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H-F HIGH SCHOOL'S DEBATE TEAM ATTENDS STATE FINALS

Flossmoor, IL, March 11th, 2008 – H-F High School's Debate Team participated at this year's 35th Annual Illinois Speech and Theatre Association's JV/Novice State Tournament on Saturday, March 8th at Belleville East High School in Belleville, IL.

The Novice division scored the best results in H-F history.

Freshmen Novice Division team Emily Carroll and Laura River compiled an incredible 9-1 record in the preliminary debates, making them 2nd seed overall (out of 30). In quarterfinals, they defeated the 7th seed on a 2-1 decision. This marked the first time in H-F's recent history where a Novice team has reached the semifinals of the State Tournament. Also, freshmen Valaria Duckworth and Ian O'Leary compiled a 7-3 record in the preliminary debates, making them 5th seed overall and advancing them to quarterfinals.

Individual honors in the Novice division went to freshman Valaria Duckworth who made 7th speaker overall (out of 60). Individual honors in the JV division went to Joe Rosner who made 8th speaker overall (out of 46).

H-F's Novice debaters compiled an overall ballot record of 37-33, which is 28 more ballots received this year than last.

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