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## NEW TRIER WINS BIG AT 2010 NATIONAL FORENSICS LEAGUE NATIONAL COMPETITION

Kansas City, MO - June 14-18: \*Students from the New Trier Speech & Debate Team, directed by Linda Oddo and coached by Joseph Griffith (speech), Monica O'Connor (speech), and Alex Noot (debate), won several awards at the 2010 National Forensics League National Competition being held in Kansas City, Missouri. In the National Forensics League, there are over 100,000 competitors nationwide, and only a selected 3,000 entered this tournament. At this selective tournament, New Trier sophomore Lindsey Olson advanced to the finals in expository speaking and won 3rd place in the nation. Juniors Joe Eichenbaum and David Walchak won 8th place in the nation in public forum debate. Graduated senior and team captain Jacqueline Sutherland advanced to the top 30 in the nation (quarter-finals) in original oratory. And junior Nicholas Steen advanced to the top 32 in the nation (also quarter-finals) in impromptu speaking. These five students all won 1st place at the Northern Illinois National Forensics League District Tournament in their respective events to advance to the 2010 National Competition. Combined, the students received over 3,000 dollars in scholarships for their outstanding achievements. The New Trier Speech & Debate Team continues to exhibit exemplary performances by its students at a nationally competitive level.