaser

4th Place - Mike Catlos

5th Place - Ted Dacey

## SPORTS EXTEMP

STATE CHAMPION - Ted Dacey

2nd Place - Austin Temple

6th Place - Daniel Leister

## PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

2nd Place - Dani Bernat

The top two speakers in Persuasive Speaking at the State Tournament qualify to compete at the Interstate Oratory Championship Tournament. Dani will represent Ohio U at this contest at the University of Mississippi in April, this year.

The regular season winds to a close for the Speaking Bobcats and it's time to gear up for nationals. Wish us luck as we prepare for the AFA District Qualifying Tournament March 6-8. We close winter quarter with the Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament and Convention in Shreveport, LA, March 17-22.

Thanks, as always, for your continued support.



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This past weekend, the Speaking Bobcats were very busy, heading off in three different directions. Part of the team attended the Ohio High School Speech League's State Tournament to recruit the next class of the Ohio Forensics Program. If the OHSSL is any indicator, the incoming class is strong. There was also a large number of high school students interested in attending the Ohio University Summer Forensics Camp, held at the end of July on Ohio's campus.

Another group of Bobcats traveled over the Appalachian Mountains to host the Ohio University Eastern Shore and AFA District 7 Tournaments at Governor Thomas Johnson High School in Fredrick, MD. Special thanks go out to the entire Dacey family for housing and feeding the team as well as helping run the tournament.

Ohio University Debate also traveled this weekend to the Ohio State University Generic Tournament. While Hassan traveled alone, he represented Ohio University well.

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

Ohio University Eastern Shore Tournament  
Governor Thomas Johnson High School  
March 6-7, 2009

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES  
3rd Place – Ohio University

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING  
5th Place - Mike Catlos

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION  
1st Place - Kori Zanin  
3rd Place - Ronnie Talbot

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING  
1st Place - Daniel Leister

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING  
3rd Place - Daniel Leister  
4th Place - Tony Sylvester

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING  
3rd Place - Mike Catlos

POETRY INTERPRETATION

2nd Place - Ronnie Talbot

PROSE INTERPRETATION

4th Place - Kori Zanin

5th Place - Ronnie Talbot

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AFA District 7 Tournament

Governor Thomas Johnson High School

March 7-8, 2009

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES

5th Place – Ohio University

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

6th Place - Ronnie Talbot

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

2nd Place - Daniel Leister

5th Place - Tony Sylvester

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

1st Place - Mike Catlosa

PROSE INTERPRETATION

1st Place - Kori Zanin

5th Place - Ronnie Talbot

6th Place - Tony Sylvester

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The Ohio State University Generic Tournament

The Ohio State University

March 8, 2009

LINCOLN DOUGLAS DEBATE

Semi Finals - Hassan Sheikh

LINCOLN-DOUGLAS SPEAKER

2nd Place - Hassan Sheikh

Our regular season is winding to a close...which can only mean one thing: NATIONALS!

In preparation for the NFA National Tournament, the Speaking Bobcats of Ohio University will travel to two national tournaments to "warm-up," get some extra feedback and to get our team in the nationals mode. Please send your good thoughts our way as we gear up for what we think will be an amazing nationals season.

#### Ohio Bobcats National Tournament Schedule

March 17-21 – Pi Kappa Delta Nationals, Shreveport, LA.

Ohio University joined Pi Kappa Delta, the oldest forensics honorary in 2007 and this will be our second appearance at their national tournament. The PKD Nationals is geared toward a school's entire communication program offering events like: Radio Broadcasting, Readers' Theatre, Oral History, Student Congress and Group Discussion in addition the the traditional speech and debate events. The 16 Ohio students are entered in 100 events. (I'm actually writing this from Shreveport, LA in the midst of the tournament – feel free to send your well wishes via email and I'll read them to the team at warm-ups!)

April 3-6 – AFA National Tournament, Akron, OH.

While Ohio University has always put NFA Nationals first, the close location of the AFA tournament will allow the Bobcats to test a few of their events against some of the best competitors in the nation. Fifteen students have qualified a total of 33 events for the AFA-NIET.

April 16-20 – NFA Individual Events Tournament, Springfield, MO – THE BIG SHOW!!! The Speaking Bobcats have qualified 58 events for the national tournament and we have high hopes for this nationals. Ohio University has placed 2nd in the President's I Division and 11th in the Open Sweepstakes for the last two years. The Bobcats have won more than 750 awards in the 2008-2009 season, making it the most successful team that I have coached in my career. Wish us luck as we do our best to break back into the top 10!

April 24-25 – Interstate Oratory Tournament, Oxford, MS

Junior Dani Bernat makes her second appearance at the IOA Tournament, which is the oldest national speaking contest in the United States. The top two speakers in Persuasion at each state tournament qualify for this event.

Look for updates from PKD on Sunday! And, as always, thanks for your continued support.



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## OHIO BOBCATS WIN PKD NATIONALS!

This past weekend the Speaking Bobcats of Ohio University traveled to the 2009 Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament and Convention hosted by Louisiana State University – Shreveport. The Bobcats dominated the tournament bringing home 84 awards including 2 Team National Championships and 4 Individual National Champion Titles.

Freshman Jeremy Frazer and Sophomore Tony Sylvester were named National Champions in Dramatic Duo and Junior Dan Glaser earned National Championships in Legislative Debate and After Dinner Speaking. The National Championship in Reader's Theatre went to Ohio University's performance entitled, "Freaks," consisting of cast members Dani Bernat, Mike Catlos, Annie Farinella, Jeremy Frazer and Dan Glaser.

In addition to the competitive success of the team, Dan West, the John A. Cassese Director of Forensics at Ohio University was appointed to serve a 4-year term on the PKD National Council as editor of the journal, The Forensic of Pi Kappa Delta. West was also honored by Pi Kappa Delta for having served as a forensics coach for 20 years.

Remember....this is just the beginning of what we hope will be an amazing national tournament season! Please join me in congratulating the following students on their recent success!

COMBINED TEAM SWEEPTAKES (50 Schools)  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONS – Ohio University

DEBATE TEAM SWEEPSTAKES (50 schools)  
2nd Place – Ohio University

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS TEAM SWEEPSTAKES (62 schools)  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONS – Ohio University

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING – 78 entries  
NATIONAL CHAMPION (Superior) – Dan Glaser  
2nd Place (Superior) – Annie Farinella  
6th Place (Superior) - Austin Temple  
11th Place (Excellent) – Jill Flauto

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING SHOWCASE  
Featured Performer – Dan Glaser

**BROADCAST JOURNALISM – 106 entries**

2nd Place (Superior) – Ronnie Talbot  
6th Place (Superior) – Jill Flauto  
9th Place (Superior) – Dani Bernat  
10th Place (Superior) – Jeremy Frazer  
12th Place (Superior) – Annie Farinella  
21st Place (Excellent) – Nadine Ajaka

**COMMUNICATION ANALYSIS – 56 entries**

3rd Place (Superior) – Dan Glaser  
12th Place (Excellent) – Mike Catlos  
18th Place (Excellent) – Ted Dacey

**DISCUSSION – 46 entries**

3rd Place (Superior) – Tony Sylvester  
6th Place (Excellent) – Kori Zanin  
12th Place (Excellent) – Austin Temple

**DRAMATIC DUO – 81 entries**

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONS (Superior) – Jeremy Frazer & Tony Sylvester**  
2nd Place (Superior) – Dani Bernat & Jill Flauto  
3rd Place (Superior) – Nadine Ajaka & Austin Temple  
11th Place (Excellent) – Jeremy Frazer & Austin Temple  
16th Place (Excellent) – Nadine Ajaka & Annie Farinella  
20th Place (Excellent) – Mike Catlos & Jill Flauto

**DRAMATIC DUO SHOWCASE**

Featured Performers – Jeremy Frazer & Tony Sylvester

**DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION – 92 entries**

4th Place (Superior) – Ronnie Talbot  
5th Place (Superior) – Nadine Ajaka  
14th Place (Excellent) – Dani Bernat  
17th Place (Excellent) – Kori Zanin  
23rd Place (Excellent) – Austin Temple

**DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION SHOWCASE**

Featured Performer – Ronnie Talbot

**EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING – 115 entries**

5th Place (Superior) – Nick Prephan  
7th Place (Superior) – Dan Glaser  
13th Place (Excellent) – Ted Dacey  
28th Place (Excellent) – Daniel Leister

## EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING SHOWCASE

Featured Performer – Nick Prephan

### IMPROMPTU SPEAKING – 182 entries

2nd Place (Superior) – Dan Glaser

5th Place (Superior) – Spark Tabor

17th Place (Superior) – Daniel Leister

32nd Place (Excellent) – Nick Prephan

### INFORMATIVE SPEAKING – 85 entries

5th Place (Superior) – Mike Catlos

6th Place (Superior) – Ted Dacey

13th Place (Excellent) – Nick Prephan

14th Place (Excellent) – Dan Glaser

16th Place (Excellent) – Daniel Leister

17th Place (Excellent) – Tony Sylvester

## INFORMATIVE SPEAKING SHOWCASE

Featured Performer – Mike Catlos

### NOVICE INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC DEBATE – 42 entries

6th Place (Superior) – Daniel Leister

14th Place (Excellent) – Ted Dacey

### NOVICE INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC DEBATE SHOWCASE ROUNDS

2nd Place – Daniel Leister

### VARSITY LEGISLATIVE DEBATE – 14 Senators

NATIONAL CHAMPION (Superior) – Dan Glaser

5th Place (Excellent) – Mike Catlos

### VARSITY LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE – 19 entries

5th Place (Excellent) – Hassan Sheikh

### VARSITY LINCOLN-DOUGLAS SHOWCASE ROUNDS

Semi Finalist – Hassan Sheikh

### ORAL HISTORY – 8 chapters

3rd Place (Excellent) – Taylor Mirfendereski

### PERSUASIVE SPEAKING – 82 entries

4th Place (Superior) – Dani Bernat

7th Place (Superior) – Mike Catlos

POETRY INTERPRETATION – 110 entries

6th Place (Superior) – Jeremy Frazer  
8th Place (Superior) – Annie Farinella  
13th Place (Excellent) – Dani Bernat  
29th Place (Excellent) – Ronnie Talbot

POETRY INTERPRETATION SHOWCASE

Featured Performer – Annie Farinella

PROSE INTERPRETATION – 148 entries

4th Place – (Superior) – Dani Bernat  
6th Place – (Superior) – Kori Zanin  
7th Place – (Superior) – Jeremy Frazer  
11th Place – (Superior) – Ronnie Talbot  
13th Place – (Superior) – Jill Flauto  
16th Place – (Superior) – Mike Catlos  
18th Place – (Excellent) – Annie Farinella

READER’S THEATRE – 12 entries

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS (Superior) – Ohio University “Freaks”

Cast: Dani Bernat

Mike Catlos

Annie Farinella

Jeremy Frazer

Dan Glaser

Directed by: Bill Zorn

2nd Place (Superior) – Ohio University “Secrets”

Cast: Nadine Ajaka

Jill Flauto

Tony Sylvester

Austin Temple

Kori Zanin

Directed by: Bill Zorn

TO HONOR THE PLANET – 20 entries

(Round 1 – Impromptu, Round 2 – Inform, Round 3 – POI)

2nd Place (Superior) – Daniel Leister

3rd Place (Excellent) – Dan Glaser

4th Place (Excellent) – Kori Zanin

6th Place (Excellent) – Nick Prephan

Wish us luck as we head to the American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament in Akron, OH on April 3-6, 2009.



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It is 4:30 am and the Speaking Bobcats of Ohio University just returned from the American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament hosted by the University of Akron. Eighty-two colleges from across the United States qualified students to compete at this national tournament.

It is with great pride that I announce to you that the Speaking Bobcats of Ohio University are now ranked in the top 10...placing 10th at this tournament. While our main focus will always be competition at the National Forensics Association, these results give us high hopes for a strong finish at NFA Nats next week.

It is also my distinct pleasure to inform you that junior Dan Glaser was named NATIONAL CHAMPION in Communication Analysis (his THIRD national title this year, and the FIFTH national title for the team this season)!

Please join me in congratulating all of our Bobcats on an amazing finish at the AFA-NIET!

AMERICAN FORENSICS ASSOCIATION  
National Individual Events Tournament  
April 3-6, 2009

INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES  
13th Place - Dan Glaser

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES  
10th Place - Ohio University

COMMUNICATION ANALYSIS  
NATIONAL CHAMPION - Dan Glaser

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION  
Quarter Finalist - Nadine Ajaka

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING  
2nd Place - Dan Glaser  
Quarter Finalist - Ted Dacey

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING  
6th Place - Dan Glaser  
Semi Finalist - Mike Catlos  
Quarter Finalist - Daniel Leister

**PERSUASIVE SPEAKING**

Semi Finalist - Ted Dacey

**PROSE INTERPRETATION**

Quarter Finalist - Dani Bernat

Now the prep work is done. Please wish us luck as we head off to the National Forensics Association Individual Events Tournament in Springfield, MO, April 12-21, 2009.



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It is time to CELEBRATE!!!!

The Speaking Bobcats of Ohio University placed 7th in Open Division Sweepstakes at the 2009 NFA National Tournament!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

For some historical perspective:

...this is the 18th top ten finish for the Bobcats since the founding of NFA in 1971.

...this is the first time the Bobcat Speech Team has been in the top 10 at Nats since 2002 when they placed 8th under the direction of Dr. Jerry Miller.

In addition to an AMAZING Team victory, junior Dan Glaser is the NATIONAL CHAMPION in Rhetorical Criticism, his 4th national title this year...and the 6th national title for the team!

It has been an amazing year and it is my pleasure to work with such an amazingly talented group of students. Their work and dedication is out of this world! Join me in congratulating the 6th Placed Speech Team in the NATION!!!!

NFA National Tournament  
Missouri State University/Drury University  
Springfield, MO - April 16-20, 2009

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES  
7th Place - OHIO UNIVERSITY

PENTATHALON  
12th Place - Dan Glaser

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING  
Semi Finalist - Dan Glaser

DRAMATIC DUO  
Quarter Finalist - Dani Bernat & Jill Flauto  
Quarter Finalist - Jeremy Frazer & Tony Sylvester

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION  
Quarter Finalist - Nadine Ajaka

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING  
5th Place - Ted Dacey  
Quarter Finalist - Dan Glaser

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

Quarter Finalist - Dan Glaser

LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE

Double Octafinalist - Hassan Sheikh

PERSUASION

Semi Finalist - Mike Catlos

POETRY INTERPRETATION

Quarter Finalist - Annie Farinella

RHETORICAL CRITICISM

NATIONAL CHAMPION - Dan Glaser

Wish Dani Bernat luck as she represents Ohio University at the Interstate Oratory Contest in Oxford, MS on Friday!