

The **Debate Team** won impressive awards at the Kelly Tournament Dec. 4-5:

Sophomores Rufus Coates-Welsh and Adam Griesbach achieved a 3-2 record in the preliminary rounds, defeating teams from Taft, Jones and Lincoln Park (all from Chicago). Coates-Welsh and Griesbach were named 15th seed (in a field of 50), and, advancing to the octafinals, defeated 2nd seed Lane Tech (this is the largest upset of this year so far). They then advanced to the quarterfinals, where they defeated the 7th seed (also from Lane Tech). Coates-Welsh and Griesbach then advanced to the semifinals, where they were defeated on a 2-1 decision to Northside College Prep.

Sophomores Donald Grasse and Margaret Strong achieved a 4-1 record in the preliminary rounds, defeating teams from Maine East, Kenwood Academy, Whitney Young and Walter Payton. They were named 5th seed overall (in a field of 50). They advanced to the octafinals (round of 16) where they defeated 12th seed Walter Payton. This brought Grasse and Strong to the quarterfinals, where they were defeated by Northside College Prep on a 3-0 decision.

Donald Grasse was the 7th speaker (in a field of 100).

Honorable mention goes to sophomores Ike Makos and Scott Robertson, who were 3-2 but did not advance to the elimination rounds on speaker points, and sophomores Sean Farris and Khy Sline, who were also 3-2 but did not advance to the elimination rounds on speaker points.

Honorable mention also goes to senior Greg Brookins-Hinton, who was the 15th speaker (in a field of 100).

In the novice division, freshmen Colin Gahungu and Mikal Slatton, were 3-2, but did not advance to the elimination rounds on speaker points.

Please join us in congratulating these students.