

MEMO

To: Mike Riggle
Fr: Karen Geddeis
Re: Students and Staff Who Excel
Date: March 23, 2011

At the meeting on April 11, 2011, we will honor the GBN debate team, which made history this year by being the first school to win all three state divisions and have the top speaker in all three state divisions in Policy.

In March, the team of Alex Pappas and Zach Parker won the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) State Championship in Policy debate. Parker and Mitch Hochberg made the All-State Debate team. Pappas was named the captain of the All-State Debate team. Hochberg and Rachel Boroditsky also earned fifth place in IHSA Policy debate.

Max Balkan won the IHSA State Championship in Lincoln-Douglas debate. Arik Mendelevitz made the All-State Debate team.

At the Illinois Speech and Theater Association (ISTA) State Championship, GBN won both available Policy state titles in *Novice* and *Junior Varsity* as well as had the top speaker in each division. In *Novice*, the winning team consisted of Josh Tashma and Jason Charous and Derek Choi was top speaker. In *Junior Varsity* Nathaniel Sawyer and Alex Yang took the state title and Sawyer was also top speaker.

Coach Michael Greenstein and the team will be in attendance for the recognition.