



**HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL  
DISTRICT 233**

999 KEDZIE AVE. • FLOSSMOOR, IL 60422-2299 • Phone: 708-799-3000 • Fax: 708-799-8552



**For Immediate Release**

Contact: Victoria Iwinski, PR/HR Assistant  
708-335-5581 or viwinski@hfhhschool.org

**HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR HIGH SCHOOL'S DEBATE STUDENTS  
COMPETE AT THE ISTA JV/NOVICE STATE DEBATE TOURNAMENT**

---

**Flossmoor, IL, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009** – H-F High School's Debate students competed at the Illinois Speech and Theater Association (ISTA) JV/Novice State Debate Tournament on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

In the Junior Varsity division, sophomore Valaria Duckworth and junior Astead Herndon had a preliminary record of 3-2, making them 8<sup>th</sup> seed in a field of 26. They then advanced to the quarterfinals where they were defeated by Glenbrook North High School. Also in the Junior Varsity division earning honorable mention are sophomores Laura River and Emily Carroll who also compiled a 3-2 record, making them 10<sup>th</sup> seed. River was also the 11<sup>th</sup> speaker in a field of 52.

In the Novice division, two teams received awards. The team of freshmen Donald Grasse and Margaret Strong had a nearly perfect 9-1 preliminary record. They then advanced to the octafinals as 3<sup>rd</sup> seeds out of 42 teams where they defeated Glenbrook South High School. This brought them to the quarterfinals where they beat Glenbrook North High School. Grasse and Strong then reached the semifinals but were defeated by Glenbrook South. They took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the State. Also Grasse was 3<sup>rd</sup> individual speaker in a field of 84, and Strong was 9<sup>th</sup> speaker in a field of 84. The team of freshmen Bryanna Wardell and Rufus Coates-Welsh assembled a preliminary record of 6-4. This made them 13<sup>th</sup> seed out of 42 and brought them to the octafinals where they were defeated by Glenbrook South. Deserving honorable mention awards are juniors Patrick Lawler and Jeremly Lentz who also had a 6-4 record. Bryanna Wardell was 21<sup>st</sup> speaker in a field of 84.

###