

Six Eagles in national qualifying speech meet

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Six Brady High School students were among more than 300 who competed in the National Forensic League national qualifiers tournament in Cheyenne, WY, on March 25-27.

Wyoming, South Dakota and Nebraska students from all sizes of schools competed against each other.

The top three in each category qualified for the National Forensic Speech Championships in Kansas City June 13-18.

Brady senior Danielle Gutherless made it to the semi-final round in drama interpretation, known at the Nebraska state level as serious prose. She also competed in the duo event (duet acting).

Freshman Sierra Quadhamer also advanced to the semi-finals in original oratory, somewhat of a combination of informative, persuasive and entertainment speaking. She also competed in the humorous interpretation category.

Junior Ethan Callahan made it as far as the quarter-final round in drama interpretation. He was in duo as well.

Other Brady students who competed were Chevas Shaw in original oratory and duo (duet acting), Taina Taullie in humorous interpretation and duo, and Micah Most in original oratory.

It is the first time Brady students have competed in the national qualifying meet.

Coach Dawn Jobman called the contest "kind of a big deal."

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“These kids should be recognized for doing such a tremendous job,” she said.

Begun in 1925, NFL is the oldest and largest interscholastic forensic organization in the U.S. In 2009, more than 112,000 high school and middle school students represented more than 2,800 high schools and nearly 100 middle schools.