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Council honors Munster High's champion speech, debate team

2ND DISTRICT RONALD G. BREWER, SR. (Crown Point, July 9, 2024) Munster High School's Speech and Debate Team was honored Tuesday, July 9, by the Lake County Council after the team captured its 14th consecutive state championship title and went on to earn its 10th national title in the past 12 years.

"We are proud of our youth and recognize the time and effort invested to achieve these awards. The students, the coaches and the parents make it possible," Lake County Council President Christine Cid, D-East Chicago, said.

3RD DISTRICT CHARLIE BROWN

The council read a resolution honoring the team for becoming the 2024 Indiana Schools Speech and Debate Association Class 2A State Champions and Ralph Lawson Award, in Indiana, and a National School of Excellence Award recipients.

4TH DISTRICT
PETE LINDEMULDER

Members of the team and their coaches appeared before the County Council where several resolutions recognizing and honoring the accomplishments of the team and individual students were read into the record.

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Councilman Dave Hamm, D-Hammond, said the council wanted to recognize the team for its hard work and continued excellence.

5TH DISTRICT CHRISTINE CID

"We are proud to recognized the Munster High School Speech and Debate team for its accomplishments throughout the year and for again earning top honors in the state and national tournaments," Hamm said.

6TH DISTRICT

The team captured the 2024 ISSDA Class 2A State Championship and Ralph Lawson Award – the overall State Championship – March 9 at Hamilton Southeastern High School in Fishers during the 2024 ISSDA Class 2A state competition.

7TH DISTRICT RANDALL NIEMEYER The team proceeded to compete in the 2024 National Speech and Debate Association National Tournament June 17 to 21 in Des Moines, Iowa, where Munster competed against more than 1,000 high schools from across the country to finish in the tope

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Jordan Mayer, director of forensics, language arts instructor, Northwest Indiana District Committee IHSFA Section 1 Committee, said the Munster speech and debate team has a tradition of excellence that was established in 1965.

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"For over six decades, our program's success has been based on a shared vision between coaches, students and a supportive community," Mayer said.

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Students Morgan Yancey was honored by the council as the ISSDA State Champion in Prose Interpretation. Yancy went on to be crowned the National Champion in Dramatic Performance May 26 at the National Catholic Forensic League national tournament.

3RD DISTRICT CHARLIE BROWN Kameryn Hubbard, Kai Washington, Ava Rozmanich, Ava Fefferman and Ari Jamerson also were honored for their accomplishments at the 2024 ISSDA state tournament. Hubbard was named the ISSDA state champion in poetry; Washington and Jamerson were named state champions in duo interpretation; Rozmanich earned the state title in declamation, and Fefferman earned top honors in dramatic interpretation.

4TH DISTRICT PETE LINDEMULDER "Munster High School has earned national team titles for ten out of the past twelve years. There are only a handful of schools from across the country that have this level of consistency. This level of consistency is a remarkable testament to our team's dedication," Mayer said.

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Photo Included:

Members of Munster High School's Championship Speech and Debate Team were honored for their accomplishments Tuesday by the Lake County Council.

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