

Speech & Debate (2020 – Present)

My journey in Speech & Debate has been one of immense growth and passion, culminating in a perfect ranking from top college coaches at the 2024 National Speech and Debate Association's (NSDA) National Championship.

Starting as an independent candidate, I competed in prestigious regional and national tournaments, including the Illini for Speech District Tournament (Informative Speaking on "Historical Revisionism") and the Stanford University Speech & Debate Tournament (Impromptu Speaking). I've embraced challenges across categories like Informative Speaking, Extemporaneous Commentary, Impromptu Speaking, and Radio Speaking, advancing to state and national levels—including the 2024 NSDA Tournament in Iowa.

As Debate Captain in my senior year, I led practices, mentored younger students, and strategized with my team to prepare for competitions. Creating training materials and hosting in-school tournaments was especially rewarding, as it allowed me to foster a supportive community of speakers and thinkers. I even collaborated with faculty to secure resources that made our team's success possible.

Every round, every speech, and every debate has taught me something new—not just about public speaking, but about listening, adapting, and crafting meaningful narratives. These experiences have shaped me into a confident and resourceful leader who thrives on intellectual challenges.