

# Hofstra Forensics Team soars to 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation!

April 2024

Forensics, Speech and Debate Team wins several honors!

## Press Release

### NFA National Championship Tournament

April 17-23, 2024

Central Michigan University

Mt. Pleasant, MI

### Fast Facts

60+ Universities represented

1200+ entries

400+ student competitors



## Two team honors!

**5<sup>th</sup> place in the nation in Division II Sweepstakes!**

**16<sup>th</sup> place in the nation in Open Division (against all schools!!)**

In a season with ups and downs, twists and turns, the Hofstra University Forensics, Speech and Debate Team was able to rise up and prepare ourselves to compete on the national level. After five grueling days of competition, we advanced several students to elimination rounds of competition in several event categories.

Representing Hofstra were: Nimba Mahlati, Freshman; Derek Duncan, Sophomore, Kylah Walters, Sophomore; Kyle Mastroni, Junior; Tatyana Hudson, Junior; Favour Chibuzo-Enwere, Junior and Dylan Schechter, Sophomore.



## Quarterfinalists (Top 24 in the nation!)

Kyle Mastroni - Persuasive Speaking

Nimba Mahlati - Persuasive Speaking

Kylah Walters - Rhetorical Criticism

## Octafinalists (Top 48 in the nation!)

Tatyana Hudson - Persuasive Speaking

Tatyana Hudson - Program Oral Interpretation

Tatyana Hudson - Duo Interpretation

Derek Duncan - Duo Interpretation

Nimba Mahlati - Impromptu Speaking

Nimba Mahlati - Rhetorical Criticism

### Novice Finals

Derek Duncan - 5<sup>th</sup> in Extemporaneous Speaking

Derek Duncan - Novice National Champion in Impromptu Speaking!



## Coaching with Pride

Trent Webb, Director of Forensics

Professor Webb couldn't help but beam with pride at the team's unprecedented accomplishments! It's a culmination of all the long hours of practice, mentoring and refining performances. The team's motto is: TRUTH. VOICE. LEGACY. ADVOCACY. And through his leadership, we lived up to those principles. He's looking forward to a short rest before he starts his recruitment tour in June and preparing returning team members in July and August! There is so much excitement about the future of Hofstra Forensics, Speech and Debate!