



PCHS speakers have finished the last two weeks by successfully defending their first place ranking in both conference and district competition.

Traveling to Sutherland on March 5, varsity members competed in two rounds of preliminaries, with the top four advancing to finals.

Contestants and results were: Informative: Hannah Beck–second, Allison Kiolbasa–Superior; Persuasive: Callie Meyer–second, Tayler Walter–Superior; Extemporaneous: Kaleb Gaar–second, Jakelynn Broeder–third; Entertainment: Allison Kiolbasa–first, Sammy Snogren–second; Poetry: Lila Konecky–third, Lexi Schmidt –Superior; Humorous Prose: Lexi Schmidt–third, Brady Mailand–Superior; Serious Prose: Rachel Carrig–third, Colton White–Superior; Duet Acting: Lacey Jensen and Rachel Patrick–second, Brandie Ross and Mariah Curtis–Excellent; Oral Interpretation of Drama: Hannah Beck, Lacey Jensen, Lila Konecky, Rachel Patrick, and Sammy Snogren–first; Elliot Carlson, Quinton Hite, Blake Poppe, Jake Sexson and Colton White–third.

The PCHS team totaled 224 points, with Maxwell coming in second with 186, and Chase County taking third with 177.

### **District Speech**

March 11 was the C2-6 District Contest held at PCHS and attended by eight schools including Bayard, Dundy County-Stratton, Hemingford, Maxwell, St. Pat's, Morrill and Sutherland.

District competition consists of one round of preliminary competition (divided into two sections) with the top three contestants from each round advancing to a finals round with two judges.

The top three finishers in each event advance to state competition.

Contestants and results were: Informative–Allison Kiolbasa–second, Hannah Beck –fourth; Persuasive: Callie Meyer–second, Tayler Walter–fifth; Extemporaneous: Kaleb Gaar–third, Jakelynn Broeder–fifth; Entertainment: Sammy Snogren–first, Allison Kiolbasa–second; Poetry: Lila Konecky–third, Lexi Schmidt–sixth; Humorous Prose: Brady Mailand–first, Lexi Schmidt–fourth; Serious Prose: Rachel Carrig–second, Colton White–Superior; Duet Acting: Lacey Jensen and Rachel Patrick–second, Stephanie Schrotberger and Kendra Hoffert–Excellent; Oral Interpretation of Drama: Hannah Beck, Lacey Jensen, Lila Konecky,

Rachel Patrick, and Sammy Snogren—second; Quinton Hite, Zak Kurkowski, Blake Poppe, Christian White, Colton White—third.

PCHS finished with 136 points, second place went to Maxwell with 94 points, and St. Pat's took home third place honors with 87 points.

The State Speech Tournament will be held at the UNK campus on Friday, March 22. Rounds for C2 competition begin at 8 a.m. CT. Schedules can be accessed on the NSAA website.