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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH LEAGUE JUNIOR STATE SPEECH TOURNAMENT RESULTS

101 years after the first statewide speech contest in Oratory at the University of Kentucky in 1921 and two years since the last in-person state speech tournament, the participants in the 2022 Junior State Speech Tournament returned to live and in-person contests at the University of Kentucky February 26-27. The winners of seven Regional contests held earlier this month faced off in three preliminary rounds of competition in twelve speech events. In each of these contests, the top twelve entries in preliminary rounds competed in the State Semifinals, with the top six in each advancing to the State Finals.

Lexington's School for the Creative and Performing Arts (SCAPA) won the state title with second place going to Hindman Elementary School. Calloway County Middle placed third with Bowling Green Junior High School fourth, Carr Creek Elementary fifth, and Highlands Middle, Gray Middle (Boone County), Kentucky Country Day, Gray Middle (Boone County), Bardstown Middle, and Hebron Middle completing the top ten teams. Hindman also won the Sustained Excellence Award given to teams for outstanding performances over time; their team total for this honor will reset to zero, and they will begin earning points toward this trophy again next year. Additionally, Beechwood Middle School, Hazard Middle School, Jones Fork Elementary School, and Neon Middle School were all honored as Schools of Distinction for outstanding performances in the state meet.

Hebron Middle School's Woody Zorn was voted Coach of the Year by the coach collective, and Hindman Elementary School's Emily Blackburn received the Blyton Book Award, an annual honor given to an outstanding eighth grade student in honor of Gifford Blyton, longtime KHSSL Executive Director and debate coach at the University of Kentucky. Calloway County Middle coach Jennifer Dunnaway and Hebron Middle School coach Woody Zorn were inducted into the Kentucky High School Speech League Hall of Fame.

The speech season in Kentucky runs from October to January with 14 Regional Tournaments held in February around the Commonwealth to qualify for State. Students compete in twelve speech and drama categories from Radio Broadcasting to Storytelling to Oratory.

KHSSL offers membership to all schools -- public, private, and homeschools -- serving students in grades 4-12 in Kentucky. With member schools from Paducah to Paintsville and from Boone County to Bowling Green, Kentucky's oldest student activity trains students how to conduct themselves in public settings, how to successfully communicate ideas, how to empathize with others via character analysis, how to read critically and how to research properly with contests to encourage excellence. For more information how to get your students and school involved, browse to www.khssl.org.

Award winners list attached including logo and team awards.

For further information, contact KHSSL Executive Director Steve Meadows at khssl@khssl.org or 859-927-1100.

He can also easily put you in touch with the coaches for local teams for stories, quotes, etc.

Broadcast Announcing

Kentucky Junior Division State Speech Tournament

Pl	Name	School	
1	Niva Patel	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
2	Carson Sims	Hindman Elementary School	
3	Quinlynn Moore	Calloway County Middle School	
4	Maya Duggal	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
5	Neha Reddy	Bowling Green Jr. High School	
6	Soren Rai	Kentucky Country Day Middle School	
SF	Leah Chen	Bowling Green Jr. High School	
SF	Simeon Beeken	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
SF	Brycen Everage	Carr Creek Elementary	
SF	Karrigan Mullins	Neon Middle	
SF	Kori Cecil	College View Middle School	
SF	Aiden Cornett	Carr Creek Elementary	

Declamation

Kentucky Junior Division State Speech Tournament

Pl	Name	School	
1	Noah Jackson	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
2	Slone Smith	Carr Creek Elementary	
3	Rylie Humphress	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
4	Amay Xu	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
5	Kenzie Slone	Hindman Elementary School	
6	Carson Sims	Hindman Elementary School	
SF	Leah Chen	Bowling Green Jr. High School	
SF	Claire Carrol	Hindman Elementary School	
SF	Palash Ojah	Kentucky Country Day Middle School	
SF	Isabella Brawner	Calloway County Middle School	
SF	Kelsie Huff	Carr Creek Elementary	
SF	Kathryn Madigan	Gray Middle School	

Dramatic Interpretation

Kentucky Junior Division State Speech Tournament

Pl	Name	School	
1	Emily Blackburn	Hindman Elementary School	
2	Grace Hellard	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
3	Adrian Wainscott	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
4	Maysi Pigman	Hindman Elementary School	
5	Quinlynn Moore	Calloway County Middle School	
6	Ryliegh Adams	East Perry Elementary	
SF	Elizabeth Folsom	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
SF	Shakira Shouse	Calloway County Middle School	
SF	Miranda Bartoe	Hindman Elementary School	
SF	Courtney Hargrove	Calloway County Middle School	
SF	Adriana Olinger	Jones Fork Elementary	
SF	Savannah Ballard	Hebron Middle School	

Duo Acting

Kentucky Junior Division State Speech Tournament

Pl	Name	School	
1	Wainscott & Folsom Elizabeth Folsom Adrian Wainscott	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
2	Schultz & Hagerty Harrison Schultz Jacob Hagerty	Highlands Middle School	
3	Given & Platt Ruby Given Maren Platt	Beechwood Middle School	
4	Caldwell & Stacy Chelsea Stacy Ali Caldwell	Hazard Middle School	
5	Garland & Carter Kylee Carter Brilee Garland	Calloway County Middle School	
6	Brennan & Stewart Connor Stewart Brinklee Brennan	Neon Middle	
SF	Rice & Rudy Reagan Rice Julianne Rudy	Calloway County Middle School	
SF	Roe & Swafford Logan Roe Bryson Swafford	Hindman Elementary School	
SF	Grigsby & Pigman Bella Grigsby Maysi Pigman	Hindman Elementary School	
SF	Duggal & Lin Jessica Lin Maya Duggal	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
SF	Brown & Moore Hudson Brown Gus Moore	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
SF	Beyer & LeBuhn Bailey Beyer Lucy LeBuhn	Paducah Middle School	
SF	Garris & Pigman Mason Garris Ryan Pigman	Hindman Elementary School	

Extemporaneous Speaking

Kentucky Junior Division State Speech Tournament

Pl	Name	School	
1	Parker Hay	Gray Middle School	
2	Luka Mijatovic	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
3	Devynn Gardner	Bowling Green Jr. High School	
4	Avinash Koul	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
5	Kyle Yang	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
6	Amber Wu	Calloway County Middle School	
SF	Carson Sims	Hindman Elementary School	
SF	Molly Lusk	Calloway County Middle School	
SF	Luke Smith	Hebron Middle School	
SF	Braden Smith	Hindman Elementary School	
SF	Neha Reddy	Bowling Green Jr. High School	
SF	Kenzie Slone	Hindman Elementary School	

Humorous Interpretation

Kentucky Junior Division State Speech Tournament

Pl	Name	School	
1	Clara Raybould	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
2	Haasini Beeram	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
3	Brandon Mays	Hindman Elementary School	
4	Brilee Garland	Calloway County Middle School	
5	Rafe Pinkston	Highlands Middle School	
6	Ehde Carlisle	Calloway County Middle School	
SF	Astyn Combs	Hindman Elementary School	
SF	Esme Morris	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
SF	Logan Roe	Hindman Elementary School	
SF	Brinklee Brennan	Neon Middle	
SF	Karrigan Mullins	Neon Middle	
SF	Mackenzie Counts	Beechwood Middle School	

Impromptu

Kentucky Junior Division State Speech Tournament

Pl	Name	School	
1	Luka Mijatovic	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
2	Braden Smith	Hindman Elementary School	
3	Devynn Gardner	Bowling Green Jr. High School	
4	Amber Wu	Calloway County Middle School	
5	Parker Hay	Gray Middle School	
6	Parker Roland	Gray Middle School	
SF	Anne Beck	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
SF	Isabella Fike	Calloway County Middle School	
SF	Lain'e Roberts	Bardstow Middle School	
SF	Molly Lusk	Calloway County Middle School	
SF	Lucy Randles	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
SF	Trisha Chhabra	Bowling Green Jr. High School	

Improvitational Duo

Kentucky Junior Division State Speech Tournament

Pl	Name	School	
1	Dever & El-Amin Lydia Dever Melody El-Amin	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
2	Roberts & McCubbins Lain'e Roberts Jack McCubbins	Bardstown Middle School	
3	Lohano & Nasir Asad Nasir Dushant Lohano	Kentucky Country Day Middle School	
4	Wainscott & Folsom Elizabeth Folsom Adrian Wainscott	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
5	Adkins & Randles Emma Adkins Lucy Randles	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
6	Emerson & Sandhu Daniella Emerson Mehek Sandhu	Bowling Green Jr. High School	
SF	Chhabra & Martin Trisha Chhabra Morgan Martin	Bowling Green Jr. High School	
SF	Carlisle & Garland Brilee Garland Ehde Carlisle	Calloway County Middle School	
SF	Miller & Gebrezgi Bella Gebrezgi Sunny Miller	Ockerman Middle School	
SF	Ballard & Huber Savannah Ballard Aiden Huber	Hebron Middle School	
SF	Hall & Jones Kylie Jones Morgan Hall	Jones Fork Elementary	
SF	Banks & Smith Christian Banks Slone Smith	Carr Creek Elementary	

Original Oratory

Kentucky Junior Division State Speech Tournament

Pl	Name	School	
1	Luka Mijatovic	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
2	Slone Smith	Carr Creek Elementary	
3	Sophie Noe	Hindman Elementary School	
4	Aiden Stark	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
5	Isabella Fike	Calloway County Middle School	
6	Emily Blackburn	Hindman Elementary School	
SF	Morgan Hall	Jones Fork Elementary	
SF	Bella Gebrezgi	Ockerman Middle School	
SF	Kara Purdy	Gray Middle School	
SF	Jessica Lin	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
SF	Noxie Melton	Hebron Middle School	
SF	Hannah Sizemore	Carr Creek Elementary	

Poetry

Kentucky Junior Division State Speech Tournament

Pl	Name	School	
1	Eden Potterton	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
2	Coralie Welker	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
3	Lain'e Roberts	Bardstow Middle School	
4	Haasini Beeram	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
5	Claire Carrol	Hindman Elementary School	
6	Henry Weghorst	Highlands Middle School	
SF	Megan Daly	Highlands Middle School	
SF	Ryliegh Adams	East Perry Elementary	
SF	Morgan Martin	Bowling Green Jr. High School	
SF	Christian Banks	Carr Creek Elementary	
SF	Samaria Shumpert	Paducah Middle School	
SF	Grace Fulkerson	LaRue County MS	

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Kentucky Junior Division State Speech Tournament

Pl	Name	School	
1	Bella Grigsby	Hindman Elementary School	
2	Devynn Gardner	Bowling Green Jr. High School	
3	Morgan Martin	Bowling Green Jr. High School	
4	Kenzie Slone	Hindman Elementary School	
5	Emma Adkins	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
6	Abby Barnett	Hazard Middle School	
SF	Avinash Koul	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
SF	Timothy Li	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
SF	Faith McCafferty	Calloway County Middle School	
SF	Morgan Davis	Highlands Middle School	
SF	Savannah Ballard	Hebron Middle School	
SF	Olivia Fugate	Carr Creek Elementary	

Storytelling

Kentucky Junior Division State Speech Tournament

Pl	Name	School	
1	Esme Morris	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
2	Omar Sayied	Kentucky Country Day Middle School	
3	Grace Hellard	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
4	Emily Blackburn	Hindman Elementary School	
5	Annalise Abel	College View Middle School	
6	Katie Easley	College View Middle School	
SF	Rylie Humphress	SCAPA, Bluegrass	
SF	Astyn Combs	Hindman Elementary School	
SF	Clayton Fulton	Martha Jane Potter Elementary	
SF	Katie Travis	Gray Middle School	
SF	Kelsie Huff	Carr Creek Elementary	
SF	Jack McCubbins	Bardstown Middle School	

TEAM AWARDS:

TOP TEN TEAMS (TEAM SWEEPSTAKES):

1. SCAPA BLUEGRASS (LEXINGTON)	370 POINTS
2. HINDMAN ELEMENTARY	195 POINTS
3. CALLOWAY COUNTY MIDDLE	102 POINTS
4. BOWLING GREEN JUNIOR HIGH	87 POINTS
5. CARR CREEK ELEMENTARY	75 POINTS
6. HIGHLANDS MIDDLE	43 POINTS
7. GRAY MIDDLE (BOONE COUNTY)	39 POINTS
8. KENTUCKY COUNTRY DAY (LOUISVILLE)	36 POINTS
9. BARDSTOWN MIDDLE	30 POINTS
10. HEBRON MIDDLE	23 POINTS

SCHOOLS OF DISTINCTION:

BEECHWOOD MIDDLE

HAZARD MIDDLE

JONES FORK MIDDLE

NEON MIDDLE