

Mason's Forensics Team Takes Second Place at National Competition

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Mason's Forensics Team was recently awarded second place in the nation at the American Forensics Association National Speech Tournament (AFA-NST) with several students receiving individual honors. Mason's Forensics Team has been the most successful team in the university's history, continuously ranking in the national top 35 schools every year since 1975, the top five schools each year since 2007, and even garnering the National Championship in 1979. The team is coached by Director Dawn Lowry (Instructor, College of Humanities and Social Sciences) and Assistant Director Tyler Watkins (Instructor, College of Humanities and Social Sciences), as well as graduate students Brenna Fuhr and Peter Figueroa, and Kate Polit and Lucas Muratore.

2022 American Forensics Association National Speech Tournament National Results

Overall Team Results

- National Runner-Up (2nd place)

Individual Sweepstakes (overall tournament individual winners):

- José Quinones: 20th place
- Izzie Larson: 18th place
- Eleni Mercer: 11th place

Impromptu Speaking

- Gustavo Lanz: Quarter-Finalist
- José Quinones: Semi-Finalist

Prose

- Mollie Weitzman: Quarter-Finalist
- Natalie Cumming: Quarter-Finalist
- Eleni Mercer: 5th place

Informative Speaking

- Cordelia Tran: Quarter-Finalist
- Atta Gould: Quarter-Finalist
- José Quinones: Quarter-Finalist
- Prem Ganesan: 2nd place

Communication Analysis

- **Molly Izer:** Quarter-Finalist
- **Mollie Weitzman:** Quarter-Finalist
- **Natalie Cumming:** Quarter-Finalist

Dramatic Interpretation

- **Steven Franklin:** Quarter-Finalist

After Dinner Speaking

- **Gustavo Lanz:** Quarter-Finalist
- **Atta Gould:** Quarter-Finalist

Poetry

- **Emily Williams:** Quarter-Finalist
- **Prem Ganesan:** Semi-Finalist
- **Izzie Larson:** 4th place
- **Eleni Mercer:** 2nd place

Persuasion

- **Emily Williams:** Quarter-Finalist
- **Gustavo Lanz:** Quarter-Finalist
- **Atta Gould:** Quarter-Finalist
- **José Quinones:** 5th place

Program of Oral Interpretation

- **Mollie Weitzman:** Quarter-Finalist
- **Cordelia Tran:** Quarter-Finalist
- **Izzie Larson:** Semi-Finalist
- **Prem Ganesan:** 4th place

DUO

- **Emily Williams/Cordelia Tran:** Quarter-Finalist
- **Atta Gould/Steven Franklin:** Semi-Finalist
- **Natalie Cumming/Eleni Mercer:** Semi-Finalist
- **Eleni Mercer/Izzie Larson:** NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Extemporaneous Speaking

- **José Quinones:** Semi-Finalist
- **Gustavo Lanz:** Semi-Finalist