

Strictly Speaking

Ridge High School
Forensic Team
Newsletter

2002-2017 NJSDL STATE CHAMPIONS

February 5, 2018



Ridge Forensics in Pictures Ridge Invitational, Pennsbury & CFL 5



BORELLI MEMORIAL NJSDL TOURNAMENT

James Gao, CHAMPION - *Extemporaneous Speaking*
Dhruv Dalal, 2nd Place - *Lincoln Douglas Debate JV/Varsity*
James Gao, 2nd Place - *Impromptu Speaking*
Aman Singh, 3rd Place - *Lincoln Douglas Debate JV/Varsity*
John Tondora, 3rd Place - *Humorous Interpretation*
Omar Bekdash, 3rd Place - *Extemporaneous Speaking*
Julien Wadhwa, 4th Place - *Original Oratory*
John Tondora, 5th Place - *Improvisational Acting*
Vikram Agrawal, 5th Place - *Lincoln Douglas Debate JV/Varsity*
Gauhar Sarwal, 6th Place - *Oral Interpretation*
Namita Kalghatgi, 6th Place - *Lincoln Douglas Debate JV/Varsity*

PENNSBURY FALCON

Kyle Watkins, CHAMPION - *Dramatic Performance*
Brandon Lu & Aadhavaarasan Raviarasan, Semifinalists -
Public Forum
Dhristi Raval & Zaynab Kauser, 2nd Place - *Duo Improvisation*
Raheel Abubakar, 4th Place - *Congressional Debate*
Kyle Watkins, 4th Place - *Informative Speaking*
Caroline Lidz, 5th Place - *Informative Speaking*
Daniel Zhang, 6th Place - *Informative Speaking*
Shriya Kosuru, Semifinalist - *Impromptu Speaking*
Audrika Chattaraj, Semifinalist - *Impromptu Speaking*
Kyle Watkins, Semifinalist - *Original Oratory*
Audrika Chattaraj, Semifinalist - *Declamation*
Shriya Kosuru, Semifinalist - *Extemporaneous Speaking*
Mason Krohn, Finalist - *Congressional Debate*
Caroline Lidz, Quarterfinalist - *Prose*
Laasya Gaddipati, Quarterfinalist - *Prose*
Sathya Gopinath, Quarterfinalist - *Prose*

UPENN UPDATE

We will know how many are coming off the waitlists by Tuesday AM. Quite a few are off, but there are still long lists in Declamation and OI. A final list will be published Tuesday. Varsity PF, JVPPF, and Varsity LD have rounds Friday night. Everything else starts on Saturday AM. Speech will run on Saturday in 2 brackets (Dec, Duo, HI, OO and DP, Ext, OI). They are anticipating breaking to Quarterfinals in Dec, OO, Ext, and OI. DUO, HI, DP will break straight to Semifinals. As with Pennsbury, VPF, JVPPF, and VLD will be dismissed after 7th to dress. Everyone else will dismiss after 8th with a 1:45pm departure. On Tuesday, the coaches will review the waitlists to determine which Decs and OIs will attend.

NEWARK CFL #5

Tanvi Namjoshi, CHAMPION - *Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate*
Aashita Dixit, 2nd Place - *Varsity Dramatic Performance*
Akshaj Pandey and Nick Casey, 2nd Place -
Varsity Duo Interpretation
Grace Zhu, 2nd Place - *Varsity Congress*
Jaya Patel, 2nd Place - *JV Oral Interpretation*
Kevin Tang, 2nd Place - *Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate*
Libah Farooqi, 2nd Place - *Varsity Declamation*
Rayhan Murad, 2nd Place - *Varsity Extemporaneous Speaking*
Allan Wang, 3rd Place - *Varsity Dramatic Performance*
Anjini Mathur, 3rd Place - *Varsity Oral Interpretation*
Arnav Gupta, 3rd Place - *Varsity Congress*
Charlize Chen, 3rd Place - *Varsity Original Oratory*
Divya Kushan and Juliet Nolt, 4th Place - *Varsity Duo Interpretation*
Lucy Wei, 4th Place - *Varsity Oral Interpretation*
Malaika Ravindran, 4th Place - *Varsity Congress*
Nihal Kurki, 4th Place - *Varsity Declamation*
Adit Roy, 5th Place - *Varsity Congress*
Esther Zhang, 5th Place - *Varsity Original Oratory*
Rohan Jinturkar, 5th Place - *Varsity Extemporaneous Speaking*
Kathy Wei, 6th Place - *Varsity Declamation*
Sonali Pai, 6th Place - *Varsity Oral Interpretation*
Evan Li, Finalist - *Varsity Extemporaneous Speaking*

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

- February 9-11 - UPenn
- February 16-19 - Harvard
- February 17 Delbarton JV Tournament
- February 24 - Montville (huge tournament) + District Congress

Thank you to all for your patience with last week's Strictly Speaking. Between the Ridge Invitational, last weekend's CFL, and the end of the marking period, it's been very busy week. First, thanks so much to all the parents, students, and coaches for making the final two major Ridge events a tremendous success. This year has been marked with a considerable amount of change, and as a team, you all have been wonderful. I personally want to thank the Ridge Forensics Steering Committee members: Mrs. Torani, Mrs. Gu, Mrs. Razak and Mrs. Murad who played a massive role in the these gigantic undertakings. I also want to thank all the coaches for working very hard to maintain the high level of expectation and efficiency that the Ridge tournaments have become known for. And of course the students -- we do this for you and because of you. Without your diligent work ethic, your positive sense of teamwork, and an unyielding desire to be the best at everything our team does, our personal time and effort would be for nothing.

Thanks for making this fun -- the posters, the energy, the vibe, the craziness...all of it!

— Mr. Yastremski



MEETING
REMINDER

MONTHLY MEETING

Our monthly meeting is this Wednesday at 5:30pm. Please be prompt. We will be covering a lot of information regarding UPenn, Harvard, Districts, and States.