

Strictly Speaking

Ridge High School
Forensic Team
Newsletter

2002-2017 NJSDL STATE CHAMPIONS

NOVEMBER 13, 2017

Special thanks to all the students and parents who made Saturday a great success. It was our first effort of the year, and everything went as planned. A special thank you to Mrs. Razak and Mrs. Farooqi who coordinated the efforts Saturday. *First, time to celebrate our students' successes!*

SCARSDALE INVITATIONAL

Aman Singh, CHAMPION - *Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate*

Alan Liu, Octofinalist - *Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate*

NEWARK CFL #2 1st Place Team Sweepstakes!

Daphne Tang, CHAMPION -

Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate

Anvitha Prasad, 2nd Place - *Varsity Original Oratory*

Jennifer Huang, 2nd Place - *Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate*

John Tondora, 2nd Place - *Varsity Dramatic Performance*

Raheel Abubakar, 2nd Place - *Varsity Declamation*

Rayhan Murad, 2nd Place -

Varsity Extemporaneous Speaking

Sanil Torani, 2nd Place - *Varsity Congress*

Nicholas Ge & Sanjana Sharma, 2nd Place -

JV Public Forum

Akshaj Pandey & Nick Casey, 3rd Place -

Varsity Duo Interpretation

Esther Zhang, 3rd Place - *Varsity Original Oratory*

Lucy Wei, 3rd Place - *Varsity Oral Interpretation*

Malaika Ravindran, 3rd Place - *Varsity Congress*

Omar Bekdash, 3rd Place -

Varsity Extemporaneous Speaking

James Gao, 4th Place -

Varsity Extemporaneous Speaking

Julien Wadhwa, 4th Place -

Varsity Original Oratory

Kathy Wei, 4th Place -

Varsity Declamation

Kishan Gandham, 4th Place - *Varsity Congress*

Laasya Gaddipati, 4th Place - *JV Oral Interpretation*

Emma Reilly and Rajvi Shah, 4th Place -

Varsity Duo Interpretation

Jerry Yang, Semi-Finalist - *Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate*

Brandon Lu & Aadhavaarasan Raviarasan, Semi-Finalist -

Varsity Public Forum Debate

Adit Roy, 5th Place - *Varsity Congress*

Ashita Dixit, 5th Place - *Varsity Dramatic Performance*

Gabriel Perez, 5th Place - *Varsity Declamation*

Max Su, 5th Place - *Varsity Original Oratory*

Rohan Jinturkar, 5th Place -

Varsity Extemporaneous Speaking

Sonali Pai, 5th Place - *Varsity Oral Interpretation*

Arnav Gupta, 6th Place - *Varsity Congress*

Charlize Chen, 6th Place - *Varsity Original Oratory*

Katherine Wang, Quarterfinalist -

Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate

Albert Wu & Albert Wang,

Quarterfinalist -

Varsity Public Forum Debate



continued

MANVILLE MUSTANG CLASSIC



CONCESSIONS

2nd Place Team Sweepstakes!

- Camille Furst, CHAMPION - *Dramatic Performance*
- Mason Krohn, 2nd Place - *Extemporaneous Speaking*
- Grace Zhu, 3rd Place - *Dramatic Performance*
- Gagan Singh & Kent Hairston, 3rd Place - *Duo Interpretation*
- Kent Hairston, 3rd Place - *Improvisational Acting*
- Vikram Agrawal, 3rd Place - *Extemporaneous Speaking*
- Grace Zhu, 4th Place - *Impromptu Speaking*
- Injae Lee, 4th Place - *Extemporaneous Speaking*
- Jonathan Nemetz, 4th Place - *Congress*
- Mason Krohn, 4th Place - *Declamation*
- Prapti Roy & Zaynab Kauser, 4th Place - *Duo Interpretation*
- Daniel Zhang, 5th Place - *Declamation*
- Tanvi Namjoshi, 5th Place - *Extemporaneous Speaking*
- Varun Gongireddy, 5th Place - *Impromptu Speaking*
- Amy Huang, 6th Place - *Dramatic Performance*
- Dylan Saini, 6th Place - *Congress*

Thank you to all who turned in your concessions on time yesterday. Mrs. Retzko and Ms. Presuto, along with parents who helped, received nearly 90 donations. As you are all aware, our concessions subsidize everyone's tournament travel and entries throughout the year; hence, they are critical to our program and not optional. A few reminders to ensure that everyone contributes their share:

1. Siblings are each required to fulfill the concessions requirement.
2. Students who are traveling to different tournaments or take byes on hosted-tournament weekends, are still required to contribute their concessions requirements. Thanks to those students who conscientiously brought in their concession items on Wednesday and to the parents of Manville/Scarsdale competitors who arranged or delivered their concession items on Saturday.
3. If parents would rather donate, they may use the SignUp Genius to choose that option; it is done on a first-come, first-serve basis.

We are now getting a clearer picture of our strengths this year, our weaknesses, and most importantly, our competition. We need to be vigilant as ever in keeping up the amazing work and maintaining our focus. We have some major events in the next few weeks: St. Joseph's, GMU, Princeton, and the Ridge Debates! We need to be ready for these huge events. Make sure you're taking advantage of practice sessions, keeping up with your event requirements, taking the initiative to be the best competitor and teammate you can be...

That is the path to RF success!

RIDGE DEBATES - HELP WANTED!

Our next hosted tournament are the Ridge Debates on December 8th and 9th. The Ridge Debates have been designated as the junior-parent event. Currently there are no junior parent steering committee members to take the lead. Again, steering committee members receive their full obligation for managing the event. Unless the junior-class parents volunteer, we will need to ask parents from other classes. If you are willing to serve on the planning committee for the Ridge Debates, please email ridgeforensicsvolunteer@gmail.com. SignUp Genius will open up in the next few weeks. You will receive an email with more details from our Steering Committee.

PICKUPS

THANK YOU to all parents who are picking the students up on-time. Lately, we've encountered a few individuals who are repeatedly being picked up late. Again, our coaches appreciate your cooperation in ensuring your child is picked up at the appropriate time. If you cannot pick your child up, please ensure you have a plan B so he/she can carpool with another student.

Again, fines will be enacted after the third infraction.

PETER AND THE STAR CATCHER!

THIS WEEKEND!

Click [HERE](#) for more information

Friday and Saturday at 7pm!

St. Joseph's attendees may attend Thursday's dress rehearsal.

THIS WEEK IN RF

Monday - 11/13
Practice 3-5PM

Wednesday - 11/15
Practice 5:30-8:30PM

Friday - 11/17
No Practice due to St. Joe's travel and the musical!

Saturday - 11/18
Randolph buses leave at 7:30AM. Please be prompt!

Monday - 11/20
GMU DEADLINE. If you have not been coach-approved by 11/20, any extra events will be deleted. Please verify entries [HERE](#).

Wednesday - 11/22
No practice! Happy Thanksgiving!

JUDGES

I currently have the following individuals listed for judging at Randolph:

Steven Wang,
Sanjay Kalghatgi
Yu Ren
Yun Mao

We are in need of speech and debate judges at Randolph. Please visit the [SignUpGenius](#) to register.

Report time is 8:45am at:
511 Millbrook Ave.
Randolph, NJ 07869.