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To: Statewide Media
From: Brian Bubach, NDHSAA Associate Director
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Re: 2025 NDHSAA Class A Speech State Tournament Results

VALLEY CITY – The 2025 and seventy-second annual NDHSAA Sponsored State Class A Speech Tournament was held at Jamestown High School on April 12. All participants qualified from one of two regional tournaments or at an invitational tournament held during the season.

West Fargo Horace captured first place with 168.99 points. West Fargo Sheyenne took second with 81.49 points, Valley City was third with 48.33 points, and Bismarck St. Mary's was awarded 4th with 40.5 points.

The following are the top place winners in each of the 14 categories.

Radio Broadcasting: 1st - Ada Gilbertson, Valley City; 1st - Carter Hass, Valley City; 3rd - Gu Bu, Fargo North; 4th - Adorah Bishop, West Fargo Horace; 5th - Corinne Schmidt, West Fargo Horace; 6th - Flint Dignan, West Fargo Horace; 7th - Noelle Luger, Bismarck Century; 8th - Aneesh Vegi, West Fargo.

Storytelling: 1st - Reese Richard, West Fargo Horace; 2nd - Keagen Kratcha, West Fargo Horace; 3rd - Rebecca Smith, West Fargo Horace; 4th - Danielle Nusz, Watford City; 5th - Isabella Peatross, Minot; 6th - Logan Rude, West Fargo Horace; 7th - Adrian Kpade, West Fargo Sheyenne; 8th - Rita Goettle, Bismarck St. Mary's.

Extemporaneous Programmed Reading: 1st - Sienna Bowen, West Fargo Horace; 2nd - Kenji Son, Watford City; 3rd - Alora Rude, West Fargo Horace; 4th - Laney Tolman, Dickinson; 5th - Braden Li, Fargo Davies; 6th - Madison Hayden, Dickinson; 7th - Nevaeh Romfo, Jamestown; 8th - Violet Zirnhelt, Grand Forks.

Humorous Duo: 1st - Gavin Schaffenberger / Ava Schaffenberger, West Fargo Horace; 2nd - Savannah Mauch / Trae Reardon, West Fargo Horace; 3rd - Chance Leingang / Ian Schemel, Mandan; 4th - Emilee Lennie / Payton Himmelspach, Mandan; 5th - Hosna Dawlaty / Reagan Koppelman, West Fargo Sheyenne; 6th - Emmaleigh Francis / Flint Dignan, West Fargo Horace; 7th - William Anderson / Kenleigh Monley, Minot; 8th - Brookly Saum / Charleen Murphy, Fargo South.

Dramatic Interpretation: 1st - Grace Goettle, Bismarck St. Mary's; 2nd - Nader Said, West Fargo Sheyenne; 3rd - Katherine Devney, Bismarck St. Mary's; 4th - Haley Mezger, Bismarck Century; 5th - Melissa Tarpeh, West Fargo Horace; 6th - Savannah Mauch, West Fargo Horace; 6th - Kylie Stevermer, West Fargo Horace; 8th - Rebecca Sather, Grand Forks.

Extemporaneous Speaking: 1st - Lukas Robinson, Fargo South; 2nd - Jonah Follingstad, West Fargo Sheyenne; 3rd - Nora Aeilts, West Fargo Horace; 4th - Veda Voegele, West Fargo Horace; 5th - Carter Hass, Valley City; 6th - Levi Gorden, West Fargo Horace; 7th - Luke Naslund, Bismarck; 8th - Aiden Shultz, West Fargo.

Poetry: 1st - Sabrin Joseph, West Fargo Sheyenne; 2nd - Reagan Koppelman, West Fargo Sheyenne; 3rd - Emma Hoke, Jamestown; 4th - Cadence Fetsch, Valley City; 5th - Gavin Schaffenberger, West Fargo Horace; 6th - Camila Rios Caldera, Fargo North; 7th - Violet Pineda, Watford City; 8th - Maron Kpadeh, West Fargo Horace.

Humorous Interpretation: 1st - Leah Hochhalter, Valley City; 2nd - Keagen Kratcha, West Fargo Horace; 2nd - Rebecca Smith, West Fargo Horace; 2nd - Abhiram Kotala, West Fargo Sheyenne; 5th - Trae Reardon, West Fargo Horace; 6th - Danielle Schill, Bismarck Century; 7th - Reese Richard, West Fargo Horace; 8th - Ian Schemel, Mandan.

Serious Duo: 1st - Haley Mezger / August Phillips, Bismarck Century; 2nd - Franklin Guevara / Kiara Irizarry, Mandan; 3rd - Grady Gronos / Jama Jama, West Fargo; 4th - Cora Wixo-McGavin / Madison Arness, Fargo South; 5th - Sophia Bilowith / Matthew Motschenbacher, Jamestown; 6th - Maron Kpadeh / Mercy Johnson, West Fargo Horace; 7th - Kylie Van Bruggen / Leah Hochhalter, Valley City; 8th - Drew Burris / Ella Vanlaningham, Fargo North.

Speech to Inform: 1st - Chinmay Gopi, Fargo North; 2nd - Quin Kruger, Valley City; 2nd - Corinne Schmidt, West Fargo Horace; 2nd - Elena Weng, West Fargo Sheyenne; 5th - Lillian Meidinger, Fargo Davies; 6th - Nicholas Stensland, West Fargo Sheyenne; 7th - Kipling Olson, Fargo South; 7th - Jordan Graves, West Fargo Horace.

Speech to Persuade: 1st - Veda Voegele, West Fargo Horace; 1st - Hosna Dawlaty, West Fargo Sheyenne; 3rd - Silas Rodriguez, Fargo South; 4th - August Phillips, Bismarck Century; 5th - Avni Banerjee, West Fargo Sheyenne; 6th - Grady Gronos, West Fargo; 7th - Lucy Scherbenske, West Fargo Horace; 8th - Kyria Semo Kamseu, Dickinson.

Serious Prose: 1st - Lucy Scherbenske, West Fargo Horace; 2nd - Greta Raum, Fargo South; 2nd - Danielle Nusz, Watford City; 2nd - Abhiram Kotala, West Fargo Sheyenne; 5th - Alora Rude, West Fargo Horace; 6th - Grace Goettle, Bismarck St. Mary's; 6th - Melissa Tarpeh, West Fargo Horace; 8th - Muhammed Saeed, West Fargo Sheyenne.

Impromptu: 1st - Joseph Churchill, Bismarck St. Mary's; 2nd - Aneesh Vegi, West Fargo; 3rd - Matthew Motschenbacher, Jamestown; 3rd - Aiden Shultz, West Fargo; 5th - James Mueller, West Fargo Horace; 6th - Jama Jama, West Fargo; 7th - Danielle Schill, Bismarck Century; 8th - Lukas Robinson, Fargo South.

Speech to Entertain: 1st - Emma Hoke, Jamestown; 2nd - Corbin Weightman, Bismarck St. Mary's; 3rd - Leah Dokken, Minot; 3rd - Elena Weng, West Fargo Sheyenne; 5th - Ally Huynh, West Fargo Horace; 6th - Joseph Churchill, Bismarck St. Mary's; 7th - Addison Fetsch, Valley City; 7th - Kylie Van Bruggen, Valley City.