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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH LEAGUE STATE DEBATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

At the 102nd State Debate meet, held online February 25 and 26, Lexington's Henry Clay HS took top honors with Lexington Dunbar, Ryle, Lexington Lafayette, Knott County Central, and Louisville Assumption named the top six teams. Beechwood's Logan Scisco was named Coach of the Year; Assumption High School won the trophy for Sustained Excellence over time. Students competed live in four preliminary rounds with the top four entries advancing to semifinals in Novice and Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Debate plus Novice and Varsity Public Forum Debate; twelve Finalists advanced to the Congressional Debate SuperSession with honors awarded to the top six. Speaker awards for the top six performers in each of the Debate events were also given.

Individual awards and placings for each of the five events are listed on the next pages.

The speech and debate season in Kentucky runs from October to January with 14 Regional Speech Tournaments held in February around the Commonwealth to qualify for State followed by State Junior Speech (grades 4-8), Senior Speech (grades 9-12), and Debate (grades 4-12) tournaments. Students compete in twenty speech, debate, and drama categories from Storytelling to Congressional Debate to Oratory in the speech and debate ceremonies.

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, 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. Our participating students show mind over chatter. For more information how to get your students and school involved, browse to www.khssl.org.

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 of local teams for quotes, etc.

Congressional Debate

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Place	Name	School
1 st place	Julianne Sharpe	Lafayette High School
2 nd place	Ayush Tibrewal	Paul Laurence Dunbar HS
3 rd place	Emily Hu	Paul Laurence Dunbar HS
4 th place	Alex Minter	Bowling Green High School
5 th place	Madison Baker	Knott County Central High School
6 th place	Dalia Basinac	Larry A Ryle High School
Finalists	Kaya Amin	Paul Laurence Dunbar HS
	Hope Jordan	Henry Clay High School
	Kole Ingram	Knott County Central High School
	Daksha Pillai	Paul Laurence Dunbar HS
	Clint Corkran	Henry Clay High School
	Sawyer Noe	Knott County Central High School

Novice Lincoln-Douglas Debate

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PLACE	Name	School
Co-State Champion	E Agbekpenou	Henry Clay High School
Co-State Champion	Evelyn Dyer	Henry Clay High School
Semifinalist	Breigh McFadden	Assumption High School
Semifinalist	Will Hargis	Henry Clay High School

Top Speakers Novice LD

1	Breigh McFadden	Assumption
2	Annie Marasco	Paul Laurence Dunbar
3	Tony Xu	Paul Laurence Dunbar
4	Evelyn Dyer	Henry Clay
5	Will Hargis	Henry Clay
6	E Agbekpenou	Henry Clay

Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Debate

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Place	Name	School
Co-State Champion	Chloe Sachs	Henry Clay High School
Co-State Champion	Matthew Kotter	Henry Clay High School
Semifinalist	Cayla Barreiro	Henry Clay High School
Semifinalist	Laiken Kirby	Assumption High School

Top Speakers Varsity LD

1	Matthew Kotter	Henry Clay
2	Lynn Ye	Paul Laurence Dunbar
3	Chloe Sachs	Henry Clay
4	Laiken Kirby	Assumption
5	Emma Heck	Assumption
6	Kelly Helton	Larry A Ryle

Novice Public Forum Debate

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Place	Name	School
1	Puja Adhikari and EP Cassidy	Henry Clay High School
2	Sia Vaish and Alex Staykov	Paul Laurence Dunbar HS

SEMIFINALISTS Daani Karim and Anson Wang / Paul Laurence Dunbar HS

Top Speakers

Novice PF

1	Daani Karim	Paul Laurence Dunbar
2	Alexis Hale	Martin County
3	Sia Vaish	Paul Laurence Dunbar
4	Anson Wang	Paul Laurence Dunbar
5	Kylia Crum	Martin County
6	Addison Courtney	Frederick Douglass

Varsity Public Forum Debate

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Place	Name	School
1st	Justine Lofwall and Karson Whitley	Henry Clay High School
2nd	Aimee Stamm and Christina Lin	Paul Laurence Dunbar HS

Semifinalists Chakrapani Gudlavalleti and Ellen Fei, Paul Laurence Dunbar HS

Top Speakers Varsity PF

1-T	Karson Whitley	Henry Clay
1-T	Justine Lofwall	Henry Clay
3	Madeline Deep	Henry Clay
4	Aimee Stamm	Paul Laurence Dunbar
5	Emery Elkinson	Henry Clay
6	Joseph Eng	Trinity

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES

1. Henry Clay High School 73 pts.
2. Paul Laurence Dunbar High School 60 pts.
3. Ryle High School 17 pts.
4. Lafayette High School 15 pts.
5. Knott County Central High School 13 pts.
6. Assumption High School 13 pts.

(tie for 6th broken on number of competitors in outrounds)

**SUSTAINED EXCELLENCE AWARD
(TRAVELING TROPHY)**

ASSUMPTION HIGH SCHOOL

**DEBATE COACH OF THE YEAR:
LOGAN SCISCO,
BEECHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**