**USA Debate Team Dominates Old Parkland Tournament**

**RIPON, Wis. (March 31, 2014)** *–* USA Debate dominated speaker awards at the Old Parkland Debates in Dallas, Texas this weekend.

During the tournament, seven USA Debate team members and 16 teams from Australia, Canada, England, and Mexico fought an international battle of wit and words in a two-wheel round robin debate before participating in a friendly scrimmage.

USA Debate maintained its stronghold of speaking awards, claiming seven of the top eight speaking honors.

Speaker awards follow:

Jane Irons (California) named top overall speaker in the entire tournament, top speaker in her wheel.

Lily Nellans (Iowa) named top speaker in her wheel and second speaker overall.

Daniel Garrison (Louisiana) placed 3rd.

Sara Evall (California) placed 5th.

Danny DeBois (New York) placed 6th.

Amelia Miller (California) placed 7th.

Shania Hunt (Texas) placed 8th.

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