

PRESS RELEASE

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Cheyenne East, Riverton, Big Horn Win Big at 2023 WY State Speech and Debate Tournament

The Wyoming High School Speech and Debate Association joined with the Wyoming High School Activities Association to successfully run the annual WY State Speech and Debate Tournament. Cheyenne East High School hosted the tournament March 9-11, 2023. The event saw 32 schools in attendance with over 425 individual entries.

In the 4A team sweepstakes, Cheyenne East earned the State Championship. Cheyenne Central took the runner up position and Rock Springs High School followed in 3rd place.

In the 3A team sweepstakes, in a tight race, Riverton brought home the championship for the second year in a row. Riverton racked up 51 overall points compared to 2nd place winners Green River's 49 points and 3rd place Jackson's 47 points.

In the 1A/2A team sweepstakes, Big Horn won the coveted State Championship with runner up, Hot Springs County High School only 4 points behind. Greybull brought home 3rd place in the division.

Individual State Championships were awarded to the following competitors:

Dani Schulz, Cheyenne East- Program Oral Interpretation

Ella Goodman, Cheyenne East- Informative Speaking

Cody Heard & Afton Powell, Riverton- Duo Interpretation

Chase Johnson & Lexani Damiano, Worland- Policy Debate

Faith Duncan, Green River- Lincoln Douglas Debate

Autumn Prindle & Abilene Odell, Cheyenne Central- Public Forum Debate

Dani Schulz, Cheyenne East- Drama Interpretation

Clarine Luzmoor, Rock Springs- Extemporaneous Speaking

Zcherina Villegas, Cheyenne East - Original Oratory

Connor Hieb, Thunder Basin- Congressional Debate

Aurora Dunning, Cheyenne Central- Humor Interpretation

Rachel West, Cheyenne East- Poetry Interpretation

Every year the Wyoming High School coaching community nominates and selects an exclusive group of outstanding senior Wyoming Speech and Debate competitors who exemplify what it means to be a committed and impactful member of the Speech and Debate community. Wyoming Speech and Debate Association Ambassadors demonstrate excellence in their competitive accomplishments, their team leadership, and their larger commitment to building a meaningful Speech and Debate community.

This year's recipients were:

Jack Burchess - Thunder Basin

Faith Duncan - Green River

Gwen Hargett - Cheyenne Central

Isaac Hoffman - Greybull

Claire Lane - Lander

Dani Schulz - Cheyenne East.

Although the Wyoming season now concludes with this tournament, teams in the state look forward to competing in the National Speech and Tournament this June in Phoenix, Arizona.



1A/2A State Champions- Big Horn High School



3A State Champions- Riverton High School



4A State Champions- Cheyenne East High School

