

MEMO

To: Mike Riggle

Fr: Karen Geddeis

Re: Students and Staff Who Excel

Date: May 8, 2015

At the meeting on Monday, May 18, the Board will recognize the GBN Varsity and Junior Varsity debaters for outstanding culminating performances at the state level.

IHSA State Varsity Debate champions Ryan Spector and Anthony Trufanov also qualified for the National Speech and Debate Association nationals and qualified for the tournament of champions. Additional Varsity debaters who qualified for the tournament of champions include: Jeremy Hoffen and Jacob Rose; Brett Cotler and Jared Sawyer; Emily Chen and Jeremy Doman and Sam Korsky and Yasmine Ramachandra.

Noteworthy Junior Varsity debate accomplishments include: finals co-champions Jonah Jacobs and Ben Mnushkin; and Daniel Ben-Isvy and Byron Chin; Alana Levin, who was named top speaker at both state and national levels; and finals novice national co-champions Charlie Foster and Nina Fridman; and Larissa Bersh and Ben Jutzi. Nina Fridman was also top speaker at novice state.

Coach Michael Greenstein will be present at the meeting to speak on behalf of the debate program.