

Recently, the Doane forensics team won first place at the Novice National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan.

Jordan Johnson of Grant is one of the six first-year forensics members who competed against teams from across the country at Hutchinson Community College.

The tournament was split up into three divisions based on the size of the school, and the Doane team took first place overall.

Johnson has earned awards in the following events:

Pentathlon (Individual Sweepstakes), sixth place; prose, sixth place; persuasive, second place; impromptu sales, semi-finalist.

Assistant Coach Anne Golden said Doane hasn't participated in the tournament for several years, but that it was a good way to see what the first-year members are capable of.

"The tournament is split into three rounds of competition," said Golden. "And then there's the semi-finals and the finals. So you have to do pretty well in the semi-finals to make it."

The forensic season spans from late September to early April, with students required to attend at least eight regular season tournaments.

The entire forensics team will next compete at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire for the American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament April 1-4.

Doane College is the first private liberal arts and sciences college in Nebraska. Doane has campuses in Crete, Lincoln, and Grand Island and is consistently ranked among the top colleges and universities in the Midwest by U.S. News & World Report and The Princeton Review.