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### **2006 FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA STATE HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA-DEBATE-FORENSIC COMPETITION RESULTS**

#### ***2006 state competition includes four more schools than last year***

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The 2006 ASAA/First National Bank Alaska State High School Drama-Debate and Forensics (DDF) Competition included four more schools than last year's state tournament. The University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) hosted the contest, under the direction of co-tournament directors Steve Johnson and Shawnalee Whitney, professors of communication and speech & debate coaches at UAA. There were 233 student competitors representing 22 high schools at the event.

Participating schools included: Bartlett, Chugiak, Dimond, **Eagle River**, East Anchorage, Haines, Homer, **Igiugig**, Juneau-Douglas, Ketchikan, Lower Kuskokwim School District, **Lumen Christi**, Mt.Edgecumbe, Nikiski, Service, Sitka, **Skagway**, Skyview, South Anchorage, West Anchorage, Whitestone and Wrangell. Underline and bold indicate schools with new DDF programs that were represented at state for the first time.

Team and individual awards were presented Saturday, April 29. Photos of award winners are available upon request. Results follow.

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# 2006 ASAA/First National Bank State High School Drama-Debate-Forensics Competition

## INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

The following are individuals that placed in the 2006 State High School Drama-Debate-Forensics Championships April 27-28-29. The names of individual students are followed by their grade in high school and the school that they attend. Medals were awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place finishes.

### **DRAMA CATEGORIES**

#### **Pantomime**

- 1st West Anchorage – *The Pursuit* (Duncan Arie, 11, and Aaron Silverbook, 11)
- 2nd Sitka – *First Time Flyer* (JW Ramp, 12 and Van Hanson, 12)
- 3rd Whitestone – *Naptime: What Really Happens* (Rachel Keller, 11)
- 4th Haines – *Writer's Block* (Ryan Smalley, 9, Maarit Hamilton, 10, Christina Gray, 10, Hannah Bochart, 11 and Kelly Edmond, 10)

#### **Solo Acting**

- 1st Emily Jashki, 11 - Skagway
- 2nd Luke Woolfolk, 10 - Whitestone
- 3rd Emily Cohn, 11 – West Anchorage
- 4th Brandon Haskins, 12 – Sitka

#### **Duet Acting**

- 1st Lindsey Leonard, 9, and Colby Bleicher, 9 – West Anchorage
- 2nd Renee Selvaggio, 10, and Audrey Dias, 12 - Whitestone
- 3rd Caroline Botman, 11, and Emily Jashki, 11 - Skagway
- 4th Renee Daw, 12, and Dustin Washburn, 12 - Chugiak

#### **Readers' Theatre**

- 1st Service – *Soap Opera* (Katie Fox, 12, Kelly Rossberg, 11, Toni Nelson, 10, | and Samuel Gottstein, 12)
- 2nd Nikiski – *The Mole People* (JR Cox, 12, Justin Smith, 10, and Tyler Payment, 11)
- 3rd Skagway – *Judgment Day* (Cody Burnham, 10, Arielle Stegall, 9, Erica Harris, 10, and Caroline Botman, 11)
- 4th Whitestone – *The Jungle Book* (David Brooks, 12, Ryan Brown, 9, Luke Hardee, 12, Luke Woolfolk, 10, Samuel Woolfolk, 11, Matthew Wenger, 12)

### **FORENSIC (SPEECH) CATEGORIES**

#### **Extemporaneous Commentary**

- 1st Tristan Sebens, 10 - Haines
- 2nd Michaela Hernandez, 11 – East Anchorage
- 3rd Emily Corso, 12 - Sitka
- 4th Megan Waggoner, 9 – Mt. Edgecumbe

#### **Extemporaneous, Foreign**

- 1st Daniel Gillespie, 12 – Service
- 2nd Samuel Woolfolk, 11 - Whitestone
- 3rd Milly Josephson, 11 – West Anchorage
- 4th Renee Selvaggio, 10 – Whitestone

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**Extemporaneous, Domestic**

- 1st Shayne Bargman, 12 - Chugiak
- 2nd David Brooks, 12 - Whitestone
- 3rd J.W. Ramp, 12 - Sitka
- 4th Jennifer Blankenship, 12 - Dimond

**Original Oration**

- 1st Emily Jashki, 11 - Skagway
- 2nd Ben Selveggio, 11 - Whitestone
- 3rd Shelby Surdyk, 9 - Skagway
- 4th James Greenleaf, 12 - Whitestone

**Dramatic Interpretation**

- 1st Matthew Wenger, 12 - Whitestone
- 2nd Alina Ward, 11, Mt. Edgumbe
- 3rd Nicholaus Donaldson, 10 - Whitestone
- 4th Alexis Alamillo, 12 - Haines

**Duo Interpretation**

- 1st J.R. Cox, 12 and Josh Ball, 12 - Nikiski
- 2nd Erika Greenleaf, 9, and Renee Selvaggio, 10 - Whitestone
- 3rd Audrey Dias, 12, and James Greenleaf, 12 - Whitestone
- 4th Samuel Gottstein, 12, and Kelly Rossberg, 11 - Service

**Humorous Interpretation**

- 1st Finn Straley, 11 - Sitka
- 2nd J.R. Cox, 12 - Nikiski
- 3rd Christina Gray, 10 - Haines
- 4th Colleen Quinlan, 10 - Chugiak

**Expository Speaking**

- 1st Karl Wichorek, 11 - West Anchorage
- 2nd Hannah Winston, 11 - Whitestone
- 3rd Matthew Wenger, 12 - Whitestone
- 4th Kyleen Luhrs, 10 - Ketchikan

**DEBATE CATEGORIES****Public Forum Debate**

- 1st Nicholaus Donaldson, 10, and Samuel Woolfolk 11 - Whitestone
- 2nd Shayne Bargman, 12 and Matt Smith, 12 - Chugiak
- 3rd Turia Dulin, 12, and Forrest Townsend, 10 - Ketchikan
- 3rd Kelly Edmond, 10, and Ann Hansen, 12 - Haines
- 4th Carrie Daugherty, 10, and Cameron Jefts, 10 - Eagle River
- 4th Laura Rooper, 12, and Josh Ball, 12 - Nikiski
- 4th Ryan Brown, 9, and Juan Carlos Giron, 11 - Whitestone
- 4th Daniel Gillespie, 12, and Samuel Gottstein, 12 - Service

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**Policy (CX) Debate (note: due to the smaller number of CX teams, competition did not include quarter-finals for 4<sup>th</sup> place)**

- 1st Savannah Parker, 10 and Jennifer Blankenship, 12 - Dimond
- 2nd Alex Richert, 12 and Duncan Arie, 11 – West Anchorage
- 3rd Liz Dymont, 12, and Kelsey Shields, 12 - Skyview
- 3rd Tatiana Butler, 12 and Erica Thye, 12 - Nikiski

**Lincoln-Douglas Debate**

- 1st Milly Josephson, 11 – West Anchorage
- 2nd Andrew Lyle, 11 – East Anchorage
- 3rd Katie Fox, 12 - Service
- 3rd James Greenleaf, 12 - Whitestone
- 4th Kathryn Zager, 10 – Service
- 4th Karl Wichorek, 11 – West Anchorage
- 4th Audrey Dias, 12 - Whitestone
- 4th Rachel Keller, 11 – Whitestone

## Additional recognition - Top 10 Speakers in Policy Debate

- 1. Alex Richert, 12 – West Anchorage
- 2. Duncan Arie, 11 – West Anchorage
- 3. Tatiana Butler, 12 – Nikiski
- 4. Jennifer Blankenship, 12 – Dimond
- 5. Jessie Bowlin, 11 – Nikiski
- 6. Mackenzie Broquet, 10 – Dimond
- 7. Savannah Parker, 10 – Dimond
- 8. Erica Thye, 12 – Nikiski
- 9. Tasha Thompson, 10 – Nikiski
- 10. Kelsey Shields, 12 – Skyview
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## Additional recognition . Top 10 Speakers in Public Forum Debate

- 1. Juan Carols Giron, 11 – Whitestone
- 2. Josh Ball, 12 – Nikiski
- 3. Katie Hayden, 10 – Eagle River
- 4. Forrest Townsend, 10 – Ketchikan
- 5. Megan DeCino, 12 – Homer
- 6. Cameron Jefts, 10 – Eagle River
- 7. Daniel Gillespie, 12 – Service
- 8. Samuel Gottstein, 12 – Service
- 9. Joel Ribbens, 11 – Nikiski
- 10. Carrie Daugherty, 10 – Eagle River

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## TEAM AWARDS

Note: 1A-2A-3A are classes of schools with 400 or fewer students enrolled; 4A is the class of schools with 401 or more students enrolled)

### Sportsmanship Award

1A-2A-3A     Nikiski  
4A             West Anchorage

### Academic Award

1A-2A-3A     Whitestone (3.84)  
4A             Chugiak (3.88)

### First Place - Drama Team Award

1A-2A-3A     Whitestone  
4A             West Anchorage

### First Place - Forensics Team Award

1A-2A-3A     Whitestone  
4A             Sitka

### First Place - Debate Team Award

1A-2A-3A     Whitestone  
4A             West Anchorage

### 4A - Overall Sweepstakes

1st     West Anchorage  
2<sup>nd</sup>     Service

### 1A-2A-3A . Overall Sweepstakes

1st     Whitestone  
2nd     Nikiski

## COMMAND PERFORMANCES

Six DDF State Tournament entries were selected to present in Command Performances as part of the Awards Ceremony held Saturday, April 29. In order of appearance:

1. **“Do Something” Reader’s Theatre – Hanadie Strickland, 10, Rusty Hayes, 11, Tyler Garbisch, 12 - Wrangell**
2. “Repent Harlequin, ’said the Tick-tock Man” Duo Interpretation – Hannah Bochart, 11, and Iris Holmes, 12 - Haines
3. “Flight Attendants” Duo Interpretation - Renee Selvaggio, 10, and Erika Greenleaf, 9 – Whitestone
4. “The Nose” Duet - Finn Straley, 11, and Angelo Camacho, 12 - Sitka
5. “A View From a Bridge” Solo – Emily Cohn, 11 – West Anchorage
6. “Four More Years” Duo Interpretation - Kelly Rossberg, 11, and Samuel Gottstein, Service

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

Nikiski Coach Joe Rizzo spearheaded an effort to provide scholarships to students participating in the Policy Debate, in order to encourage continued interest in this category.

Scholarships were award to the following students:

- \$500 each went to first place Policy Debate winners Savannah Parker and Jennifer Blankenship of Dimond High School
- \$250 each went to second place Policy Debate winners Alex Richert and Duncan Arie of West Anchorage High School
- \$125 each went to third place winners Erica Thye and Tatiana Butler of Nikiski High School; and Liz Kymant and Kelsey Shields of Skyview High School

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