

**Minnesota State University – Mankato Forensic Program
2009-2010 Year End Report**

I. Number of Student Participants (Participant is defined as any student who received individualized coaching sessions)

A total of 28 students participated on the Forensic Team.

- A. Seniors: Justin Hathaway, April Larson, Megan Petersen, Laura Pellitier, Jason Reisch, Jimmy Jansen
- B. Juniors: Ariel Klugman, Sarah Walker, Suzanne Lumberg, Chelsey Mauris, Molly Carmody
- C. Sophomores: Jordan Christiansen, Brad Wakefield, Dylan Smith
- D. Freshmen: Skylar Carlson, Jill Doctor, Whitney Hartzell, Myoung Gee Kim, Shay O'Brien, Nicolas Reeves, Karen Richards, Kelly Stellenberg, Sam Turner, Josh Vought, Kyle Watkins, Grace Webb, Ryan Zahn

II. Number of faculty assigned to the program

Two faculty members are assigned to work with the program. Each faculty member receives a 3 CH release for his/her work with the program. The DOF receives an additional 3CH release in the spring.

- A. Acting Director of Forensics – Jim Dimock, Assistant Professor
- B. Acting Assistant Director of Forensics (spring; on sabbatical fall) – Leah White, Associate Professor

III. Number of Graduate Students assigned to the program

Six graduate students were given appointments to work with the forensic program.

- A. Fall:
David Brennan, Megan Orcholski, Amara Thomas, Alyssa Reid, Amara Thomas, Ben Walker
- B. Spring:
David Brennan, Megan Orcholski, Amara Thomas, Alyssa Reid, Amara Thomas, Ben Walker

IV. Competitive Opportunities

- A. Individual Events Tournaments Attended (see appendix A)

The MSU-Mankato Team attended 26 IE tournaments this year. Of these, 23 were Regional invitational tournaments and 3 were National Championship Tournaments. The team qualified 12 people in 34 events for the AFA-NIET

Tournament, and 16 people in 55 events for NFA National Championship Tournament. Ariel Klugman represented the state of Minnesota at the 2010 Interstate Oratory Association Tournament

1. Total number of speeches given during the year

Attending 26 tournaments allowed the team to present over 1650 speeches during the year. This number does not represent the numerous practice speeches students give while preparing for competition. Over 900 hours of coaching were recorded during the academic year.

B. Parliamentary Debate Tournaments Attended

The MSU-Mankato team attended 4 debate tournament this year and participated in debate at 3 primarily IE tournaments.

V. **Competition Results**

This year the program finished 5th in the President's I division at the NFA National Championship Tournament. MSU-Mankato Forensics also placed 3rd at the Minnesota State Tournament.

A. First Place Awards (1 Team Sweeps, 1 Individual, 29 Total)

Plum (3 Team Sweeps, 2 Individuals)

Team Sweepstakes, University of Wisconsin-Stout

Suzanne Lumberg - University of Wisconsin, Whitewater – Individual Sweepstakes

Suzanne Lumberg – South Dakota State University - Impromptu Speaking

Megan Petersen and Ryan Zahn – South Dakota State University - Dramatic Interpretation

Megan Petersen – South Dakota State University - Communication Analysis

Justin Hathaway - Twin Cities Forensics League #1 – Prose Interpretation

Skylar Carlson - Twin Cities Forensics League #1 – Prose Interpretation

Justin Hathaway - Twin Cities Forensics League #1 – Poetry Interpretation

Skylar Carlson - Twin Cities Forensics League #1 – Dramatic Interpretation

Molly Carmody - Bethany Lutheran College – Communication Analysis

Skylar Carlson - Twin Cities Forensics League #2 – Informative Speaking

Ariel Klugman - Twin Cities Forensics League #2 – Persuasive Speaking

Suzanne Lumberg - Twin Cities Forensics League #2 – After Dinner Speaking

Suzanne Lumberg - University of Wisconsin, Whitewater – After Dinner Speaking

Suzanne Lumberg - University of Wisconsin, Madison – Communication Analysis

Jordan Christensen - Twin Cities Forensics League #3 – Poetry Interpretation

Jason Reisch - Mid American Forensics League #3 – Prose Interpretation

Suzanne Lumberg - Mid American Forensics League #4 – Prose Interpretation

Jason Reisch - University of Wisconsin-Stout – Dramatic Interpretation

Suzanne Lumberg - University of Wisconsin-Stout – Communication Analysis

Justin Hathaway and Jason Reisch - University of Wisconsin-Stout – Duo Interpretation
Jason Reisch - University of Wisconsin-Stout – After Dinner Speaking
Ariel Klugman - Twin Cities Forensics League #4 – Poetry Interpretation
Brad Wakefield - St. Cloud State University – After Dinner Speaking
Brad Wakefield - St. Cloud State University – Dramatic Interpretation
Ryan Zahn - Twin Cities Forensics League #5 – After Dinner Speaking
Skylar Carlson - Twin Cities Forensics League #5 – Dramatic Interpretation
Jason Reisch and Brad Wakefield – MCFA State – Duo Interpretation
Brad Wakefield - MCFA State – After Dinner Speaking
Laura Pellitier - South Dakota State University – Poetry Interpretation
Ariel Klugman - Valley Forensics League #3 - Informative Speaking
Team Sweepstakes – Plums
Suzanne Lumberg – Plum 13.1 – Individual Speaker
Alex Garlock – Plum 13.3 – Individual Speaker
Ariel Klugman and Suzanne Lumberg – Plum 13.1
Alex Garlock and Brad Wakefield – Plum 13.3
Ariel Klugman and Suzanne Lumberg – Plum 13.3

**B. Second Place Awards (4 Team Sweeps, 3 Individual, 46 Total)
Plum (2 Team Sweeps, 1 Individual)**

Team Sweepstakes - South Dakota State University
Team Sweepstakes - Twin Cities Forensics League #1
Team Sweepstakes - University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
Team Sweepstakes, Twin Cities Forensics League #5
Justin Hathaway - University of Wisconsin-Stout – Individual Sweepstakes
Brad Wakefield – St. Cloud State University – Individual Sweepstakes
Brad Wakefield - MCFA State – Individual Sweepstakes
Brad Wakefield - Gustavus Adolphus College – Prose Interpretation
Jordan Christiansen – Gustavus Adolphus College - After Dinner Speaking
Brad Wakefield - Gustavus Adolphus College – Dramatic Interpretation
April Larson - Twin Cities Forensics League #1 – Communication Analysis
Nicolas Reeves - Bethany Lutheran College – Informative Speaking
Ryan Zahn - Bethany Lutheran College – Program Oral Interpretation
Megan Petersen - Twin Cities Forensics League #2 – Communication Analysis
Megan Petersen and Ryan Zahn - University of Wisconsin, Whitewater – Duo Interpretation
Suzanne Lumberg - University of Wisconsin, Whitewater – Impromptu Speaking
Suzanne Lumberg - University of Wisconsin, Whitewater – Communication Analysis
Suzanne Lumberg - University of Wisconsin, Whitewater – Prose Interpretation
Skylar Carlson - Twin Cities Forensics League #3 – Informative Speaking
Justin Hathaway - Twin Cities Forensics League #3 – Prose Interpretation
Justin Hathaway - Twin Cities Forensics League #3 – Persuasive Speaking
Ariel Klugman - Twin Cities Forensics League #3 – Extemporaneous Speaking
Justin Hathaway - Mid American Forensics League #3 – Persuasive Speaking
Justin Hathaway - Mid American Forensics League #3 – Poetry Interpretation

Suzanne Lumberg - Mid American Forensics League #4 – After Dinner Speaking
Jason Reisch - Mid American Forensics League #4 – Prose Interpretation
Justin Hathaway - University of Wisconsin-Stout – Poetry Interpretation
Justin Hathaway - University of Wisconsin-Stout – Persuasive Speaking
Ryan Zahn - University of Wisconsin-Stout – After Dinner Speaking
Suzanne Lumberg - University of Wisconsin-Stout – Music Interpretation
Ryan Zahn - Twin Cities Forensics League #4 – Program Oral Interpretation
Jordan Christiansen - St. Cloud State University – After Dinner Speaking
Ariel Klugman - St. Cloud State University – Dramatic Interpretation
Molly Carmody - St. Cloud State University – Communication Analysis
Suzanne Lumberg - University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Day 1 – Persuasive Speaking
Jason Reisch and Brad Wakefield – University Wisconsin-Eau Claire Day 1 – Duo Interpretation
Suzanne Lumberg - University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Day 2 – Communication Analysis
Jason Reisch and Brad Wakefield – University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Day 2 – Duo Interpretation
Jordan Christiansen – Twin Cities Forensics League #5 – Persuasive Speaking
Skylar Carlson - Twin Cities Forensics League #5 – Informative Speaking
Jordan Christiansen - Twin Cities Forensics League #5 – Prose Interpretation
Ariel Klugman - Twin Cities Forensics League #5 – Program Oral Interpretation
Ariel Klugman – MCFA State – Persuasive Speaking
Brad Wakefield – MCFA State – Program Oral Interpretation
Brad Wakefield - Twin Cities Forensics League #6 – Informative Speaking
Skylar Carlson - Twin Cities Forensics League #6 - Program Oral Interpretation
Megan Petersen and Ryan Zahn - Twin Cities Forensics League #6 – Duo Interpretation
Jordan Christiansen and Skylar Carlson - Valley Forensics League #3 – Duo Interpretation
Megan Petersen – Valley Forensics League #4 – Informative Speaking
Megan Petersen – Districts – Informative Speaking
Megan Petersen – Districts – Prose Interpretation
Ariel Klugman – Districts – Extemporaneous Speaking
Skylar Carlson – Districts - Program Oral Interpretation
Suzanne Lumberg –Plum 13.3 – Individual Speaker
Molly Carmody and April Larson – Plum 13.2
April Larson and Josh Vought – Plum 13.5

C. Third Place Awards (6 Team Sweeps, 2 Individual Sweeps, 33 Total)

Team Sweepstakes - Twin Cities Forensics League #3
Team Sweepstakes - University of Wisconsin, Madison
Team Sweepstakes, Twin Cities Forensics League #4
Team Sweepstakes, MCFA State
Team Sweepstakes, Twin Cities Forensics League #6
Team Sweepstakes, Valley Forensics League #3
Ariel Klugman – South Dakota State University – Individual Sweepstakes

Ariel Klugman - St. Cloud State University – Individual Sweepstakes
Jason Reisch – K-State Day 1 - Dramatic Interpretation
Suzanne Lumberg – South Dakota State University – Prose Interpretation
Ariel Klugman – South Dakota State University - Persuasive Speaking
Whitney Hartzell - Gustavus Adolphus College – Dramatic Interpretation
Ariel Klugman - Twin Cities Forensics League #1 – Impromptu Speaking
Ariel Klugman Twin Cities Forensics League #1 – Persuasive Speaking
April Larson - Twin Cities Forensics League #1 – Extemporaneous Speaking
Jordan Christiansen - Twin Cities Forensics League #1 – After Dinner Speaking
Brad Wakefield - Twin Cities Forensics League #1 – Communication Analysis
Nicolas Reeves - Twin Cities Forensics League #2 – Informative Speaking
Ariel Klugman - Twin Cities Forensics League #2 – Impromptu Speaking
Megan Petersen - Twin Cities Forensics League #2 – Poetry Interpretation
Suzanne Lumberg - University of Wisconsin, Whitewater – Program Oral Interpretation
Jordan Christenson - University of Wisconsin, Whitewater – Poetry Interpretation
Suzanne Lumberg - University of Wisconsin, Madison – Program Oral Interpretation
Ariel Klugman - Twin Cities Forensics League #3 – Impromptu Speaking
Ryan Zahn - Twin Cities Forensics League #3 – Program Oral Interpretation
Brad Wakefield - Mid American Forensics League #3 – Prose Interpretation
Ariel Klugman - Mid American Forensics League #4 – Persuasive Speaking
Brad Wakefield – University of Wisconsin-Stout – Program Oral Interpretation
Jordan Christiansen - Twin Cities Forensics League #4 – Poetry Interpretation
Jordan Christiansen - St. Cloud State University – Prose Interpretation
Ariel Klugman - St. Cloud State University – Impromptu Speaking
Molly Carmody -Twin Cities Forensics League #5 – Program Oral Interpretation
Megan Petersen – Twin Cities Forensics League #5 – Poetry Interpretation
Ariel Klugman - Twin Cities Forensics League #6 – Extemporaneous Speaking
Ariel Klugman - Twin Cities Forensics League #6 – Poetry Interpretation
Brad Wakefield - Twin Cities Forensics League #6 – After Dinner Speaking
Molly Carmody - Valley Forensics League #3 - Impromptu Speaking
Skylar Carlson - Valley Forensics League #3 - Program Oral Interpretation
Molly Carmody - Valley Forensics League #3 – Communication Analysis
Laura Pellitier – Districts – Poetry Interpretation
Molly Carmody – Districts - Communication Analysis

D. Fourth Place Awards (1 Team Sweeps, 29 Total)

Plum (1 Individual Sweepstakes)

Team Sweepstakes, South Dakota State University-Bunny Bop
Brad Wakefield – South Dakota State University – Prose Interpretation
Whitney Hartzell - Larry Schnoor Invitation - Dramatic Interpretation
Whitney Hartzell and Brad Wakefield - Gustavus Adolphus College - Duo Interpretation
Megan Petersen - Gustavus Adolphus College – Communication Analysis
Skylar Carlson - Bethany Lutheran College – Informative Speaking
Megan Petersen - University of Wisconsin, Whitewater – Poetry Interpretation

Jordan Christenson - University of Wisconsin, Madison – After Dinner Speaking
Brad Wakefield - Twin Cities Forensics League #3 – Dramatic Interpretation
Brad Wakefield - University of Wisconsin-Stout – Dramatic Interpretation
Ariel Klugman - University of Wisconsin-Stout – Persuasive Speaking
Ryan Zahn - Twin Cities Forensics League #4 – After Dinner Speaking
Molly Carmody - Twin Cities Forensics League #4 – Impromptu Speaking
Jordan Christiansen - St. Cloud State University – Persuasive Speaking
Ariel Klugman - St. Cloud State University – Extemporaneous Speaking
Brad Wakefield - St. Cloud State University – Program Oral Interpretation
April Larson - St. Cloud State University – Communication Analysis
Suzanne Lumberg – MCFA State – Prose Interpretation
Suzanne Lumberg – MCFA State – Persuasive Speaking
Justin Hathaway and Jason Reisch - MCFA State – Duo Interpretation
Nicolas Reeves - South Dakota State University – Informative Speaking
Megan Petersen - Twin Cities Forensics League #6 – Informative Speaking
Jordan Christiansen - Twin Cities Forensics League #6 – Informative Speaking
Laura Pellitier - Valley Forensics League #4 - Prose Interpretation
Jordan Christiansen and Skylar Carlson - Valley Forensics League #4 – Duo Interpretation
Laura Pellitier - Valley Forensics League #4 – Poetry Interpretation
Ryan Zahn - Valley Forensics League #4 - After Dinner Speaking
Ariel Klugman – Districts – Informative Speaking
April Larson – Districts – Impromptu Speaking
April Larson – Districts – Communication Analysis
Ariel Klugman – Plum 13.3 – Individual Speaker

E. Fifth Place Awards (2 Team, 2 Individual Sweeps, 46 Total)

Team Sweepstakes - Bethany Lutheran College
Team Sweepstakes, University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire Day 1
Suzanne Lumberg - University of Wisconsin-Stout – Individual Sweepstakes
Jordan Christiansen - St. Cloud State University – Individual Sweepstakes
Jason Reisch – K-State Day 1 – Prose Interpretation
Ariel Klugman – K-State Day 2 – Impromptu Speaking
Ariel Klugman – K-State Day 1 – Persuasive Speaking
Jason Reisch – K-State Day 2 - After Dinner Speaking
Ariel Klugman – South Dakota State University - Impromptu Speaking
Megan Petersen – South Dakota State University – Prose Interpretation
Ariel Klugman – South Dakota State University - Extemporaneous Speaking
Brad Wakefield – South Dakota State University - Communication Analysis
Justin Hathaway - Gustavus Adolphus College – Persuasive Speaking
Jordan Christiansen – Gustavus Adolphus College – Poetry Interpretation
Ryan Zahn - Gustavus Adolphus College – Dramatic Interpretation
Brad Wakefield - Twin Cities Forensics League #1 – Dramatic Interpretation
Dylan Smith - Bethany Lutheran College – Prose Interpretation
Nicolas Reeves - Bethany Lutheran College – Poetry interpretation
Ryan Zahn - Bradley University – Novice After Dinner Speaking

Skyler Carlson - Twin Cities Forensics League #2 – Dramatic Interpretation
 Ryan Zahn - University of Wisconsin, Whitewater – Program Oral Interpretation
 Molly Carmody - University of Wisconsin, Whitewater – Communication Analysis
 Megan Petersen - University of Wisconsin, Madison – Poetry Interpretation
 Megan Petersen and Ryan Zahn - University of Wisconsin, Madison – Duo Interpretation
 Ryan Zahn - University of Wisconsin, Madison – Dramatic Interpretation
 Jordan Christiansen - Twin Cities Forensics League #3 – After Dinner Speaking
 Skyler Carlson - Twin Cities Forensics League #3 – Dramatic Interpretation
 Jordan Christiansen - Mid American Forensics League #3 – After Dinner Speaking
 Justin Hathaway and Jason Reisch - Mid American Forensics League #3 – Duo Interpretation
 Brad Wakefield - Mid American Forensics League #3 – Dramatic Interpretation
 Justin Hathaway and Jason Reisch - Mid American Forensics League #4 – Duo Interpretation
 Megan Petersen - University of Wisconsin-Stout – Poetry Interpretation
 Megan Petersen and Ryan Zahn - University of Wisconsin-Stout – Duo Interpretation
 Suzanne Lumberg - University of Wisconsin-Stout – Program Oral Interpretation
 Ariel Klugman - University of Wisconsin-Stout - Extemporaneous Speaking
 Molly Carmody - University of Wisconsin-Stout – Impromptu Speaking
 Brad Wakefield - University of Wisconsin-Stout – Prose Interpretation
 Jason Reisch and Justin Hathaway - Wisconsin-Eau Claire Day 1 – Duo Interpretation
 Megan Petersen - Wisconsin-Eau Claire Day 1 – Poetry Interpretation
 Molly Carmody - Twin Cities Forensics League #5 - Program Oral Interpretation
 Ryan Zahn - Twin Cities Forensics League #5 – Dramatic Interpretation
 Megan Petersen – MCFA State – Informative Speaking
 Jordan Christiansen and Skylar Carlson – MCFA State - Duo Interpretation
 Jordan Christiansen - MCFA State – Poetry Interpretation
 Skylar Carlson - South Dakota State University – Program Oral Interpretation
 Molly Carmody - Valley Forensics League #3 - Extemporaneous Speaking
 Laura Pellitier - Valley Forensics League #3 - Poetry Interpretation
 Ryan Zahn - Valley Forensics League #3 – Dramatic Interpretation
 Ariel Klugman - Valley Forensics League #4 - Extemporaneous Speaking
 Megan Petersen - Valley Forensics League #4 - Prose Interpretation

F. Sixth Place Awards (1 Individual, 32 Total)

Plum (1 Individual Sweepstakes)

Team Sweepstakes, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Day 2
 Jordan Christiansen – K-State Day 1 – Poetry Interpretation
 Jordan Christiansen – K-State Day 2 – Poetry Interpretation
 Nicolas Reeves – K-State Day 1 - Dramatic Interpretation
 Brad Wakefield – K-State Day 2 - Dramatic Interpretation
 Molly Carmody – South Dakota State University - Prose Interpretation
 Molly Carmody – South Dakota State University - Communication Analysis
 Nicolas Reeves - Gustavus Adolphus College – Dramatic Interpretation
 Molly Carmody - Gustavus Adolphus College – Communication Analysis

Suzanne Lumberg - Twin Cities Forensics League #2 – Impromptu Speaking
Whitney Hartzell - Twin Cities Forensics League #2 – Dramatic Interpretation
Megan Petersen - University of Wisconsin, Whitewater – Prose Interpretation
Molly Carmody - University of Wisconsin, Madison – Program Oral Interpretation
Suzanne Lumberg - Mid American Forensics League #3 – After Dinner Speaking
Justin Hathaway - Mid American Forensics League #4 – Persuasive Speaking
Ariel Klugman - University of Wisconsin-Stout – Dramatic Interpretation
Justin Hathaway - University of Wisconsin-Stout – Prose Interpretation
Jordan Christiansen - University of Wisconsin-Stout – Impromptu Speaking
Laura Pellitier - Twin Cities Forensics League #4 – Prose Interpretation
Ariel Klugman - Twin Cities Forensics League #4 – Impromptu Speaking
Skylar Carlson - St. Cloud State University – Program Oral Interpretation
Ryan Zahn - St. Cloud State University – After Dinner Speaking
Ryan Zahn – St. Cloud State University – Dramatic Interpretation
Laura Pellitier - of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Day 1 – Prose Interpretation
Ariel Klugman - Twin Cities Forensics League #5 – Informative Speaking
Brad Wakefield – MCFA State – Informative Speaking
Ryan Zahn - MCFA State – After Dinner Speaking
Suzanne Lumberg - MCFA State – Communication Analysis
Justin Hathaway - MCFA State – Miniature Interpretation
Josh Vought - Valley Forensics League #3 - Extemporaneous Speaking
Ryan Zahn - Valley Forensics League #3 - After Dinner Speaking
Molly Carmody - Valley Forensics League #4 - Extemporaneous Speaking
Skylar Carlson - Valley Forensics League #4 – Dramatic Interpretation
Molly Carmody – Plum 13.2 - Individual Speaker

G. Seventh Place Awards (7 Total)

Plum (1 Individual Sweepstakes)

Skylar Carlson – Larry Schnoor Invitation – Prose Interpretation
Suzanne Lumberg - Gustavus Adolphus College – Impromptu Speaking
Ryan Zahn - Bradley University – Novice Program Oral Interpretation
Jason Reisch - Mid American Forensics League #4 – Dramatic Interpretation
Ariel Klugman - Valley Forensics League #4 - Prose Interpretation
Molly Carmody - Valley Forensics League #4 - Program Oral Interpretation
Molly Carmody - Valley Forensics League #4 - Communication Analysis
Brad Wakefield – Plum 13.3 – Individual Speaker

H. Semifinal Awards (1 Total)

Ryan Zahn - Bradley University – Novice Impromptu Speaking

I. Quarterfinal Awards (4 Total)

Jason Reisch – American Forensics Association Nationals – Dramatic Interpretation
Suzanne Lumberg – National Forensics Association Nationals – Persuasive Speaking
Justin Hathaway – National Forensics Association Nationals – Persuasive Speaking
Jason Reisch – National Forensics Association Nationals – Dramatic Interpretation

VI. Scholarships

This year the forensic program was allocated \$12,100.00 funds for Freshmen Talent Grants. \$3850.00 of this funding was awarded in \$550.00 per semester amounts. The following individuals received 2009-2010 Talent Grants:

Skylar Carlson – Fall and Spring
Nico Reeves – Fall and Spring
Ryan Zahn – Fall and Spring
Whitney Hartzell – Fall

We also award the Larry Schnoor Scholarship each year. The 2009-2010 recipient was April Larson.

VII. Academic Achievement

In addition to earning recognition in forensic competition, MSU-Mankato Forensic Program participants also excel in their academic pursuits. The average overall GPA (based on fall 2009 information) is a 3.3.

VIII. SPEE 220 Credit

Students involved in the MSU-Mankato Forensic Program may receive course credit for their work on the team (SPEE 220). Students may earn up to 3 credits per semester. In fall 2009 students enrolled in SPEE 220 and 9 students enrolled in spring 2010. Students are required to meet the following criteria in order to receive at least a C in the course:

- Regular attendance at team meetings and workshops
- Prepare and perform at least 2 polished events
- Attend weekly coaching appointments
- Travel three tournament weekends
- Assist with MSU tournaments & fundraising efforts

IX. End of the Year Student Awards

No end of the year awards were given this year

X. Service Provided

A. Events Hosted on Campus

1. 2009 Larry Schnoor Invitational held October 17.
2. 2010 MSU-Mankato High School Individual Events Tournament held February 27.
3. A Public Speech Showcase held March 31 as an outreach to the campus

community.

4. Host of a MAFL Tournament January 2010
5. Riverbend High School Speech Institute held July 2009
6. High School Workshop hosted January 2010

B. Voluntary Tournament Administration

In addition to hosting several of our own tournaments, the MSU-Mankato Forensic Staff often volunteer to work in administrative positions at other tournaments.

1. Leah White as set-up crew and tab room staff for the NFA National Championship Tournament
2. Leah White as tab room staff at the AFA-NIET
3. Leah White as tab room staff at District 4 AFA-NIET Qualifier
4. David Brennan as tab room staff AFA-NIET
5. David Brennan and Amara Thomas as members of AFA-NIET Extemp Topic Writing Committee

C. Professional Positions Held

1. Leah White as Vice-President of Professional Relations for the NFA
2. Leah White as the NCA Program Planner for the NFA Organization
3. Leah White as member of the District IV Committee
4. Leah White as AFA-NIET Board of Trustees
5. David Brennan as CTAM Newsletter Editor
6. Jim Dimock as President Elect of Argumentation and Forensic Division of NCA
7. Jim Dimock as Chair of AFA Research Committee

D. Community Outreach

1. Team co-sponsored food drive with SPEE 100 fall and spring semesters
2. Team members taught a course on social networking sites at the Summit Center for VINE July 2009
3. Several team members volunteer coach at local high schools

E. Awards Won

1. Leah White awarded the 2010 AFA-NIET Distinguished Service Award

F. Student Scholarship Opportunities

1. Jim Dimock and Leah White served as a Faculty mentors for the URC
2. Jim Dimock and Leah White served as a Faculty mentors for the GRC
3. Undergraduate and Graduate Student program participants presented research at the CTAM, NCA and CSCA conferences

XI. Concerns

As the 2009-2010 academic year draws to a close there are still several concerns that need to be addressed in order to secure continued growth and success for the MSU-Mankato Forensic Program.

A. Inadequate Space

The MSU-Mankato forensic program has two space related needs. First, there is no good place for us to coach with students. Our faculty offices are too small for coaching sessions and we have no assigned practice room. We are left to find open classrooms. This usually results in coaching sessions being constantly interrupted as we must move to a new classroom when students arrive for a scheduled class. The problem is even worse for our Graduate Assistant Coaches, as they do not even have their own desk at which to conduct coaching meetings.

The second space related problem is the small size of our squad room. We currently have over 30 team members. Our assigned work space is no larger than a typical faculty office. At best, this space comfortably sits 6 people. Our students need to be able to meet and work on campus. We do not have adequate space to allow for this.

B. Upper Class Scholarships

Although our freshman Talent Grants are much appreciated, the MSU-Mankato Forensic Team is in need of financial assistance for our returning students. Participation on the forensic team requires that one travel several weekends a semester. This makes it extremely difficult for students to maintain a job. The numerous hours that go into preparing for tournaments also cut into one's ability to find viable employment. We have lost many students due to their need to quit forensics in order to earn enough money to pay for school. Scholarship funding would also allow us to competitively recruit new students to the university. Although talent grants are a good start, the fact that they are only for one year does not allow us to compete for excellent recruits with schools who can promise funding for 4 years.

C. Loss of Graduate Student Coaching Release

Due to university budget reductions, 2009-2010 was the first year in recent memory when graduate students assigned to coach forensics were also required to teach 3-4 CH. In the past, graduate coaches were assigned one course to teach and the remainder of their assistantship hours were designated for coaching duties. Currently, graduate forensic coaches are expected to support the forensic program for no additional compensation. Although measures have been taken to offset this additional workload, the strain on these students was clear. As soon as fiscally possible, the course release for graduate coaches needs to be restored.

Appendix A

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE - MAVERICK FORENSICS 2009-2010

SEPTEMBER

Sept 18-20 – Team Retreat at Sibley State Park

OCTOBER

Oct 1 6:00 p.m. – Mock Tournament

Oct 2-4 – K-State

Oct 9-10 – South Dakota State University

Oct 17 – Larry Schnoor Invitational at MSU

Oct 18 – Gustavus Adolphus College

Oct 20 - TCFL # 1—Normandale Community College

Oct 23 –25 – MAFL #3 and #4 at UW-Eau Claire and UW- Stout

Oct 30-Oct 31 – Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato

NOVEMBER

Nov 5 – 5:00 p.m. Team Work Night

Nov 6-9 - Bradley University

Nov 17 - TCFL # 2

Nov 20-22 – UW Madison and UW Whitewater

DECEMBER

Dec 1 - TCFL #3

Dec 4-5 - University of Wisconsin-Stout

JANUARY

Jan 9 – Spring Preparation Work Day

Jan 15-18 – Hell Froze Over – UT-Austin

Jan 23 – High School Workshop

Jan 30-31 – MAFL #5 and #6 at MSU and South Central

FEBRUARY

Feb 2 - TCFL #4

Feb 5-6 – St. Cloud State University

Feb 12-14 – Wisconsin Love Fest Swing at UW-Eau Claire

Feb 16 - TCFL # 5

Feb 19-21 – MCFA MN State Tournament at Concordia College

Feb 27 – High School Tournament

Feb 27 – SDSU Bunny Bop

MARCH

Mar 2 – TCFL #6

Mar 4-6 – VFL #3 and #4 at Concordia College

Mar 12-13 – AFA NIET district IV Qualifying tournament at UW-Stout

March 27-28 - Nationals Prep Retreat

March 30 7:00 p.m. – Spring Showcase in Ostrander

APRIL

Apr 1-4 - AFA National Individual Events Tournament at University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire

Apr 14-20 - NFA National Championship Tournament at Ohio University

Apr 22-24 - 138th Interstate Oratorical Association National Contest in Norman, OK