

## Speakers gain experience at national qualifying meet

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CHEYENNE—While no Eagle speech team members will be making a trip to Dallas in June for the national finals, Brady students earned valuable experience during the National Forensic League's regional meet in Cheyenne last week.

Speakers competed in rounds of six contestants earning "ups" or "downs" in each round. Once a competitor receives two "downs," he or she is eliminated.

Brady speech coach Dawn Jobman said the meet is huge with schools from all classes across Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming.

"The competition was fierce," she said. "Our kids went out there and competed with all their hearts."

Sophomore Kaleb Arterburn lasted the longest of the nine Brady students who competed. He was eliminated prior to the semi-final round.

The national qualifying meet is the final competition of the season.

"Once again I am truly blessed to have such amazing students who try so hard," Jobman said. "I think it was hard for all the kids knowing this would be our last time going out."