

Four-time Swede win at invite

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Speech team competes at Lexington.

Four Swedes were in the winner's circle at a speech invite Saturday in Lexington.

Maddy Costello took first in informative speaking as did Ashlee Bruntz in entertainment speaking.

Elisa Meridith, in serious prose, and Brennan Costello, in poetry, also received top medals in their events.

Speech team adviser Dan Jensen said he felt the team significantly improved since a pre-holiday meet in Cozad which was the first of the season.

"There were very encouraging results at Lexington," Jensen said. "Even the events that did not place, generally we had judge remarks that indicate that we are on the right track."

On Saturday, the team travels to Grand Island for the first of two Central Nebraska Forensic League contests.

Novices competed with varsity competitors at the Lexington Invite.

Other results are as follows:

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Extemporaneous speaking—2. Chris Block, 3. Betsy Potter, 5. Jon Rehmert; superior ribbons, Ashley Wilkerson, Cale Moore, Carlin Daharsh, Courtney Brown, Abbie Mazour, Kristin Bartlett.

Persuasive speaking—2. Beth Advey; superior ribbon, Kaylee Beyea.

Informative speaking—2. Brennan Costello, 4. Beth Advey, 5. Jon Rehmert.

Entertainment speaking—Superior ribbon, Cale Moore.

Humorous prose—2. Ashlee Bruntz, 4. Jeramie VanAcker .

Serious prose—3. Josh Clark, 6. Jeramie VanAcker; superior ribbon, Mackenzie Brand.

Poetry—3. Elisa Meridith, 4. Maddy Costello; superior ribbon, Bailey Gibbens.

Duet acting—3. Makayla Franzen and Lauren Schmiett, 4. Josh Clark and Janae Wiggins; superior ribbons, Kyle Maline and Jon Rehmert, Shaylee Scott and Beth Whitney, Ricci Whitney and Alex Spencer, Jessica Wolff and Charlie Grabbing Bear.

Also competing were Carson Messersmith, Morgan Kowalewski, Jessica Schmidt, Rebecca Miller and Kennedy Wahlgren.