



2025 SDHSAA YEARBOOK & HISTORY

Debate and Individual Events

Schools participating in the Debate and Individual Events program are divided into two classes. Class "AA" represents the SDHSAA member schools with an A.D.M. enrollment of 625 and above while Class "A" involves all other schools.

Any member school wishing to participate can directly enter the State Tournament in any of the debate or individual events without the necessity of participating in a regional tournament.

The 2025 State Tournament marked the 11th year of the tournament. This includes the 99th year for Extemporaneous speaking, the 91st year of Original Oratory, the 45th year of Lincoln-Douglas Debate, the 23rd year of Public Forum Debate, and the 5th year of Informative Speaking.

Debate and Individual Events Results

Brookings High School
March 7th & 8th, 2025

State Tournament Sweepstakes Team Champions

Class "AA"

Champion Team: Sioux Falls Jefferson - Travis Dahle, Coach

Runner-up Team: Aberdeen Central - Kerry Konda, Coach

Third Place Team: Harrisburg - Patrick Pope, Coach

Class "A"

Champion Team: Sturgis Brown - Eric Johnson, Coach

Runner-up Team: Spearfish - Robert Speirs, Coach

Third Place Team: Milbank - Kathy Tyler, Coach



Class AA Champions - SF Jefferson
 Courtesy of SDPB



Class A Champions - Sturgis Brown
 Courtesy of SDPB

State “AA” Individual Events Results



Courtesy of SDPB

Class AA State USX Results

Champion: Keller Wagemann - SF Jefferson

Coaches: Travis Dahle & Olivia Johnson

Runner-up: Mya Heintzman - Aberdeen

Coach: Kerry Konda

Third Place: Marissa Bonsness - RC Central

Coach: Ariel Pozorski

Finalists: Seth Gerhardt - SF Washington

Quinn Buss - SF O’Gorman

Charley Stroh - SF Washington



Courtesy of SDPB

Class AA State IX Results

Champion: Madelyn Berkenhoff - Brookings

Coach: Katie Jacobs

Runner-up: Olivia Boerger - RC Stevens

Coach: Ryan Harris

Third Place: Aadil Ali - Harrisburg

Coach: Patrick Pope

Finalists: Mayen Mayen - SF Jefferson

Aayush Mohapatra - SF Jefferson

Heegeon Song - Aberdeen Central



Courtesy of SDPB

Class AA Informative Speaking Results

Champion: Amna George - Aberdeen

Coaches: Kerry Konda & Alli Joerger

Runner-up: Brooklynn Bailey

Coach: Melissa Vatter-Miller

Third Place: Damine Deen - SF Washington

Coach: Michelle McIntyre

Finalists: Rakiya Stocklin - SF Washington

Abbi Schnabel - Mitchell

Lainey Nixon - Harrisburg

Class AA Original Oratory Results

Champion: Sachi Santos - SF O’Gorman

Coach: Charlie Soloman

Runner-Up: Damine Deen - SF Washington

Coach: Michelle McIntyre

Third Place: Aadil Ali - Harrisburg

Coach: Patrick Pope

Finalists: Carla Garcia - Aberdeen

Meridian Hailu - SF Jefferson

Nang Naing - Aberdeen

State “A” Individual Events Results



Courtesy of SDPB

Class A State USX Results

Champion: Mackenzie Launsby - Douglas

Coach: Tony Mraz

Runner-Up: Hunter Scott - Sturgis

Coach: Eric Johnson & Tami Voight

Third: Max Schuelke - Milbank

Coach: Kathy Tyler

Finalists: Max Kinney - Beresford

Hollie Wise - Spearfish

Ian Johnson - Sturgis



Courtesy of SDPB

Class A State IX Results

Champion: Riley Carlson - Sturgis

Coach: Eric Johnson & Tami Voight

Runner-Up: Sean Glynn - Douglas

Coach: Tony Mraz

Third: Ava Citrowske - Spearfish

Coach: Bob Speirs

Finalists: Cade Tallmage - Sturgis

Ian Cho - Spearfish

Henry Huether - Beresford



Courtesy of SDPB

Class A Informative Speaking Results

Champion: Abbi Johnson - Spearfish

Coach: Kristin Meunier

Runner-Up: Revan Wilde - Sturgis

Coach: Tamara Voight & Eric Johnson

Third: Isabelle Beeson - Beresford

Coach: Ann Tornberg

Finalists: Ella Cambier - Tea Area

September Voita - Spearfish

Rowan Lutz - Sturgis



Courtesy of SDPB

Class A Original Oratory Results

Champion: Emmarie Smoot

Coach: Kristin Meunier

Runner-Up: Madisyn Richter - Sturgis

Coach: Tami Voight & Eric Johnson

Third: Allyson Tish - Sturgis

Coach: Tami Voight & Eric Johnson

Finalists: Mackenzie Launsby - Douglas

Abbi Johnson - Spearfish

Karena Barber - Douglas

STATE CLASS “AA” LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE RESULTS

Champion:	Ayden Calvert - Watertown HS Coaches: Scott Walker & Kyle Downey
Runner-Up:	Mallory Wells - Brookings HS Coach: Katie Jacobs
Semi-Finalists:	Jonah Texley - SF Jefferson HS Coaches: Travis Dahle & Catherine Liu Nathaneal Stolz - SF Jefferson HS Coaches: Travis Dahle & Catherine Liu
Quarter-Finalists:	Heegeon Song - Aberdeen Central HS Coaches: Levi Margolies & Kerry Konda Quinn Buus - SF O’Gorman HS Coaches: Bob Stevens & Joe Gebel Sophia Santos - SF O’Gorman HS Coaches: Bob Stevens & Joe Gebel Amen Tereda - SF Washington HS Coaches: Angelica Mercado-Ford & Sam Markley
Octa-Finalists:	Mason Muilenberg - Aberdeen Central HS Coaches: Levi Margolies & Kerry Konda Elijah Shirley - Harrisburg HS Coach: Patrick Pope Whitney Martinsen - Watertown HS Coaches: Scott Walker & Kyle Downey

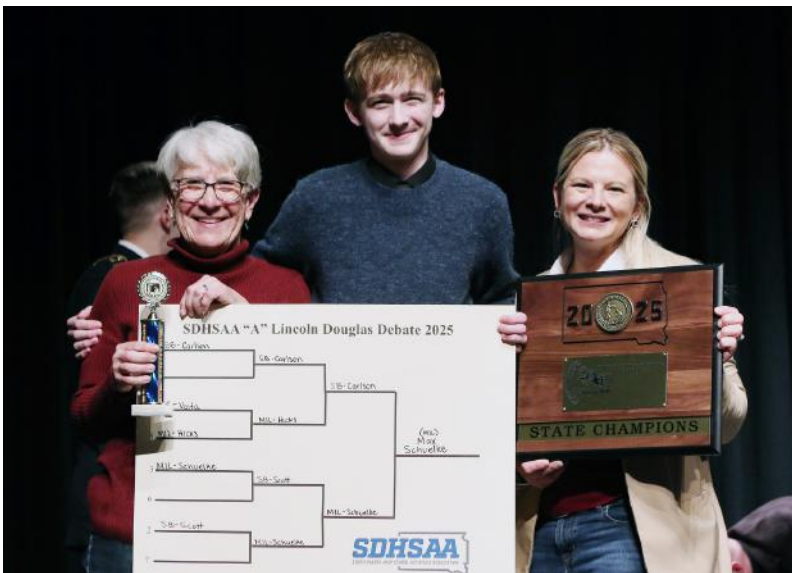


Class “AA” Lincoln-Douglas Champion
Ayden Calvert
Watertown HS
Coaches:
Kyle Downey (L) & Scott Walker (R)

(Courtesy of SDPB)

STATE CLASS “A” LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE RESULTS

Champion:	Max Schuelke - Milbank HS Coaches: Kathy Tyler & Mariah Hicks
Runner-Up:	Riley Carlson - Sturgis Brown HS Coach: Eric Johnson & Tami Voight
Semi-Finalists:	Hunter Scott - Sturgis Brown HS Coaches: Eric Johnson & Tami Voight Debrianna Hicks - Milbank HS Coaches: Kathy Tyler & Mariah Hicks
Quarter-Finalists:	September Voita - Spearfish HS Coaches: Bob Speirs



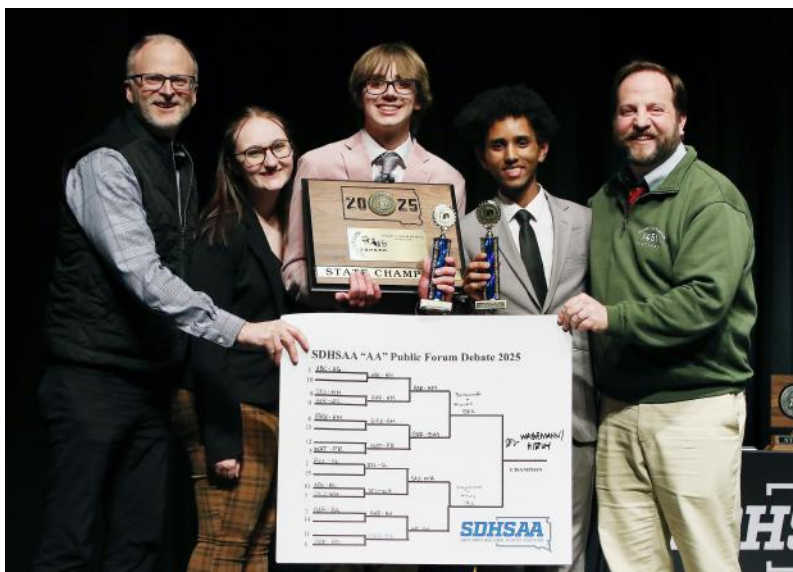
Class “A” Lincoln-Douglas Champion
Max Schuelke
Milbank HS

Coaches: Kathy Tyler (L) &
Mariah Hicks (R)

(Courtesy of SDPB)

STATE CLASS “AA” PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE RESULTS

Champion:	Keller Wagemann & Kidus Hiruy - SF Jefferson HS Coaches: Michael Cole, Travis Dahle & Olivia Johnson
Runner-Up:	Madelyn Berkenhoff & Amanda Martin - Brookings HS Coach: Katie Jacobs
Semi-Finalists:	Aadil Ali & Claire Bockholt - Harrisburg HS Coach: Patrick Pope Jakob Hofer & Brooklynn Mayland - Harrisburg HS Coach: Patrick Pope
Quarter-Finalists:	Mya Heintzman & Mitchell Golz - Aberdeen Central HS Coach: Kerry Konda Kelty Sibernagel & Lily Lindeman - RC Central HS Coaches: Ariel Pozorski & Zachary Powers Nana Kwame Dwomoh & Finn Bartlett - Brookings HS Coach: Katie Jacobs Grace Remmers & Abigail Peterson - Watertown HS Coach: Scott Walker
Octa-Finalists:	Eve Borchard & Paisley LaFave - Aberdeen Central HS Coach: Kerry Konda Aayush Mohapatra & Mayen Mayen - SF Jefferson HS Coaches: Michael Cole, Travis Dahle & Olivia Johnson



Class “AA” Public Forum Champions
Keller Wagemann & Kidus Hiruy
Sioux Falls Jefferson HS
Coaches:
Michael Cole (L), Olivia Johnson (M)
& Travis Dahle (R)

(Courtesy of SDPB)

STATE CLASS “A” PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE RESULTS

Champion:	Qualon Grant & Camron Graham - Milbank HS Coaches: Kathy Tyler & Mariah Hicks
Runner-Up:	Andrew Edwards & Hollie Wise - Spearfish HS Coach: Bob Speirs
Semi-Finalists:	Sean Glynn & Jacob Hirvela - Douglas HS Coach: Tony Mraz Benjamin Johnson & Alex VanDenTop - SF Christian HS Coach: Rachel Hekman
Quarter-Finalists:	Daniel Voight & Revan Wilde - Sturgis Brown HS Coaches: Eric Johnson & Tami Voight Michael Daniels & Ashley Phillips - Dakota Valley HS Coach: Andrew Stewart Lucy Hildring & Elli Taye - SF Christian HS Coach: Rachel Hekman Thomas Anglin & Isabel Cross - Spearfish HS Coach: Bob Speirs
Octa-Finalists:	Adalyn Bottolfson & Grace Chasing Hawk - Vermillion HS Coaches: Lindsay Gannon & Duer Tap Emersen Lee & Maddigan Van Sickle - Lennox HS Coaches: Michael Larson & Brady Jandl



Class “A” Public Forum Champions
Camron Graham & Qualon Grant
Milbank HS
Coaches:
Kathy Tyler (L),
& Mariah Hicks (R)

(Courtesy of SDPB)

STATE POLICY DEBATE 1915-2020

SINGLE CLASS SYSTEM (1915-1952)

Year	Champion	Runner-up
1915	Sioux Falls Washington	Madison
1916	Yankton	Sturgis
1917	Alexandria	Pierre
1918	Sioux Falls Washington	Hot Springs
1919	Lead	Irene
1920	Burke	Rapid City
1921	Canton	Hot Springs
1922	Tyndall	Watertown
1923	Watertown	Lead
1924	Sioux Falls Washington	Watertown
1925	Tyndall	Sioux Falls Washington
1926	Huron	Watertown
1927	Watertown	Tyndall
1928	Huron	Tyndall
1929	Rapid City	Yankton
1930	Rapid City	Tyndall
1931	Vermillion	Rapid City
1932	Rapid City	Huron
1933	Tyndall	Kennebec
1934	Watertown	Aberdeen
1935	Sioux Falls Washington	Watertown
1936	Huron	Sioux Falls Washington
1937	Watertown	Sioux Falls Washington
1938	Madison	Lennox
1939	Lead	Sioux Falls Washington
1940	Watertown	Sioux Falls Washington
1941	Watertown	Huron
1942	Rapid City	Brookings
1943	Sioux Falls Washington	Lead
1944	Lead	Rapid City Central
1945	Sioux Falls Washington	Tyndall
1946	Huron	Winner
1947	Huron	Sturgis
1948	Sioux Falls Washington	Tyndall
1949	Madison	Brookings
1950	Brookings	Sturgis
1951	Rapid City Central	Sioux Falls Washington
1952	Sioux Falls Washington	Madison

TWO CLASS SYSTEM (Class “A” & Class “B”)

Class “A” Policy Debate

Year	Champion	Runner-up
1953	S.F. Washington	Brookings
1954	S.F. Washington	Brookings
1955	Brookings	S.F. Washington
1956	Watertown	Lead
1957	Watertown	Vermillion
1958	Watertown	Rapid City
1959	Yankton	Watertown
1960	Watertown	Huron
1961	Rapid City	Brookings
1962	Huron	S.F. Washington
1963	Watertown	Rapid City
1964	Yankton	Sturgis
1965	Aberdeen Central	S.F. Washington
1966	S.F. Washington	Aberdeen Central
1967	Watertown	S.F. Washington
1968	S.F. Washington	Brookings
1969	Brookings	Pierre
1970	Milbank	Watertown
1971	Brookings (B1)	S.F. Washington
1972	Madison (M1)	Milbank (Mil 1)
1973	S.F. Washington (SFW1)	Watertown (W2)
1974	Watertown (W1)	S.F. Lincoln (SFL2)
1975	S.F. Washington (SFW2)	Watertown
1976	Watertown (W-2)	Watertown (W-1)
1977	Watertown (W-2)	Watertown (W-1)
1978	S.F. Lincoln	Sisseton
1979	S.F. O’Gorman	Watertown (W-2)
1980	Watertown (W-2)	S.F. Lincoln (SFL-1)
1981	S.F. Lincoln	Watertown (W-1)
1982	S.F. Lincoln (SFL-2)	R.C. Stevens (RCS-2)
1983	Watertown (W-2)	Brookings (B-1)
1984	R.C. Stevens (RCS-2)	Watertown (W-2)
1985	S.F. Washington	Watertown (W-2)
1986	Watertown (W-1)	Brookings
1987	Watertown (W-1)	R.C. Central (RCC-1)
1988	Watertown (W-2)	S.F. Washington (SFW2)
1989	Brookings (B-1)	Brookings (B-2)

TWO CLASS SYSTEM (Class “A” & Class “B”)

Class “B” Policy Debate

Year	Champion	Runner-up
1953	Canton	Philip
1954	Vivian	Beresford
1955	Beresford	Doland
1956	Colman	Canton
1957	Colman	Volga
1958	Scotland	Newell
1959	Doland	Newell
1960	Scotland	Newell
1961	Doland	Beresford
1962	Doland	Beresford
1963	Doland	Tyndall
1964	Avon	Doland
1965	Doland	Avon
1966	Doland	Avon
1967	Doland	Tripp
1968	Doland	Volga Sioux Valley
1969	Doland	Salem Public
1970	Salem	Groton
1971	Baltic	Salem Public
1972	Baltic	Salem Public
1973	Baltic	Tripp
1974	Clear Lake (CL-2)	Clear Lake (CL-1)
1975	Beresford (B-1)	Beresford (B-2)
1976	Beresford	Freeman (F-1)
1977	Clear Lake (CL-1)	Clear Lake (CL-2)
1978	Tyndall-Tabor	Highmore (H-1)
1979	Beresford (B-1)	Beresford (B-2)
1980	Clear Lake (CL-2)	Clear Lake (CL-1)
1981	Groton (G-2)	Groton (G-1)
1982	Groton (G-1)	Clear Lake (CL-1)
1983	Clear Lake (CL-2)	Beresford (B-2)
1984	Beresford (B-2)	Beresford (B-1)
1985	Beresford (B-2)	Groton (G-2)
1986	Clear Lake (CL-2)	Platte (P-1)
1987	Groton (G-1)	Clear Lake (CL-2)
1988	Clear Lake (CL-2)	Clear Lake (CL-1)
1989	Groton (G-2)	Wall (WA-1)
1990	Clear Lake (CL-2)	Clear Lake (CL-1)
1991	Groton (G-2)	Wall (WA-1)

TWO CLASS SYSTEM (Class “AA” & Class “A”)

Class “AA” Policy Debate

Year	Champion	Runner-up
1990	Brookings (11-B)	Brookings (11-A)
1991	Watertown (111Z)	Watertown (111X)
1992	Watertown (110Z)	Brookings (108Z)
1993	Brookings (102X)	Brookings (102Z)
1994	SF Washington (102Z)	R.C. Central (108X)
1995	Aberdeen Central (102X)	Watertown (109Z)
1996	Watertown (3Z)	SF Lincoln (2Z)
1997	SF Washington (5X)	SF Washington (5Z)
1998	Watertown (16Z)	SF Lincoln (22X)
1999	Brookings (11Z)	SF Washington (20X)
2000	Watertown (12X)	SF Lincoln (11X)
2001	Brookings (21X)	Watertown (16X)
2002	Brookings (19Z)	SF Roosevelt (11X)
2003	Watertown (20A)	Watertown (20B)
2004	Brookings (12B)	Watertown (15A)
2005	Brookings (15A)	Brookings (15B)
2006	Watertown (10X)	SF O’Gorman (11X)
2007	SF Washington (18X)	Brookings (14X)
2008	Aberdeen Central (10Z)	Yankton (11X)
2009	Brookings (13X)	Yankton (15X)
2010	Aberdeen Central (17X)	Watertown (14X)
2011	Brookings (14X)	SF Roosevelt (12X)
2012	SF Washington (20O)	Brookings (26K)
2013	SF Roosevelt (3M)	Watertown (4P)
2014	Watertown: Jackson Shriver-Maggie O’Brien	SFW: Kyle McKee-Zach Person
2015	SFW: Michael Hauschildt-Braeden Decker	Aberdeen: Collin Rumpca-John Prosper
2016	Watertown: Zach Binde & Connor O’Brien	Watertown: Grant Carlson & Molly Walker

SINGLE CLASS SYSTEM (2017-2020)

2017	SF Roosevelt: Gabe Josko & Shikhar Kumar	Aberdeen: Hamza Jamal & John Prosper
2018	Watertown: Justice Wallenmeyer & Tanner Kluver	Brookings: Kia Witt & Marina Du
2019	Watertown: Justice Wallenmeyer-Sydney Walker	Aberdeen: Sulaiman Jamal-Mariah William
2020	SFW: Riley Nold & Trenity Rosenberg	Aberdeen: Miles Pastian & Olivia Johnson

Class “A” Policy Debate

Year	Champion	Runner-up
1990	Beresford (101A)	Deuel (104-A)
1991	Milbank (303X)	Beresford (305Z)
1992	Beresford (306X)	Madison (304X)
1993	Milbank (304X)	Madison (302X)
1994	Madison (342Z)	Vermillion (347Z)
1995	Beresford (343Z)	Madison (342Z)
1996	Milbank (34Z)	Beresford (36X)
1997	Beresford (34X)	Beresford (34Z)
1998	Vermillion (34Z)	Beresford (32X)
1999	Beresford (36X)	Madison (32X)
2000	Beresford (34X)	Vermillion (35X)
2001	Vermillion (34X)	Vermillion (34Z)
2002	Deuel (34X)	Vermillion (31X)
2003	Deuel (32A)	Vermillion (35B)
2004	Vermillion (31B)	Vermillion (31A)
2005	Vermillion (33A)	Vermillion (33B)
2006	Vermillion (31O)	Vermillion (31X)
2007	Vermillion (32X)	Vermillion (32Z)
2008	Vermillion (31X)	Vermillion (31Z)
2009	Vermillion (33X)	Vermillion (33Z)
2010	Vermillion (32X)	Vermillion (32Z)
2011	Lennox (30X)	Vermillion (34Z)
2012	Vermillion (14K)	Vermillion (14M)
2013	Vermillion (1L)	Vermillion (1M)
2014	Vermillion Philip Erickson & Seth Miller	Ver: Teagan McNary & Priyanka Ghosh
2015	Vermillion: Joe Miller-Sowmya Ragothaman	Lennox: Traesha A. West-Catlynn C. Lee
2016	Lennox: Brady Jandl & August Meyer	Spearfish: Steven Glasford & Jacksyn Bakeberg

STATE LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE 1981-2025

SINGLE CLASS SYSTEM (1981-1984)

Year	Champion	Runner-up
1981	Tom Bruns, S.F. Lincoln	Bill Piersol, S.F. O’Gorman
1982	Tom Bruns, S.F. Lincoln	Liz Stevens, Aberdeen Central
1983	Bob McManus, Huron	
1984	Ellen Yocum, Brookings	

TWO CLASS SYSTEM (Class “A” & Class “B”) (1985-1989)

Class “A” Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Year	Champion	Runner-up
1985	Ann Schlaffman Mitchell	Carolyn Schurmann, Watertown
1986	Chris Madsen, S.F. Lincoln	Jennifer Quick, Yankton
1987	Bjourn Berkhout, Vermillion	Stacey Fewings, Watertown
1988	Koran Peterson, Huron	Todd Gunn, S.F. Washington
1989	Jabe Rounds, Huron	Beth Marquardt, Watertown

Class “B” Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Year	Champion	Runner-up
1985	Deb Birgen, Beresford	Jill Suhr, Elkton
1986	Craig Mellendorf, Beresford	Grace Paul, Bon Homme
1987	Mike Olson, Beresford	Lynette Larson, Clear Lake
1988	Kristin Olbertson, Beresford	Ann Waltner, Freeman
1989	Kristin Olbertson, Beresford	Chad Miller, Beresford

TWO CLASS SYSTEM (Class “AA” & Class “A”) (1990-2025)

Class “AA” Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Year	Champion	Runner-up
1990	Heath Phillipi, Huron	Lisa Kirkie, S.F. Washington
1991	James Delay, S.F. Washington	David Chadwick, S.F. Washington
1992	Sunny Kruse, S.F. Washington	Kevin Wormstadt, Huron
1993	Sumit Kapur, Huron	Mary Manning, S.F. Washington
1994	Mary Manning, S.F. Washington	M.J. White, S.F. Washington
1995	Josh Vron dran, S.F. Washington	Matt Helling, S.F. Washington
1996	Stac Bare, Brookings	Martha Rossiter, Yankton
1997	Cory Ehlebracht, Watertown	Heather Edmunds, S.F. Washington
1998	Chris Dabney, Huron	Amit Kapur, Huron
1999	Amit Kapur, Huron	Val Rogotzke, Watertown
2000	Eddie Gerrish, Watertown	Jeff Nath, Mitchell

Class “AA” Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Year	Champion	Runner-up
2001	Seth Battin, Yankton	Julie Loveland, Yankton
2002	Adam Hoier, S.F. Washington	Darin Gully, Watertown
2003	Brian Gough, Watertown	Seth Stadler, S.F. Roosevelt
2004	Josh Tonsager, Huron	Shawn Sawtell, Yankton
2005	Alex Weber, S.F. Washington	Felicia Barnes, Yankton
2006	Kealey Bultena, S.F. O’Gorman	Zach Abrahamson, R.C. Stevens
2007	Corbin Cleary, S.F. O’Gorman	Paul Pierson, Aberdeen Central
2008	Ben Kantack, Brookings	Josh VanLaecken, Watertown
2009	Jesse Goodwin, S.F. Washington	Luke Cumbee, Huron
2010	Cortlyn Hagman, Brookings	Sophie Holtzmann, Yankton
2011	Sophie Holtzmann, Yankton	Olivia Hopewell, Yankton
2012	Joe Mehlhaff, Aberdeen Central	Savoy Schuler, Rapid City Stevens
2013	Joe Mehlhaff, Aberdeen Central	Rebecca Desens, Aberdeen Central
2014	Angela Liu, SF Washington	Carleigh Lyon, SF Washington
2015	Caleb Munce, SF Lincoln	Jackson Neal, Watertown
2016	Parker James, Yankton	Sam Mehlhaff, Aberdeen Central
2017	Isabella Osoria, SF Washington	Leah Waid, Yankton
2018	Dhwani Kharel, Brookings	Matt Cooke, Aberdeen Central
2019	Hunter Ringgenberg, Aberdeen	Rachel Overstreet, SF Lincoln
2020	Catherine Liu, SF Washington	Rachel Beare, Aberdeen Central
2021	Catherine Liu, SF Washington	Prasoon Kharel, Brookings
2022	Kira Maldhalm, Harrisburg	Samuel Markley, SF Washington
2023	Kira Waldhalm - Harrisburg	Martin Jones - Sturgis Brown
2024	Breanna Wollman - Aberdeen	Noah Johnson - O’Gorman
2025	Ayden Calver - Watertown	Mallory Wells - Brookings

Class “A” Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Year	Champion	Runner-up
1990	Jeff Hovden, Vermillion	Kristin Olbertson, Beresford
1991	Jeff Hovden, Vermillion	Cindy Heidelberger, Madison
1992	Donny Jurgens, Milbank	Christopher Henze, Milbank
1993	Ryan Wells, Deuel	Christopher Henze, Milbank
1994	Maggie Evans, Vermillion	Ryan Wells, Deuel
1995	Nathan Grimm, Madison	Ryan Schamp, Vermillion
1996	Josh Knight, Deuel	Kimberly Sweet, Madison
1997	Brandon Stengel, Milbank	Paul Lewis, Groton
1998	Brandon Stengel, Milbank	Chuck Knudsen, Groton
1999	Mike Vaillencourt, Vermillion	Jon Spader, Vermillion
2000	Katie Monson, Beresford	Darryl Neufeld, Vermillion
2001	Darryl Neufeld, Vermillion	Emily Sippel, Groton
2002	Dan Ring, Vermillion	Wayne Booze, Madison

Class “A” Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Year	Champion	Runner-up
2003	Shandhini Raidoo, Vermillion	Ryan Haugaard, Milbank
2004	Nathaniel Curtis, Milbank	Rachel Lewis, Groton
2005	Emily Haney-Caron, Milbank	Emily Lentz, Milbank
2006	Erik Lambrechts, Milbank	Florian Rhinow, Milbank
2007	Jiwen Li, Vermillion	Rachel Scott, Groton Area
2008	Kristin Lenz, Milbank	Jiwen Li, Vermillion
2009	Jiwin Li, Vermillion	Scott Athey, Milbank
2010	Kjirstin Almos, Deuel	Janai Ragothaman, Vermillion
2011	Mitchell Wagner, Milbank	Jenny Sun, Vermillion
2012	Jesse Nelson, Milbank	Nathaniel Steinlicht, Milbank
2013	Seth McDonald, Milbank	Nathaniel Steinlicht, Milbank
2014	Robert Erikson, Vermillion	Sowmya Ragothaman, Vermillion
2015	Ericka Moen, Vermillion	Rebekah Tuchscherer, Milbank
2016	Rebekah Tuchscherer, Milbank	Connor Lightfield, Milbank
2017	Connor Lightfield, Milbank	Jaelyn Morehead, Tea
2018	Maxwell Bultena, Lennox	Nathan Waltjer, Lennox
2019	Morgan Roberts, Spearfish	Baxter Meyer, St. Thomas More
2020	Xuan Do, Spearfish	Marion Mischel, Milbank
2021	Taylor Tobias, Sturgis Brown	Gunnar Geiken, Lennox
2022	Martin Jones, Sturgis	Max Hinek, Sturgis
2023	Gunner Geiken - Lennox	Max Schuelke - Milbank
2024	Max Schuelke - Milbank	Gunner Geiken - Lennox
2025	Max Schuelke - Milbank	Riley Carlson - Sturgis Brown

STATE PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE (2003-2025)

TWO CLASS SYSTEM (Class “AA” & Class “A”)

Class “AA” Public Forum Debate

Year	Champion	Runner-up
2003	R.C. Stevens (43Z)	Brookings (44X)
2004	Watertown (79A)	S.F. Washington (80A)
2005	S.F. Washington (74A)	Spearfish (79A)
2006	Aberdeen Central (78X)	Aberdeen Central (78O)
2007	Spearfish (74X)	Aberdeen Central (80X)
2008	Watertown (70X)	Watertown (70Z)
2009	Yankton (77Z)	Yankton (77X)
2010	Watertown (72X)	Watertown (72Z)
2011	Brookings (73X)	Watertown (78X)
2012	Brookings (26L)	Aberdeen Central (28M)
2013	Aberdeen Central (7P)	Brookings (8P)
2014	Emily Meier & Sydney Gelling, Aberdeen	Brett Ries & Shelby Kluver, Watertown
2015	Brett Ries & Shelby Kluver, Watertown	Isaac Fredrick & Omar Elkhader, Aberdeen
2016	Aberdeen: Omar Elkhader-Brendan Muldoon	Harrisburg: Lucas Davis & Jordann Krouse
2017	Watertown: Michael Linngren-Brandon Maag	SF O’Gorman: Alex King & Samuel Diedrich
2018	Harrisburg: Hayden Cole & Landon Dinger	Harrisburg: Benjamin Menke-Victoria O’Connor
2019	Roosevelt: Hope Grismer-Madison Howard	Watertown: Nancy Flaherty & Braeden Kluver
2020	Aberdeen: Kara Vetch & Lauren Rhodes	Yankton: Tye Briggs & Leven McNatt
2021	Yankton: Carter Demery & Lauren Gillis	SF Washington: Riley Nold & Katerine Escalante
2022	Brookings: Sampada Nepal & Emily Hua	Harrisburg: Madeline Grabow & Tuba Ali
2023	Abiah George & Sami Hegge, Aberdeen	Beneyam Hassen & Josiah Stolz, SF Jefferson
2024	Emily Hua & Igen Nyawanda, Brookings	Beneyam Hassen & Josiah Stolz, SF Jefferson
2025	Keller Wagemann-Kidus Hiruy, SF Jefferson	Madelyn Berkenhoff-Amanda Martin, Brookings

Class “A” Public Forum Debate

Year	Champion	Runner-up
2003	Groton (33X)	Vermillion (31X)
2004	Milbank (95A)	Lennox (92B)
2005	Milbank (92B)	Madison (96A)
2006	Groton Area (94O)	Madison (90O)
2007	Lennox (99Z)	Milbank (94X)
2008	Vermillion (94X)	Vermillion (94Z)
2009	Milbank (95X)	Milbank (95Z)
2010	Harrisburg (95Z)	Lennox (92X)
2011	Milbank (94Z)	Vermillion (95Z)
2012	SF Christian (31F)	SF Christian (31E)

Class “A” Public Forum Debate

Year	Champion	Runner-up
2013	Harrisburg (9F)	Spearfish (12P)
2014	Dustin Wahl & Natalie Sneed, SF Christian	Emily Pillatzki & Morgan Jones, Milbank
2015	Natalie Sneed & Vince Clapper, SF Christian	Ross Ackerman & Lauren Lavin, SF Christian
2016	Elise Ackerman & Ross Ackerman, SF Christian	Vince Clapper & Lauren Lavin, SF Christian
2017	Kassidy Van Surksum & Logan Aukes, SFC	Spearfish: Connor Speirs & Hannah Neumiller
2018	Spearfish: Lily Dennison & Thomas Friedrich	SF Christian: Damon Pater & Micah Wimmer
2019	Milbank: Lars Andersen & Nathan Loutsch	Spearfish: Lily Dennison & Thomas Friedrich
2020	Micah Wimmer & Grace Leonard, SFC	Owen Lubben & Riley VanDenTop, SF Christian
2021	Max Ensor & Samantha Walters, Spearfish	Halli Rabenberg & Halle Fjelland, Spearfish
2022	Cadence Jones & Max Ensor, Spearfish	Halli Rabenberg & Halle Fjelland, Spearfish
2023	Carson Weiner & Blake Hoogeveen, SF Christian	Bethany Kobes & Anna Netjes, SF Christian
2024	Will Scharf & Levi Taglioli, Spearfish	Donald Werner & Maddie Cross, Spearfish
2025	Qualon Grant & Camron Graham, Milbank	Andrew Edwards & Hollie Wise, Spearfish

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES (2004-2025)

Class “AA”

Year	Champion	Runner-up	Third
2004	Aberdeen Central	Watertown	
2005	S.F. Washington	Watertown	
2006	Aberdeen Central	Watertown	
2007	Aberdeen Central	Watertown	
2008	Watertown	Brookings	
2009	Aberdeen Central	Yankton	
2010	S.F. Lincoln	Watertown	
2011	Watertown	Brookings	
2012	Aberdeen Central	Brookings	
2013	Aberdeen Central	Brookings	S.F. Washington
2014	Aberdeen Central	SF Washington	Watertown
2015	Aberdeen Central	Watertown	SF Washington
2016	Watertown	Aberdeen Central	SF O’Gorman
2017	Aberdeen Central	Watertown	SF Washington
2018	Aberdeen Central	Brookings	Watertown
2019	Aberdeen Central	Watertown	SF O’Gorman
2020	Aberdeen Central	SF Washington	SF O’Gorman
2021	Aberdeen Central	SF Washington	SF O’Gorman
2022	Aberdeen Central	SF Washington	Brookings
2023	Aberdeen Central	Sturgis Brown	SF Jefferson
2024	Aberdeen Central	SF Jefferson	Brookings
2025	SF Jefferson	Aberdeen Central	Harrisburg

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES (2004-2025)

Class “A”

Year	Champion	Runner-up	Third
2004	Milbank	Groton	
2005	Milbank	Groton Area	
2006	Milbank	Groton Area	
2007	Vermillion	Milbank	
2008	Vermillion	Milbank	
2009	Vermillion	Milbank	
2010	Lennox	Vermillion	
2011	Vermillion	Milbank	
2012	Milbank	Vermillion	
2013	Milbank	Spearfish	Vermillion
2014	Vermillion	Milbank	Lennox
2015	Lennox	Milbank	Vermillion
2016	Spearfish	Milbank	Lennox
2017	Spearfish	Lennox	Milbank
2018	Spearfish	Lennox	Tea Area
2019	Spearfish	Milbank	Beresford
2020	Spearfish	Sturgis Brown	Lennox
2021	Spearfish	Sturgis Brown	Lennox
2022	Spearfish	Sturgis Brown	Lennox
2023	Spearfish	Milbank	Beresford
2024	Spearfish	Milbank	Beresford
2025	Sturgis Brown	Spearfish	Milbank

STATE EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING (1927-2025)

SINGLE CLASS SYSTEM (1927-1952)

Year	Champion	Runner-up	3rd Place
1927	Coletta Rowcliffe, Iroquois	Frank Holzer, Wessington Springs	Gerald Laxson, Canton
1928	Byron Baggaley, Deadwood	Earl Sharpe, Sioux Falls	Frank Whitney, Wessington Springs
1929	Keith Case, Madison	Clifford Welch, Brentford	Byron Baggaley, Deadwood
1930	Richard Youngers, Parker	John Adams, Sioux Falls	Louise Griswold, Fedora
1931	Vernon Lyon, Vermillion	Charles Williams, Pierre	Thomas Reardon, Sioux Falls
1932	Porter McKeever, Kennebec	Robert Dunham, Sioux Falls	Allison Dunham, Wessington Springs
1933	Robert Dunham, Sioux Falls	Frank Scully, Watertown	Ivan Anderson, Yankton
1934	Newton Margulies, Rapid City	John Green, Vermillion	Dillon Glendinning, Aberdeen
1935	Carl Lundquist, Sioux Falls	Robert Shipp, Lead	L. Peg Meier, Faulkton
1936	Ross Oviatt, Huron	Wyman Wumkes, Lennox	Phillips Banks, Clark
1937	Gene Dennis, Sioux Falls	Kenneth Canfield, Yankton	Donald Gross, Huron
1938	James Rathbun, Webster	Nola Flisram, Lead	Kenneth Canfield, Yankton
1939	Jean Frescoln, Winner	Keith. Kennedy, Deadwood	Alex MacKenzie, Watertown
			Don Thompson, Sioux Falls
1940	Orin Purintun, De Smet	Rogness Johnson, SF Washington	Clarice Evers, Wagner
			Robert Mackness, Lead
1941	Harlan Blake, Huron	Paul Wagner, Madison	
1942	Warren Miller, Volga	Anthony Barich, Lead	Warren Smith, Yankton
1943	Ernest Castle, SF Washington	Irvin Parce, Letcher	Bill Potter, Madison
			Anthony Barich, Lead
1944	William Porter, Madison	Myrtle Pybing, Presho	Wayne Knutson, Sisseton
1945	Don Winner, Mitchell	Robert Baker, Lead	
1946	Carol Witcraft, Huron	Dick Becker, Milbank	
		Ralph Sykora, Tyndall	
1947	B. Goldstein, S.F. Washington	Stanley Hallett, Rapid City	Bert Tollefson, Jr., Watertown
1948	Sylvia Bacon, Watertown	Don Sutherland, SF Washington	Dick Thomas, Aberdeen
1949	Sylvia Bacon, Watertown	Todd Willy, Madison	
		Robert Wagner, S.F. Washington	
1950	R. Wagner, S.F. Washington	B. Bierne, Watertown	Robert Morrell, Sturgis
			Myron Lindner, Brookings
1951	John Hudson, R.C. Central	Bob Bierne, Watertown	George Fredrickson, SF Washington
1952	George Fredrickson, SFW	James Klassen, Huron	Margaret Foglesong, Lead

GIRLS' EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING (1953-1984)

TWO CLASS SYSTEM (Class "A" & Class "B")

Class "A" Girls' Extemporaneous Speaking

Year	Champion	Runner-up	3rd Place
1953	Donna Ring, Madison	Rosemary Eisenmenger, Milbank	Nancy Hoy, Vermillion
1954	Diana Stoakes, S.F. W	Pat Leach, Mitchell	Connie Sikkink, Watertown
1955	M. Gottschalk, Watertown	Pat Harrison, Rapid City	June Keller, Milbank
1956	M. Gottschalk, Watertown	Ann Osborne, Winner	Dona Ferguson, Rapid City
1957	Lois Miner, Watertown	Linda Yirak, Rapid City	Mary Burges, Milbank
1958	Carolyn White, Watertown	Cella Fritts, Yankton	Kathy Naiman, Rapid City
1959	Donna Merritt, Sturgis	Deanne Hart, Rapid City	Joyce DeGroot, S.F. Washington
1960	Kiernan McGrann, Watertown	Janelle Schlimgen, Huron	Connie Steinbach, Vermillion
1961	Janelle Schlimgen, Huron	Martha Givanda, Rapid City Connie Steinbach, Vermillion	
1962	Connie Steinbach, Vermillion	Nancy Erickson, Huron	Bonnie McNaughton, Aberdeen
1963	Linda Gerlach, Rapid City	Sara Jo Bales, S.F. Washington	Jane Hyldahl, Huron
1964	Jean Duffy, Yankton	Cyndy Hebron, Huron	Carolyn Stegeman, Watertown
1965	Carol M. Dixon, Aberdeen	Carol Plagens, Watertown	Susan Horn, Brookings
1966	Judy Groeneveld, Madison	Carol Plagens, Watertown	Wendy Butler, S.F. Washington
1967	Debbie Olson, Aberdeen	Kris Amundson, Watertown	Susan Horn, Brookings
1968	Connie Istratescu, Lead	Vicki Welch, Watertown	Kathy Grow, Mobridge
1969	Marcia Magers, Lead	Deanna Moothart, Sturgis	Betsy Danforth, S.F. Lincoln
1970	Deanna Moothart, Sturgis	Allie Jo Moore, Brookings	Marcia Magers, Lead
1971	LeAnn Larson, Madison	Marcia Majers, Lead	Kristi Keith, S.F. Lincoln
			Debbie Tronvold, Watertown
1972	Lori Tofflemire, Madison	Lynda Schuler, Pierre	Nancy Turbak, Watertown
1973	Mary Jo Anderson, Milbank	Nancy Jo Turbak, Watertown	Mona Kantack, Brookings
1974	Cathy Hoerner, Vermillion	Laurie Lautsberger, Watertown	Paula Spriggs, S.F. Lincoln
1975	Cathy Tanck, S.F. Washington	Wendy Johnson, Watertown	Christy Griffin, Aberdeen Central
1976	Julie Goon, S.F. Washington	Julie Wakeman, Brookings	Val Flugge, S.F. Lincoln
1977	Val Flugge, S.F. Lincoln	Carmen Cook, Vermillion	Laurie Robertson, Lead
1978	Carmen Cook, Vermillion	Kari Johnson, Watertown	Laurie Borgers, S.F. Washington
1979	Kari Johnson, Watertown	Kathy VanGilder, S.F. Washington	Lynn Modica, S.F. Lincoln
1980	Jody Hansen, Watertown	Sharon Sievert, S.F. Lincoln	Karen Harrison, R.C. Central
1981	Libby Sievert, Huron	Kim Maass, Watertown	Susan Stach, Vermillion
1982	Kim Maass, Watertown	Linnae Solem, Brookings	Julie Snow, Watertown
1983	Shawnthea Monroe, Vermillion	Linnae Solem, Brookings	Nancy Feurstein, Watertown
1984	Aana Vigen, Huron	Amy Kim, Brookings	Leila Brammer, Aberdeen

Class "B" Girls' Extemporaneous Speaking

Year	Champion	Runner-up	3rd Place
1953	Karen Sather, Presho	Marlys Noteboom, Canton	Margorie Leach, Redfield
1954	Virginia Hullinger, Vivian	Marlys Noteboom, Canton	Charlotte Cooper, Doland
1955	Fran Marke, Selby	Doreen Nelson, Colman	Jo Blue, Spearfish
1956	Doreen Nelson, Colman	Gerry Kubal, Tyndall	Doris Hater, Highmore
1957	Nedra Lundberg, Gregory	Evelyn Frieberg, Beresford	Gerry Kubal, Tyndall
1958	Evelyn Frieberg, Beresford	Sharon Glader, Mobridge	Carol Hamilton, Canton
1959	Margaret Judt, Scotland	Kaye Budde, Woonsocket	JoAnne Richter, Newell
1960	Margaret Judt, Scotland	Randy Latimer, Deadwood	Marilynne Felderman, Doland
1961	Jean Tschetter, Arlington	Donna Carlson, Beresford	Sharon Hirsch, Scotland
1962	Marilynne Felderman, Doland	Donna Carlson, Beresford	Kate Greer, Tyndall
1963	Marilynne Felderman, Doland	Judy DeGarlais, Newell	Nancy Tschetter, Arlington
1964	Nancy Tschetter, Arlington	Pat Greer, Tyndall	Mary Muhlenkort, Beresford
1965	Connie Ranek, Tyndall	Kathleen Stoller, Doland	Rosanne Fitzgerald, Beresford
1966	Cheryl Preheim, Irene	Kathleen Stoller, Doland	Mary Poppen, De Smet
1967	Kathleen Stoller, Doland	Liz Stoebner, Tripp	Sharon Remmick, Highmore
1968	Joanne Hansen, Doland	Eleanor Vandenberg, Sioux Valley	Liz Stoebner, Tripp
1969	Joanne Hansen, Doland	Debby Omanson, Salem Public	Carol Youngberg, Newell
1970	Penny Lindgren, Doland	Deborah Omanson, Salem Public	Cheri Crocker, Clear Lake
1971	Amy Wathier, Centerville	Jane Bigelow, Wolsey	Jane Leite, Volga Sioux Valley
1972	Debbie Sittig, Baltic	Marlena Heer, Doland	Marcia Kotas, Tripp
1973	Jean Anderson, Clear Lake	Sheri Brown, Tyndall	Theresa Weber, Salem
1974	Ann Goltz, Beresford	Dorothy Begalka, Clear Lake	Diana Meisenholder, Tripp
1975	Dorothy Begalka, Clear Lake	Jan Brue, Parker	Jane Schuurmans, Tyndall
1976	Annette Morud, Clear Lake	Monica Neal, Flandreau	Jan Brue, Parker
1977	Monica Neal, Flandreau	Lisa Parliament, Clear Lake	Jan Brue, Parker
1978	Monica Neal, Flandreau	Vicky Dahl, Clear Lake	Susan Johnson, Groton
1979	Susan Johnson, Groton	Shelly Kothe, Murdo	Mavis Scheetz, Parkston
1980	Shannon Ackerson, Groton	Nancy Nelson, Clear Lake	Bette Jo Moore, Flandreau
1981	Shannon Ackerson, Groton	LuAnn Effling, Clear Lake	Heather Schmidt, Scotland
1982	Renee Monnier, Clear Lake	LuAnn Effling, Clear Lake	Carmel Nelson, Groton
1983	LuAnn Effling, Clear Lake	Gail Brandt, Clear Lake	Janel Fillingsness, Beresford
1984	Sarah Van Lent, Beresford	Gail Brandt, Clear Lake	Michelle Rook, Clear Lake

BOYS' EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING (1953-1984)

TWO CLASS SYSTEM (Class "A" & Class "B")

Class "A" Boys' Extemporaneous Speaking

Year	Champion	Runner-up	3rd Place
1953	Jim Ward, S.F. Washington	Tom Fishbach, R.C. Central	James Klassen, Huron
1954	David Hanson, Brookings	Paul Rogness, S.F. Washington	Jim Garrick, Webster
1955	Mike Driscoll, Lead	Charles Ehrensperger, Vermillion	Tom Crampton, Rapid City William Chittick, Brookings
1956	Mike Driscoll, Lead	Lee Raymond, Watertown	Paul Jeschke, S.F. Washington
1957	Pudge Ellwood, Aberdeen	Ken Moes, Watertown	Ken May, S.F. Washington
1958	Dan German, Yankton	Bill Wagner, Watertown	Pudge Ellwood, Aberdeen
1959	J. Bartholomew, Belle Fourche	Dave Ackerman, Watertown	Mike Aldrich, Rapid City John Bass, Mobridge
1960	James Felt, Brookings	Bruce Loessin, Watertown John Quinn, Rapid City	
1961	Bob Butterbrodt, Watertown	Dave Johnson, Yankton	Dick Niebuhr, Huron
1962	Dick Niebuhr, Huron	Mike Harrison, Brookings Dave Johnson, Yankton	
1963	James Coleman, Rapid City	Phil Salem, Madison Central Randy Parcel, Aberdeen Central	
1964	Ray Horn, Brookings	Jim Beitz, Huron	Dennis Hogarth, Lead
1965	Jim Beitz, Huron	John Kline, Aberdeen Central	David Lee, Lead
1966	Bradd Clark, S.F. Washington	Laurie Andrews, S.F. Lincoln	John Wiles, Watertown
1967	Tom Hensley, Watertown	Gregg Szczurek, S.F. Washington	John Richards, Brookings
1968	Bruce Christensen, Redfield	Glenn Schrader, S.F. Washington	Mike Neu, S.F. Lincoln
1969	Terry Wightman, Mitchell	Roger Lerud, Mobridge	Ben Longwill, Madison
1970	Joe Roby, Watertown	Steve Binger, S.F. Washington	Dan Crippen, Madison
1971	John Thompson, Brookings	David Lillehaug, S.F. Washington	Jeff Larson, Madison
1972	Charlie Nauen, S.F. Washington	Dave Gulden, Watertown	Craig Anderson, S.F. Lincoln
1973	Al Heer, Vermillion	Chris Freitag, S.F. Washington	Bob Swank, Mitchell
1974	Roger Heidenreich, Watertown	Jim Crook, S.F. Washington	Rick Wiese, Madison
1975	Bill Reynolds, S.F. Washington	Chris Karras, Huron	Langdon Jorgensen, Brookings
1976	Mike O'Connor, Watertown	Loren Lemon, Huron	Steve Bailin, S.F. Washington
1977	John Gilmore, S.F. O'Gorman	Pat Howey, Watertown	James Meyer, Huron
1978	Paul Erickson, Vermillion	Greg Johnson, Watertown	Craig Steinley, R.C. Stevens
1979	Craig Steinley, R.C. Stevens	Royal Kopperud, S.F. Lincoln	Dan Sampson, Vermillion
1980	Rusty Roland, R.C. Stevens	Cort Gross, S.F. Lincoln	Drew Fossum, Huron
1981	Dave Olson, S.F. Washington	Dave Hurrell, Aberdeen Central	Brian Pengra, R.C. Stevens
1982	C. Fullencamp, S.F. Lincoln	John Westby, Brookings	Grant Koppelman, R.C. Stevens
1983	Todd Warren, S.F. Washington	Scott Leuning, S.F. Lincoln	Chris Holmquist, Aberdeen
1984	Bob McManus, Huron	Bentley Boyd, Brookings	Tim Rensch, R.C. Central

Class “B” Boys' Extemporaneous Speaking

Year	Champion	Runner-up	3rd Place
1953	Robert Frieberg, Beresford	James Gerrick, Webster	Roger Kiel, Highmore
1954	Donald Freeman, De Smet	Herman Felstehausen, Clark	Dick Frieburg, Beresford
1955	Dick Frieburg, Beresford	Joel Hoersch, Mobridge	John Kinyon, Spearfish
1956	John Kinyon, Spearfish	Robert Mundt, Mobridge	Roger Fritzell, DeSmet
1957	Frank Gailor, Volga	Willis Opp, Eureka	Tom Johnson, Flandreau
1958	Frank Gailor, Volga	John Bass, Mobridge	Roger Thoreson, Flandreau
1959	Kenneth Gelston, Doland	Richard Whitman, Flandreau	Ray Storm, Beresford
1960	Marlin Burke, Scotland	Andy Pokoring, Newell	Jim Carlson, Tyndall
1961	Douglas Anderson, Doland	Marlin Burke, Scotland	Bill Kolita, Deadwood
1962	Marlin Burke, Scotland	Douglas Anderson, Doland	George Weber, Beresford
1963	Douglas Anderson, Doland	John Paul Wilson, Newell	Jim Borin, Avon
1964	Allyn Brosz, Tripp	Jim Borin, Avon	Dave Mast, Volga
1965	Allyn Brosz, Tripp	Vince Heer, Doland	James Winckler, Avon
1966	Jim Winckler, Avon	Phil Olson, Groton	Allyn Brosz, Tripp
1967	Mick Levsen, Doland	Darrell Omanson, Salem Public	Toby Kaufman, Freeman
1968	Jerry Torgerson, Highmore	Bob Gereaux, Doland	Larry Jerke, Tripp
1969	Forrest Flint, Doland	Robert Foley, Tyndall	Craig Carnahan, Tripp
1970	Forrest Flint, Doland	Gary Amundson, Clear Lake	Ed Hafner, Newell
1971	John Eickman, Salem Public	Gary Amundson, Clear Lake	Jeff Von Wald, Groton
1972	John Eickman, Salem Public	John Manning, Beresford	Doug Tschetter, Doland
1973	Gregg Bruhn, Mt. Vernon	Larry Underberg, Baltic	Bruce Dewald, Tripp
1974	Paul Rohde, Webster	Scott Van Hove, Parker	Wyatt Stahl, Flandreau Public
1975	Scott Van Hove, Parker	Rick Lodmell, Dell Rapids Public	Wyatt Stahl, Flandreau
1976	Mike Freeman, Freeman	Wyatt Stahl, Flandreau	David Stephens, Hot Springs
1977	Steve Mundahl, Clear Lake	Larry White, Flandreau	Dayton Sloat, Highmore
1978	Mike Simundson, Groton	Tim Kniffen, Tyndall-Tabor	Greg McKee, Dell Rapids
1979	Tim Kniffen, Tyndall-Tabor	Alex Lennox, Clear Lake	Dayton Sloat, Highmore
1980	Alex Lennox, Clear Lake	Lance Wells, Clear Lake	Matt Burns, Flandreau
1981	Alex Lennox, Clear Lake	Kent Hanson, Clear Lake	Brian Stacey, Redfield
1982	Chris Lawrenson, Beresford	Randy Larson, Beresford	Mike Youngquist, Highmore
1983	Randy Larsen, Beresford	Darrin Olson, Clear Lake	Grant Hayenga, Groton
1984	Grant Hayenga, Groton	Randy Larson, Beresford	Mike Weber, Beresford

UNITED STATES EXTEMP (1985-2025)

TWO CLASS SYSTEM (Class “A” & Class “B”) (1985-1989)

Class “A” National (or Domestic) Extemporaneous Speaking

Year	Champion	Runner-up	3rd Place
1985	Mark Van Lith, Watertown	Jerrie Leemhuis, Brookings	Ron Grimsley, Brookings
1986	Mark Van Lith, Watertown	Brody Berkhout, Vermillion	Al Colmenero, Watertown
1987	Al Colmenero, Watertown	Marcy Keckler, S.F. Lincoln	Reid Holien, Watertown
1988	Raj Shinghal, Aberdeen	Brian Hughes, Aberdeen	Rusty Hillberry, R.C. Stevens
1989	Molly Johnson, Watertown	Anil Shinghal, Aberdeen	Heidi Roberts, Watertown

Class “B” National (or Domestic) Extemporaneous Speaking

Year	Champion	Runner-up	3rd Place
1985	Mike Weber, Beresford	Pennie Hein, Clear Lake	Deb Birgen, Beresford
1986	Sandy Esche, Clear Lake	Kelly Parker, Clear Lake	Deb Birgen, Beresford
1987	Dan Dulitz, Webster	Loren Helmer, Groton	(TIE) Ann Waltner, Freeman (TIE) Erica Devoe, Clear Lake
1988	Janell Abrams, Beresford	Jim Flammig, Bon Homme	Russ Buntrock, Groton
1989	Kip McKee, Clear Lake	Chris Gunnare, Beresford	Craig Bren, Clear Lake

TWO CLASS SYSTEM (Class “AA” & Class “A”) (1990-2025)

Class “AA” United States Extemporaneous Speaking

Year	Champion	Runner-up	3rd Place
1990	Jennifer Tschetter, Brookings	Rich Mueller, Mitchell	Erick Schulte, S.F. Washington
1991	Crystal Nusz, S.F. Lincoln	Darin Goens, Watertown	Scott Walker, Watertown
1992	Crystal Burke, Watertown	Sarah Manning, S.F. Lincoln	Dan Brendtro, S.F. O'Gorman
1993	Terra Brown, S.F. Washington	Jayne Mogen, SF Washington	Mike Moeller, Brookings
1994	Terra Brown, S.F. Washington	Amber Hofer, Brookings	Joelle Eidsness, Brookings
1995	Amber Hofer, Brookings	Mitch Peterson, SF Washington	Mandy Eckhoff, S.F. Lincoln
1996	Craig Hunter, R.C. Stevens	Nick Reisch, Watertown	Mike Muilenburg, S.F. Roosevelt
1997	Jessica Yarnall, SF Washington	Angie Aman, Yankton	Grant Geyerman, Watertown
1998	Grant Geyerman, Watertown	Dan Fraiser, Watertown	(TIE) Jessica Yarnall, S.F. Washington (TIE) Casey Timm, S.F. O'Gorman
1999	Sean Ploof, Watertown	Rebecca Wilson, SF Roosevelt	Jessica Stoeffen, S.F. Roosevelt
2000	Jared Leighton, Watertown	Don Larson, Watertown	Johan Johnson, Brookings
2001	John Rappinchuk, Watertown	Kyle Detweiler, R.C. Stevens	Scott Peterson, S.F. Roosevelt
2002	John Rappinchuk, Watertown	Jason Tischler, R.C. Central	Nicole Buseman, S.F. Roosevelt
2003	Jason Tischler, R.C. Central	James Brandt, Brookings	Justin Goetz, Aberdeen Central
2004	Alex Baldwin, Mitchell	Lincoln Campbell, Aberdeen	Kailyn Heston, R.C. Central
2005	Mike Ewald, Watertown	Sade Nickels, R.C. Central	Molly Lutz, Aberdeen Central
2006	Brady Behrens, SF Roosevelt	Dena Birckenkamp, Mitchell	Samuel Merkel, Aberdeen Central
2007	Paul Pierson, Aberdeen	Sam Merkel, Aberdeen Central	Josiah Kosier, Watertown
2008	Jeremy Simon, Aberdeen	Matt Thompson, Watertown	Jesse Goodwin, SFW

Class “AA” United States Extemporaneous Speaking

Year	Champion	Runner-up	3rd Place
2009	Jesse Goodwin, Washington	Shawn Schnabel, Aberdeen	Tyler Matson, S.F. Roosevelt
2010	Jacob Clark, Watertown	Frank Liang, S.F. Lincoln	Sophia Kaounas, Brookings
2011	Jacob Clark, Watertown	Thomas Friedrichsen, Aberdeen	Jordan Simundson, S.F. Washington
2012	Mason Wenzel, Mitchell	Kaitlin Fuerstenau, Watertown	Dalton Schutte, Aberdeen Central
2013	Mason Wenzel, Mitchell	Michael Buchanan, Aberdeen	Maggie O’Brian, Watertown
2014	Mason Wenzel, Mitchell	Max Boyum, Sioux Falls O’Gorman	Maggie O’Brien, Watertown
2015	Ryan Solberg, Mitchell	Caleb Munce, SF Lincoln	Emily Meier, Aberdeen
2016	Ryan Solberg, Mitchell	Alexander King, SF O’Gorman	Sam Mehlhaff, Aberdeen
2017	Alexander King, SF O’Gorman	Isabella Osorio, SF Washington	John Prosper, Aberdeen
2018	Maggie Fouberg, Aberdeen	Isabella Osorio, SF Washington	Tallon Everson, Aberdeen
2019	Katie Osmundson, SF Lincoln	Riley James Nold, SF Washington	Catherine Liu, SF Washington
2020	Nancy Flaherty, Watertown	Riley James Nold, SF Washington	Catherine Liu, SF Washington
2021	Jordan Phillips, Aberdeen	Catherine Liu, SF Washington	Noah Greble, O’Gorman
2022	Jordan Phillips, Aberdeen	Madysen Fleckenstein, Aberdeen	Alexis Korzan, Mitchell
2023	Kira Waldhalm, Harrisburg	Sami Hegge, Aberdeen	Breanna Wollman, Aberdeen
2024	David Schlotte, Aberdeen	Noah Johnson, O’Gorman	Shawn Boehmer, Mitchell
2025	Keller Wagemann, SFJefferson	Mya Heintzman, Aberdeen	Marissa Bonsness, RC Central

Class “A” United States Extemporaneous Speaking

Year	Champion	Runner-up	3rd Place
1990	David Brady, Vermillion	Rob Teigen, Vermillion	Rebecca Glynn, Madison
1991	Ron Weber, Beresford	Andy Buntrock, Groton	Christopher Benning, Madison
1992	Ron Weber, Beresford	Donny Jurgens, Milbank	Christopher Benning, Madison
1993	Maggie Evans, Vermillion	Kevin Sackreiter, Milbank	Nathan Silva, Beresford
1994	Becky White, Madison	Ryan Wells, Deuel	Maggie Evans, Vermillion
1995	Rebecca White, Madison	Austin Eich, Madison	Travis Dahle, Milbank
1996	Rebecca White, Madison	Trevor Janssen, Beresford	Erin Tyler, Milbank
1997	Phil Assmus, Madison	Scott Mitchell, Beresford	Jenifer Slagle, Vermillion
1998	Jennifer Slagle, Vermillion	Jessica Zakrzewski, Deuel	Shannon Meyer, Milbank
1999	Lindsey Dorneman, Milbank	Toby Uecker, Madison	Emily Patterson, Milbank
2000	Toby Uecker, Madison	Varsha Ramakrishnan, Vermillion	Miriah Fawcett, Deuel
2001	Abby Stewart, Milbank	Varsha Ramakrishnan, Vermillion	Miriah Fawcett, Deuel
2002	V. Ramakrishnan, Vermillion	Anders Fremstad, Vermillion	Morgan McNickle, Groton
2003	Jim Johnson, Deuel	Ellen Kennedy, Vermillion	Varsha Ramakrishnan, Vermillion
2004	Ellen Kennedy, Vermillion	Molly Green, Vermillion	Chris Erickson, Milbank
2005	Patrick Kane, Montrose	Travis Kiefer, Groton Area	Emily Lentz, Milbank
2006	Chris Erickson, Milbank	Travis Kiefer, Groton Area	Erik Lambrechts, Milbank
2007	H. Pommersheim, Vermillion	Amanda Barton, Vermillion	Alex Beres, Lennox
2008	Jane Reasoner, Vermillion	Alex Beres, Lennox	Amanda Barton, Vermillion
2009	Tyler Gutzman, Vermillion	Nickollette Larson, Groton Area	Scott Athey, Milbank
2010	Sam Miller, Vermillion	Jesse Nelson, Milbank	Mitchell Wagner, Milbank
2011	Jesse Nelson, Milbank	Mitchell Wagner, Milbank	Matt Styles, Lennox
2012	Cuchulane Speirs, Spearfish	Jesse Nelson, Milbank	Michaela Oleson, Groton
2013	Cuchulane Speirs, Spearfish	Ryan Walno, Spearfish	Joe Miller, Vermillion
2014	Seth Miller, Vermillion	Joe Miller, Vermillion	Kolby C. Reinke, Lennox
2015	Berk Ehrmantraut, Beresford	Joe Miller, Vermillion	Connor Lightfield, Milbank
2016	Connor Lightfield, Milbank	John Steever, Lennox	Bryan Waugh, Spearfish
2017	Nathan Waltjer, Lennox	Jacob Schlinkert, Spearfish	Morgan Roberts, Spearfish

Class “A” United States Extemporaneous Speaking

Year	Champion	Runner-up	3rd Place
2018	Morgan Roberts, Spearfish	Claire Mischel, Milbank	Baxter Meyer, St. Thomas More
2019	Baxter Meyer, St. Thomas More	Morgan Roberts, Spearfish	Samantha Pappas, Groton Area
2020	Baxter Meyer, St. Thomas More	Caleb Weiland, Beresford	Samantha Pappas, Groton Area
2021	Samantha Pappas, Groton	Wyatt Trohkimoinen, Sturgis	Bono Buchtel, Sturgis Brown
2022	Martin Jones, Sturgis Brown	Max Schuelke, Milbank	Will Becker, Spearfish
2023	Ava Gooch, Spearfish	Nina Jodre, Vermillion	Max Schuelke, Milbank
2024	Michael Daniels, Dakoa Valley	Nina Jordre, Vermillion	Max Schuelke, Milbank
2025	Mackenzie Launsby, Douglas	Hunter Scott, Sturgis Brown	Max Schuelke, Milbank

INTERNATIONAL EXTEMP (1985-2025)

TWO CLASS SYSTEM (Class “A” & Class “B”) (1985-1989)

Class “A” International Extemporaneous Speaking

Year	Champion	Runner-up	3rd Place
1985	Eric Reyerson	Bentley Boyd, Brookings	Tom Norfolk, S.F. Washington
1986	Shari Shaft, Watertown	Gerrit Van Wingerden, RC Stevens	Vanya Hogen, S.F. Lincoln
1987	Jon Hanson, Watertown	Shari Shaft, Watertown	Lisa Kleckler, S.F. Lincoln
1988	Jon Hanson, Watertown	Darrick Moe, Watertown	Amy Puetz, Mitchell
1989	Tom Binger, SF Washington	Amy Jensen, Brookings	Amy Puetz, Mitchell

Class “B” International Extemporaneous Speaking

Year	Champion	Runner-up	3rd Place
1985	Craig Mellendorf, Beresford	Michelle Rook, Clear Lake	Kelly Parker, Clear Lake
1986	Pennie Hein, Clear Lake	Grant Hayenga, Groton	Teri Kniffen, Bon Homme
1987	Kelly Parker, Clear Lake	Mike Olsen, Beresford	Chad Miller, Beresford
1988	Julie James, Groton	Ann Waltner, Freeman	Jennifer Hauger, Clear Lake
1989	Chad Anderson, Wall	Leslie Larson, Clear Lake	Jennifer Hauger, Clear Lake

TWO CLASS SYSTEM (Class “AA” & Class “A”) (1990-2025)

Class “AA” International (Foreign) Extemporaneous Speaking

Year	Champion	Runner-up	3rd Place
1990	Amy Jensen, Brookings	Erik Chuang, Aberdeen	Mitch Shields, R.C. Central
1991	Peter Hanson, Watertown	Erik Thoen, S.F. O'Gorman	Travis Tesch, Watertown
1992	John Fishback, Brookings	Pat Schott, Brookings	Tessa Erickson, S.F. Lincoln
1993	John Fishback, Brookings	Josh Myrmoe, Aberdeen	Carl Seitstra, S.F. Washington
1994	Theron McChesney, SFW	Casie Collignon, Yankton	Sarah Treado, R.C. Stevens
1995	Ann Fishback, Brookings	Kirby Kozel, S.F. Washington	Kevin Wrotenbery, S.F. Lincoln
1996	Ann Fishback, Brookings	Kevin Wrotenbery, S.F. Lincoln	Pat Munson, S.F. Lincoln
1997	Mike Redlinger, Watertown	Paul Leistra, S.F. Washington	Nick Jones, S.F. Roosevelt
1998	Trevor Mischke, Watertown	Nikki Griffin, S.F. Roosevelt	Angela Willms, Brookings
1999	Jenni Reisch, Watertown	Brian Shephard, Watertown	Jason Slothhouber, S.F. Lincoln
2000	Chris Bartelt, Watertown	Ian Storey, Brookings	Luke Ligudzinski, Watertown
2001	Laura Simdorn, Aberdeen	Evan Pay, R.C. Central	Eddie Gerrish, Watertown
2002	Brennan Bilberry, RCS	Justin Goetz, Aberdeen	Chris Roby, Watertown
2003	Micalann Sharp, Watertown	Yashreeka Huq, R.C. Central	Carl Nelson, R.C. Stevens
2004	Chris Pistulka, Aberdeen	Reed Abrahamson, RC Stevens	Tom McElhany, Watertown
2005	Tom McElhany, Watertown	Jake Campbell, Brookings	Zach Abrahamson, R.C. Stevens
2006	Z. Abrahamson, RC Stevens	Siva Kasinathan, SF Roosevelt	Jared Tidemann, Brookings
2007	Nisha Giridhar, Aberdeen	Melanie Zinter, Aberdeen	Zack Bierscheid, Watertown
2008	Nisha Giridhar, Aberdeen	Kelsey Mellan, Mitchell	Matthew Aadland, Brookings
2009	Collin Michels, Yankton	Alex Friedrichsen, Aberdeen	Alex Thurman, S.F. Roosevelt
2010	Robert Mikhaylelyn, SFL	Sophie Holtzmann, Yankton	Gabriel Erion, Brookings
2011	Gabriel Erion, Brookings	Gus Campbell, Aberdeen	Alex Thurman, S.F. Roosevelt
2012	Gus Campbell, Aberdeen	Simon Scholten, SF O'Gorman	Emmy Smith, Mitchell
2013	Lily Ren, S.F. Lincoln	Lucas Bartl, Mitchell	David Mikhayelyan, S.F. Lincoln
2014	Shyanne Redlin, Watertown	Keegan Paugh, RC Stevens	Kyle McKee, Sioux Falls Washington
2015	Shyanne Redlin, Watertown	Ryan Wellman, SF Lincoln	Yilun Li, Brookings
2016	Parker James, Yankton	Jesse Thune, Brookings	Zach Shaw, SF O'Gorman
2017	Matt Cooke, Aberdeen	Matthew Beynon, Mitchell	Emmett Simmons, SF Washington
2018	Seamus Duffy, O'Gorman	Matt Cooke, Aberdeen Central	Aaron Vlasman, Watertown
2019	Seamus Duffy, O'Gorman	Sulaiman Jamal, Aberdeen	Alan Zhu, RC Stevens
2020	Lyla Mattu, O'Gorman	Miles Pastian, Aberdeen	Walker Haber, O'Gorman
2021	Aditya Tummala, Brookings	Lyla Mattu, O'Gorman	Miles Pastian, Aberdeen
2022	Joseph Gebel, Mitchell	Abiah George, Aberdeen	Drake Van Steenwyk, Aberdeen
2023	Kaleb Ringgenberg-Aberdeen	Abiah George - Aberdeen	Aadli Ali - Harrisburg
2024	Aadil Ali, Harrisburg	Madison Johnson, SF Washington	Martin Jones, Sturgis Brown
2025	Madelyn Berkenhoff, Brk	Olivia Boerger, RC Stevens	Aadil Ali, Harrisburg

Class “A” International (Foreign) Extemporaneous Speaking

Year	Champion	Runner-up	3rd Place
1990	Jennifer Hauger, Deuel	Anne Marie Paulukonis, Madison	Don Satiroff, Beresford
1991	Erik Hayenga, Groton	Kim Kenny, Groton	Don Satiroff, Beresford
1992	Don Satiroff, Beresford	Michelle Van Lith, Milbank	Philip Germann, Madison
1993	Jeff Mueller, Milbank	Jennifer Fieber, Deuel	Steve White, Madison
1994	Kim Neville, Madison	Jim Kennedy, Vermillion	Aaron Anderson, Beresford
1995	Marie Tornberg, Beresford	Mike Hay, Milbank	Mark Hassan, Madison
1996	Marie Tornberg, Beresford	David Vickrey, Vermillion	Nathan Peterson, Beresford
1997	Marie Tornberg, Beresford	Brandon Stengel, Milbank	Shannon Lambert, Beresford
1998	David Vickrey, Vermillion	Brandon Stengel, Milbank	Andy Paulsen, Beresford
1999	Jon Spader, Vermillion	Kelly Halverson, Milbank	Andy Paulsen, Beresford
2000	Jon Spader, Vermillion	Erica Hinders, Milbank	Katie Monson, Beresford
2001	Jon Hoadley, Vermillion	Robert Haar, Deuel	Erica Hinders, Milbank
2002	Jon Hoadley, Vermillion	Robert Haar, Deuel	Amy Finnegan, Deuel
2003	Robert Haar, Deuel	Taiana Hayes, Vermillion	Mallory Malm, Milbank
2004	Rachel Lewis, Groton	Patrick Weber, Montrose	Mallory Malm, Milbank
2005	Jesse Liebe, Milbank	Patrick Weber, Montrose	Dustin Grorud, Milbank
2006	Jesse Liebe, Milbank	Katie Abraham, Madison	Joshua Schmidt, Lennox
2007	Kristin Lentz, Milbank	Jiwen Li, Vermillion	Alicia Enterman, Vermillion
2008	Kristin Lentz, Milbank	Jiwen Li, Vermillion	Megan Ludwig, Milbank
2009	Jiwen Li, Vermillion	Megan Ludwig, Milbank	Alicia Enterman, Vermillion
2010	Simeon Gilbert, Lennox	Tyler Gutzman, Vermillion	Spenser Kavanaugh, Groton Area
2011	Spenser Kavanaugh, Groton	Nathaniel Steinlicht, Milbank	John Ward, Milbank
2012	Nate Steinlicht, Milbank	Jenny Sun, Vermillion	Seth McDonald, Milbank
2013	Nate Steinlicht, Milbank	Seth McDonald, Milbank	Robert Erikson, Vermillion
2014	Robert Erikson, Vermillion	Morgan Jones, Milbank	Berk Ehrmantraut, Beresford
2015	Brady S. Jandl, Lennox	Kadon Leddy, Milbank	August W. Meyer, Lennox
2016	Juel Pluimer, Spearfish	Kadon Leddy, Milbank	August W. Meyer, Lennox
2017	Maxwell Bultena, Lennox	Carli Johnke, Beresford	Taylor Hersch, Spearfish
2018	Aidan Sanchez, Lennox	Maxwell Bultena, Lennox	Thomas Friedrich, Spearfish
2019	Aidan Sanchez, Lennox	Taylor Hersch, Spearfish	Thomas Friedrich, Spearfish
2020	Ella Murray, Spearfish	Andrew L Calhoon, Lennox	Christopher Shuman, Sturgis Brown
2021	Amara Termes, Spearfish	Christopher Shuman, Sturgis	Max Hinek, Sturgis Brown
2022	Chris Shuman, Sturgis	Sam King, Spearfish	Ava Gooch, Spearfish
2023	Sam King, Spearfish	Gunnar Geiken, Lennox	Donald Werner, Spearfish
2024	Gunnar Geiken, Lennox	Levi Taglioli, Spearfish	Donald Werner, Spearfish
2025	Riley Carlson, Sturgis	Sean Glynn, Douglas	Ava Citrowske, Spearfish

STATE ORIGINAL ORATORY (1935-2025)

SINGLE CLASS SYSTEM (1935-1952)

Year	Champion	Runner-up	3rd Place
1935	Herbert Shapiro, Sioux Falls	Keith Conner, Mitchell	Allan Sutera, Tyndall
1936	Kyle Fossum, Pierre	Bernard Rivin, Scotland	Raul Hugher, Interior
1937	Louis French, Yankton	Donald Rassmussen, Beresford	Fred Schandorf, Mitchell
1938	William Green, Madison	Arthur Rivin, Scotland	Howard Hillman, Lennox
1939	Arthur Riven, Scotland	Paul Wagner, Madison	James McBath, Watertown
1940	James Rathbun, Webster	Paul Wagner, Madison	John Mackenzie, Watertown
1941	Paul Wagner, Madison	Jack Gold, Yankton	(TIE) Warren Eggleston, Alcester (TIE) Lee Borin, New Underwood
1942	Frances Bailey, Parker	Kenneth Erickson, Flandreau	Ted DeWerd, Milbank
1943	Kenneth Christopherson, Irene	Bob Galloway, Madison	Donald Hair, Spearfish
1944	William Porter, Madison	William Kolberg, Lead	Minette Friedman, Huron
1945	Harry Savage, Yankton	Minette Friedman, Huron	
1946	Hanel Hunkins, Lead	(TIE) Margaret Lang, Madison (TIE) Ruth Moore, Mitchell	
1947	Howard Cole, Sturgis	George Shapiro, SF Washington	Frieda Misch, Watertown
1948	Sally Winter, Vermillion	Janice Lovre, Watertown	Patty Palmer, Lead
1949	Martha Jurgensen, Watertown	Beverly Lindstrom, Madison	Sally Winter, Vermillion
1950	Sally Winter, Vermillion	Betty Lindstrom, Madison	Len Doty, Doland
1951	Barbara Coates, Yankton	Charles Ball, R.C. Central	Dorothy Sievert, Watertown
1952	Charles Ball, R.C. Central	Henry Moeller, Vermillion	(TIE) Mick (Merrill) Sherer, Highmore (TIE) Joe Farnham, Brookings

TWO CLASS SYSTEM (Class “A” & Class “B”) (1953-1989)

Class “A” Original Oratory

Year	Champion	Runner-up	3rd Place
1953	Gary Schulz, Mitchell	Roger Robbins, Pierre	(TIE) Marilyn Holtzman, Yankton (TIE) Lenore Johnston, Brookings
1954	Chuck Levy, Aberdeen	Barbara Rollins, Mitchell	
1955	Bob Berdahl, SF Washington	Jim Boyd, Mitchell	Chuck Levy, Aberdeen
1956	Dave Nelson, SF Washington	Robert Wagner, Watertown	Mike Driscoll, Lead
1957	Linda Yirak, Rapid City	John Moeller, Vermillion	Tom Kearns, Huron
1958	John Morrill, Sturgis	LuAnn Cobb, Belle Fourche	Tom Satre, Sisseton
1959	Mike Rice, S.F. Washington	John Morrill, Sturgis	Bill Perron, Mobridge
1960	Mary Dugan, Watertown	Jon Anderson, Aberdeen	John Gridley, S.F. Washington
1961	Karen Wingerd, Aberdeen	Skip Christensen, Brookings	Bill Driver, S.F. Washington
1962	Alphus Christenson, Brookings	Art Richardson, Yankton	Wally Doolittle, S.F. Washington
1963	Lee Sigelman, Watertown	Steve Olsen, SF Washington	Art Richardson, Yankton
1964	Ormond Smythe, Brookings	Steve Olsen, SF Washington	Marilyn Knutson, Watertown
1965	Linda Walliser, Huron	Jim Smith, Watertown	Gretchen Speece, Yankton
1966	Dick Whitney, Rapid City	Bob Timm, Watertown	Virginia Christman, Mobridge
1967	David Larson, Watertown	Steve Cragg, Rapid City	Phil Kohl, Brookings
1968	Jeff Jerde, Watertown	Steve Cragg, Rapid City	Margaret Hasse, Vermillion

Year	Champion	Runner-up	3rd Place
1969	Mike McCormack, Yankton	John Butterbrodt, Watertown	Pat Kiefert, Rapid City
1970	Tim Engen, S.F. Lincoln	Jill Groethe, Brookings	Ray Thomas, Watertown
1971	Barton Byg, Brookings	Peter Hoeger, S.F. Lincoln	Anella Shinnick, Redfield
1972	Dick Deming, Madison	Arleen Reimnitz, Mitchell	Larry Kucker, Watertown
1973	Devra Bailin, SF Washington	Donna Pullins, R.C. Stevens	Dick Belatti, Madison
1974	Dick Belatti, Madison	Kris Jensen, Brookings	Penny Tibke, Watertown
1975	Kris Jensen, Brookings	Kelli Hanley, S.F. Washington	Chris Freed, R.C. Central
1976	Sue Joyce, SF Washington	Brad Peterson, Brookings	Jeff Edwards, Watertown
1977	Brad Petersen, Brookings	Jo Boesch, S.F. Lincoln	Mike Casey, Chamberlain
1978	Matt Michels, Vermillion	Jean Jurek, Watertown	Mark Turner, R.C. Central
1979	David Graham, Huron	Laurie Schenecker, Watertown	Steve Burnett, R.C. Stevens
1980	Katie Johnson, SF Lincoln	Cindy Jackson, Watertown	David Wiechman, Huron
1981	Dave Kenyon, SF Lincoln	Chris Hoover, Vermillion	Heather Garnos, Watertown
1982	Linnae Solem, Brookings	Beth Bader, Sisseton	Amy Spiegel, Vermillion
1983	Kris Puterbaugh, Huron	Michelle Gosch, Watertown	Bill Fuller, Aberdeen Central
1984	Robyn Roberts, Watertown	Patty Hanten, Watertown	Dan Saunders, Aberdeen Central
1985	Stacia Taylor, Brookings	Anne Schlaffman, Mitchell	Ann Panerio, Huron
1986	Megan Weeks, SF Washington	Katy Evans, Vermillion	Betsy Kruse, Aberdeen Central
1987	Jodie Hart, Watertown	Jennifer Haan, Watertown	Lori Boxdorfer, S.F. Lincoln
1988	Jennifer Dice, Mitchell	Gary Baumgartner, R.C. Central	Laura Vockrodt, Watertown
1989	Lisa Kirkie, SF Washington	Amy Jensen, Brookings	Mike Johnson, Milbank

Class “B” Original Oratory

Year	Champion	Runner-up	3rd Place
1953	Fred Hendrickson, Philip	Pat Jodlowski, Chamberlain	(TIE) Fred Drayer, Doland (TIE) Paul Hybertson, Beresford
1954	Frances Manke, Selby	Alvin Hall, Vivian Fred Dreyer, Doland	
1955	Corrine Halter, Colman	Kay Kaiser, Spearfish	(TIE) Arlis Manke, Selby (TIE) Howard Kenyon, Beresford
1956	Corrine Halter, Colman	Willis Opp, Eureka Howard Kenyon, Beresford	
1957	Willis Opp, Eureka	Judy Christenson, Colman	Gerry Kubal, Tyndall
1958	Don Johnson, Deadwood	Bill Perron, Mobridge	Janet Minard, Philip
1959	Bill Schutt, Woonsocket	Kathleen Collins, Flandreau Terry Larson, Faulkton	
1960	Randy Latimer, Deadwood	Betty Bettenhousen, Scotland	Jeffrey Fillingeness, Beresford
1961	John Whalen, Tyndall	Virginia Peek, Northville	Marlin Burke, Scotland
1962	Dan Bucks, Doland	Marlin Burke, Scotland	John Whalen, Tyndall
1963	John Whalen, Tyndall	Dan Bucks, Doland	Linda Walliser, Burke
1964	Kathy Eid, Arlington	Barbara Plaihn, Garretson	Ken Juell, Avon
1965	Carol Starks, Garretson	Karen Bucks, Doland	Eugene Wiens, Avon
1966	Karen Bucks, Doland	Mike Whalen, Tyndall	Gail Hafner, Newell
1967	Lois Twombly, Newell	Alma Lake, Doland	Mike Whalen, Tyndall
1968	Alma Lake, Doland	Dawn Burman, Salem Public	Lois Harter, Highmore
1969	Beverly Welch, Doland	Twila Tschetter, James Valley	Jane Selland, Garretson
1970	Jane Selland, Garretson	Valerie Hafner, Newell	Barbara Spaans, Salem

Year	Champion	Runner-up	3rd Place
1971	Denise Anderson, Clear Lake	Charolyn Larsen, Centerville	Debbie Bennett, Selby
1972	Valerie Hafner, Newell	Ann Goltz, Beresford	Gayle Carlson, Groton
1973	Bob Splettstoesser, Highmore	Doug Pallon, Tyndall	Patti Peterson, Centerville
1974	Ann Goltz, Beresford	Marda Powers, Flandreau	Cheryl Brandt, Clear Lake
1975	Laurie Begeman, Parker	Brian Bonde, Flandreau	Cheryl Brandt, Clear Lake
1976	Kevin Wilson, Flandreau	John Stahl, Freeman	Mary Garrigan, Highmore
1977	Kevin Wilson, Flandreau	Nancy Simundson, Groton	Philip Sloat, Highmore
1978	Philip Sloat, Highmore	Sally Pies, Webster	Melanie Lyngstad, Springfield
1979	Stacy Broman, Groton	Connie Fillingsness, Beresford	Jenny Miedema, Springfield
1980	Stacy Broman, Groton	Nancy Propst, Clear Lake	Kim Dohrer, Clear Lake
1981	Stacy Broman, Groton	Beth Thompson, Groton	Renee Monnier, Clear Lake
1982	Barb Pies, Webster	Carleen Hoops, Groton	Sarah Van Lent, Beresford
1983	Heidi Gilbertson, Dell Rapids	Nancy Bovill, Beresford	Sarah Van Lent, Beresford
1984	Corinne Pravecek, Beresford	Kim Anderson, Groton	Becky Finley, Elkton
1985	Sara Amdahl, Flandreau	Teri Kniffen, Bon Homme	Corine Pravacek, Beresford
1986	Janell Abrams, Beresford	Teri Kniffen, Bon Homme	Kristen Krueger, Groton
1987	Kristen Krueger, Groton	Susan De Boer, Clear Lake	Janell Abrams, Beresford
1988	Janell Abrams, Beresford	Kristin Olbertson, Beresford	Stephanie Herseth, Groton
1989	Stephanie Herseth, Groton	Kristin Olbertson, Beresford	Libby Stahl, Clear Lake

TWO CLASS SYSTEM (Class “AA” & Class “A”) (1990-2025)

Class “AA” Original Oratory

Year	Champion	Runner-up	3rd Place
1990	Jennifer Dice, Mitchell	Jennifer Zimmer, S.F. O'Gorman	Laura Bjork, R.C. Central
1991	Joan Urbaniak, Aberdeen	Amy Freestone, S.F. Lincoln	Brandt Krueger, Aberdeen Central
1992	Beth Mitchell, Watertown	Scott Grimm, S.F. Roosevelt	Anne Jorgensen, Mitchell
1993	Sonja Schneider, S.F. Lincoln	Nathan Lepp, Yankton	Ben Bare, Brookings
1994	Derek Gefroh, Watertown	Chris Soukup, S.F. O'Gorman	M.J. White, S.F. Washington
1995	John Hurney, Watertown	John Wright, Yankton	Amber Vanderfeen, Watertown
1996	Chip Huffman, R.C. Stevens	Taryn Koball, S.F. Roosevelt	John Hurney, Watertown
1997	Amber Krause, Watertown	Jason Wolff, R.C. Central	Kara Cody, Yankton
1998	Lesley Kandasas, RC Stevens	Travis Stanton, Watertown	Jeff Nath, Mitchell
1999	Travis Stanton, Watertown	Jeff Nath, Mitchell	Kristin Wilde, Watertown
2000	Jeff Nath, Mitchell	Jessica Schwartz, Watertown	Breanne Anderson, Mitchell
2001	Alana Hedlund, RC Central	Aubrey Fiebelkorn, Watertown	Brenden Olson, Mitchell
2002	Victoria Bures, Aberdeen	Stephanie Chase, Brookings	Grace Mlady, Mitchell
2003	Tim Billion, S.F. Lincoln	Paul Slattery, S.F. Lincoln	Stephanie Chase, Brookings
2004	Erin Anderson, Aberdeen	Jeff White, Mitchell	Amanda Davis, Aberdeen Central
2005	Megann Davis, Mitchell	Ashley Moeller, Watertown	Allison Bell, S.F. Washington
2006	Jeff White, Mitchell	Andrew Mach, Aberdeen Central	Zachery Schulz, Aberdeen Central
2007	Andrew Mach, Aberdeen	Jeff White, Mitchell	Kelsey Holkesvik, Aberdeen Central
2008	Michael Holkesvik, Aberdeen	Meg Henrickson, Yankton	Grace Chang, S.F. Lincoln
2009	Richard Marmorstein, Aberdeen	Dani Wang, Brookings	Nick Sideras, S.F. O'Gorman
2010	Richard Marmorstein, Aberdeen	Saisai Chen, S.F. Lincoln	Erin Williams, Watertown
2011	Erin Williams, Watertown	Shilpa Chandran, SF O'Gorman	Brock Halvorson, Aberdeen
2012	Ellen Nelson, S.F. O'Gorman	Hannah Brenden, Aberdeen	Alexis Doerr, Aberdeen

Year	Champion	Runner-up	3rd Place
2013	Shelby Bloomer, S.F. O’Gorman	Emily Pederson, Aberdeen	Elliot Johnson, Brookings
2014	Gabrielle Metzger, Brookings	Hanna Lessley, Spearfish	Angela Liu, Sioux Falls Washington
2015	Ruhama Tereda, SFW	Manaal H. Ali, Harrisburg	Raina Grimsley, Mitchell
2016	Raina Grimsley, Mitchell	Katie Vassar, Aberdeen	Cassidy Schoenhard, SF O’Gorman
2017	Hamza Jamal, Aberdeen	Raina Grimsley, Mitchell	Grace Douglas, Aberdeen Central
2018	Maggie Fouberg, Aberdeen	Grace Douglas, Aberdeen	Gage Michael Gramlick, SF Lincoln
2019	Ellen Joseph, Brandon Valley	Zoe Matheson, SF O’Gorman	Mariah William, Aberdeen
2020	Mariah William, Aberdeen	Blake Anderson, SF Washington	Grace Ann Lamberty, Brandon
2021	McCabe Wenande, O’Gorman	Jordan Phillips, Aberdeen	Maggie Adams, Aberdeen Central
2022	Meridian Hailu, SF Jefferson	Jordan Phillips, Aberdeen	McCabe Wenande, O’Gorman
2023	Breanna Wollman - Aberdeen	Beneyam Hassen - SF Jefferson	Meridian Hailu - SF Jefferson
2024	Breanna Wollman, Aberdeen	Aadil Ali, Harrisburg	Beneyam Hassen, SF Jefferson
2025	Sachi Santos, O’Gorman	Damine Deen, Washington	Aadil Ali, Harrisburg

Class “A” Original Oratory

Year	Champion	Runner-up	3rd Place
1990	Cynthia Mahood, Vermillion	Libby Stahl, Deuel	Kristin Olbertson, Beresford
1991	Laura Offerdahl, Beresford	Shelly Pigors, Groton	Jolene Wyatt, Hot Springs
1992	Stacie Olson, Beresford	Dawna Gantvoort, Deuel	Kim Janssen, Beresford
1993	Rebecca Hauger, Deuel	Shelly Pigors, Groton	Alison Grad, Madison
1994	Ted Heeren, Beresford	Rebecca Hauger, Deuel	Emily Loeschke, Milbank
1995	Kimberly Sweet, Madison	Marie Tornberg, Beresford	Nathan Grimm, Madison
1996	Nathan Peterson, Beresford	Marie Tornberg, Beresford	Chris Bue, Milbank
1997	Nathan Peterson, Beresford	Michelle, Tornberg, Beresford	Alex Gulck, Milbank
1998	Michelle, Tornberg, Beresford	Misty Gruener, Deuel	Alex Gulck, Milbank
1999	Katie Monson, Beresford	Michelle Tornberg, Beresford	Jessica Grams, Groton
2000	Michelle Tornberg, Beresford	Sven Lerseth, Beresford	Aubree Wack, Madison
2001	Matt Rognstad, Vermillion	Justine Reimnitz, Vermillion	Jessica Mason, Groton
2002	Elizabeth Slagle, Vermillion	Deepti Naik, Vermillion	Amanda Tuchscherer, Milbank
2003	Noelle Harden, Vermillion	Jenna Carlson, Milbank	Alicia Coggins, Beresford
2004	Molly Green, Vermillion	Kealey Bultena, Lennox	Jenna Carlson, Milbank
2005	Molly Green, Vermillion	Sawyer Braun, Groton Area	Max Tucker, Madison
2006	Alex Weber, Milbank	Amy Hansmeier, Groton Area	Katie La Roche, Milbank
2007	Nahuel Telleria, Vermillion	Tiffany Krause, Deuel	Katie LaRoche, Milbank
2008	Heidi Kirchner, Milbank	Tiffany Krause, Deuel	Sam Miller, Vermillion
2009	Jackie Webb, Harrisburg	Sam Miller, Vermillion	Kjirstin Almos, Deuel
2010	Tara One Horn, Little Wound	Natasha Hartman, Milbank	Kjirstin Almos, Deuel
2011	Conner Monsees, Harrisburg	Epiphany Knedler, Vermillion	Rachel Johannsen, Milbank
2012	Keren Kabambi, Harrisburg	Epiphany Knedler, Vermillion	Tori Remington, Milbank
2013	Tori Remington, Milbank	Rachel Crawford, Spearfish	Tristan Chasing-Hawk, Harrisburg
2014	Rebekah Tuchscherer-Milbank	Brianna Schreurs, Milbank	Shelby Jensen, Beresford
2015	Katie Miller, Groton Area	Rebekah Tuchscherer, Milbank	Macie Redman, Milbank
2016	Jacksyn Bakeberg, Spearfish	Olivia Smith, Spearfish	Anneliese Taggart, Vermillion
2017	Griffin Smith, Spearfish	Keri Pappas, Groton Area	Jacksyn Bakeberg, Spearfish
2018	Jaelyn Morehead, Tea Area	Mackenzie Todd, SF Christian	Griffin Smith, Spearfish
2019	Samantha Walters, Spearfish	Xuan Do, Spearfish	Grace Lenning, SF Christian
2020	Xavier W Larson, Lennox	Brooklyn Pater, SF Christian	Paige Hoffman, SF Christian

Year	Champion	Runner-up	3rd Place
2021	Carlie Johnson, Sturgis	Xuan Do, Spearfish	Samantha Walters, Spearfish
2022	Max Ensor, Spearfish	Kaylee Bosma, Lennox	Carlie Johnson, Sturgis Brown
2023	Laney Andrews, Beresford	Emma Andrews, Beresford	Sophie Matsuda, Spearfish
2024	Debbie Campbell, Vermillion	Maddie Cross, Spearfish	Laney Andrews, Beresford
2025	Emmarie Smoot, Spearfish	Madisyn Richter, Sturgis Brown	Allyson Tish, Sturgis Brown

STATE INFORMATIVE SPEAKING (2021-2025)

TWO CLASS SYSTEM (Class “AA” & Class “A”)

Class “AA” Informative

Year	Champion	Runner-up	3rd Place
2021	Alli Joerger, Aberdeen	Olivia Johnson, Aberdeen	John Hinrichs, SF Washington
2022	John Hinrichs, SF Washington	Paige Lewis, O’Gorman	Olivia Johnson, Aberdeen
2023	Kayla Waltman - Aberdeen	Paige Lewis - O’Gorman	John Hinrichs - SF Washington
2024	Siyanne Redda, SF Washington	Paige Lewis, O’Gorman	Brooklynn Bailey, Mitchell
2025	Amna George, Aberdeen	Brooklynn Bailey, Mitchell	Damine Deen, SF Washington

Class “A” Informative

Year	Champion	Runner-up	3rd Place
2021	Taylor Tobias, Sturgis	Halli Rabbenberg, Spearfish	Kaylee Bosma, Lennox
2022	Halle Fjelland, Spearfish	Halli Rabenberg, Spearfish	Jag Weyer, Sturgis Brown
2023	Rylee Nordyke - Vermillion	Emma Andrews - Beresford	Qualon Grant - Milbank
2024	Abbi Johnson - Spearfish	Emma Andrews - Beresford	Maria Eisenbraun - Spearfish
2025	Abbi Johnson, Spearfish	Revan Wilde, Sturgis Brown	Isabelle Beeson, Beresford