

**Minnesota State University – Mankato Forensic Program
2007-2008 Year End Report**

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

A total of 30 students participated on the Forensic Team.

- A. Seniors: Nicole Goebel, Krista Monson, Mary Nelson, Zeke Sorensen
- B. Juniors: Grant Anderson, Jimmy Jansen, Paulette Kimber, Jayme Sunde
- C. Sophomores: Alexandra Franzen, Alex Garlock, Justin Hathaway, April Larson, Tatiana Lehnen, Kaytlin LeMier, Megan Petersen, Jason Reisch, Patrisha Thoreson
- D. Freshmen: Brianne Bertrang, Kimberly Boike, Molly Carmody, Sara Gorman, Mitch Harms, Ariel Klugman, Charlie Kotulski, Suzanne Lumberg, Imad Mohamed, Sean Paskach, Kylie Schultz, Sarah Walker, Wade Werner

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. Director of Forensics – Dr. Leah White, Assistant Professor
- B. Assistant Director of Forensics – Jim Dimock, Assistant Professor

III. Number of Graduate Students assigned to the program

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

- A. Fall:
Sara Gronstal, Sarah Jones, Michael Chouinard, Chad Kuyper
- B. Spring:
Sara Gronstal, Sarah Jones, Michael Chouinard, Chad Kuyper

IV. Competitive Opportunities

A. Individual Events Tournaments Attended (see appendix A)

The MSU-Mankato Team attended 33 IE tournaments this year. Of these, 31 were Regional invitational tournaments and 2 were National Championship Tournaments. The team qualified 12 people in 30 events for the AFA-NIET Tournament, and 18 people in 55 events for NFA National Championship Tournament.

1. Total number of speeches given during the year

Attending 33 tournaments allowed the team to present 2011 speeches during the year. This number does not represent the numerous practice speeches students give while preparing for competition. Over 760 hours of coaching were recorded during the academic year.

B. Parliamentary Debate Tournaments Attended

The MSU-Mankato team attended no debate only tournaments this year but did participate in debate at 2 primarily IE tournaments.

V. Competition Results

The competitive success of the MSU-Mankato Forensic Program continues to improve, as is shown by the extensive list of first place awards received this year. This year the program finished 9th in the President's I division at the NFA National Championship Tournament. MSU-Mankato Forensics also placed 2rd at the Minnesota State Tournament.

A. First Place Awards (1 Team Sweeps, 36 Individual, 37 Total)

Team Sweepstakes, Twin Cities Forensic League #5
Alexandra Franzen – Twin Cities Forensic League #1 – Poetry
Zeke Sorenson – Gustavus Adolphus College – Program Oral Interpretation
Nicole Goebel – Gustavus Adolphus College – After Dinner Speaking
Jason Reisch – Bradley – After Dinner Speaking
Jason Reisch – Valley Forensic League #1 – Poetry
Zeke Sorenson – Valley Forensic League #1 – Program Oral Interpretation
Zeke Soresnon – Valley Forensic League #2 – Program Oral Interpretation
Alexandra Franzen and April Larson – Twin Cities Forensic League #2 – Duo Interpretation
Zeke Sorenson and Jayme Sunde – University of Wisconsin—Stout – Duo Interpretation
Megan Petersen – Twin Cities Forensic League #3 – Poetry Interpretation
Alexandra Franzen and April Larson– Twin Cities Forensic League #4 – Duo Interpretation
Justin Hathaway– St. Cloud Ice Box Classic – Poetry Interpretation
Zeke Sorenson – St. Cloud Ice Box Classic – Dramatic Interpretation
Justin Hathaway – Love Swing Invitational Day 1 – Poetry Interpretation
Megan Petersen – Love Swing Invitational Day 2 – After Dinner Speaking
Zeke Sorenson – Love Swing Invitational Day 2 – Communication Analysis
Wade Werner – Minnesota State Collegiate Forensics Tournament – Dramatic Interpretation
Zeke Sorenson – Minnesota State Collegiate Forensics Tournament – Mini Interpretation
Justin Hathaway – Twin Cities Forensic League #5 – Prose Interpretation
Sarah Walker – Twin Cities Forensic League #5 – Persuasive Speaking
Megan Petersen and Suzanne Lumberg – Twin Cities Forensic League #5 – Duo Interpretation
Sean Paskach - SDSU Bunny Bop – Informative
Wade Werner - SDSU Bunny Bop - DI
Suzanne Lumberg – Valley Forensic League #3 – Informative Speaking

Justin Hathaway – Valley Forensic League #3 – Prose Interpretation
Grant Anderson – Valley Forensic League #3 – Extemporaneous Speaking
Zeke Sorenson and Jason Reisch – Valley Forensic League #3 – Duo Interpretation
Suzanne Lumberg – Valley Forensic League #3 – Poetry Interpretation
Grant Anderson – Valley Forensic League #3 – Dramatic Interpretation
Jason Reisch – Valley Forensic League #4 – Informative Speaking
Justin Hathaway – Valley Forensic League #4 – Prose Interpretation
Zeke Sorenson and Jason Reisch – Valley Forensic League #4 – Duo Interpretation
Ariel Klugman – Valley Forensic League #4 – After Dinner Speaking
Sarah Walker – Twin Cities Forensic League #6 – Extemporaneous Speaking
Jason Reisch – District 4 AFA-NIET Forensics Tournament – Program Oral Interpretation
Zeke Sorenson and Jason Reisch – District 4 AFA-NIET Forensics Tournament – Duo Interpretation

B. Second Place Awards (3 Team Sweeps, 44 Individual, 47 Total)

Team Sweepstakes, St. Cloud Ice Box Classic
Team Sweepstakes, Love Swing Invitational Day 1
Team Sweepstakes, Minnesota State Collegiate Forensics Tournament
Jason Reisch – Gustavus Adolphus College – After Dinner Speaking
Zeke Sorenson – Valley Forensic League #1 – Poetry
Jason Reisch – Valley Forensic League #1 – After Dinner Speaking
Jason Reisch – Valley Forensic League #1 – Dramatic Interpretation
Zeke Sorenson – Valley Forensic League #2 – Prose Interpretation
Jason Reisch – Valley Forensic League #2 – Poetry Interpretation
Jason Reisch – Valley Forensic League #2 – After Dinner Speaking
Zeke Sorenson – Valley Forensic League #2 – Dramatic Interpretation
Molly Carmody – Twin Cities Forensic League #2 – Prose Interpretation
Zeke Sorenson – Twin Cities Forensic League #2 – Poetry Interpretation
Megan Petersen and Grant Anderson – University of Wisconsin—Stout – Duo Interpretation
Sarah Walker – Twin Cities Forensic League #3 – Impromptu Speaking
Megan Petersen and Suzanne Lumberg – Twin Cities Forensic League #3 – Duo Interpretation
Grant Anderson and Megan Petersen – University of Northern Iowa – Duo Interpretation
Zeke Sorenson – University of Northern Iowa – Communication Analysis
Sean Paskach – Wartburg Bob Smith Invitational – Program Oral Interpretation
Jason Reisch – Kansas State University Forensic Tournament Day 1 – After Dinner Speaking
Jason Reisch – Kansas State University Forensic Tournament Day 1 – Dramatic Interpretation
Jason Reisch – Kansas State University Forensic Tournament Day 2 – Dramatic Interpretation
Sarah Walker – Twin Cities Forensic League #4 – Persuasive Speaking
Molly Carmody – Twin Cities Forensic League #4 – Poetry Interpretation
Sean Paskach – St. Cloud Ice Box Classic – Prose Interpretation
Grant Anderson and Megan Petersen – St. Cloud Ice Box Classic – Duo Interpretation
Zeke Sorenson – St. Cloud Ice Box Classic – Communication Analysis

Zeke Sorenson – Love Swing Invitational Day 1 – Communication Analysis
 Sean Paskach – Love Swing Invitational Day 2 – Program Oral Interpretation
 Wade Werner – Minnesota State Collegiate Forensics Tournament – Prose Interpretation
 Jason Reisch – Minnesota State Collegiate Forensics Tournament – After Dinner Speaking
 Zeke Sorenson – Minnesota State Collegiate Forensics Tournament – Communication Analysis
 Jason Reisch – Minnesota State Collegiate Forensics Tournament – Mini Interpretation
 April Larson – Twin Cities Forensic League #5 –Poetry Interpretation
 Sarah Walker – Twin Cities Forensic League #5 – Communication Analysis
 Suzanne Lumber - SDSU Bunny Bop – Persuasion
 Sarah Walker - SDSU Bunny Bop – Communication Analysis
 Jason Reisch – Valley Forensic League #3 – Program Oral Interpretation
 Molly Carmody – Valley Forensic League #3 – Dramatic Interpretation
 Zeke Sorenson – Valley Forensic League #4 – Prose Interpretation
 Suzanne Lumberg – Valley Forensic League #4 – Persuasive Speaking
 Justin Reisch – Valley Forensic League #4 – After Dinner Speaking
 Ariel Klugman – Valley Forensic League #4 – Communication Analysis
 Sean Paskach – Twin Cities Forensic League #6 – Prose Interpretation
 Sarah Walker – Twin Cities Forensic League #6 – Persuasive Speaking
 Wade Werner – Twin Cities Forensic League #6 – Poetry Interpretation
 Justin Hathaway – Twin Cities Forensic League #6 – After Dinner Speaking

C. Third Place Awards (5 Team, 1 Individual Sweeps, 35 Individual, 41 Total)

Team Sweepstakes, South Dakota State University
 Team Sweepstakes, Gustavus Adolphus College
 Team Sweepstakes, Twin Cities Forensic League #2
 Team Sweepstakes, Twin Cities Forensic League #3
 Team Sweepstakes, Love Swing Invitational Day 2
 Megan Petersen – Mid American Forensics League #1 –Poetry
 Zeke Sorenson – Mid American Forensics League #2 –Poetry
 Tatiana Lehnen – South Dakota State University –Prose
 Zeke Sorenson – South Dakota State University –Program Oral Interpretation
 Tatiana Lehnen – South Dakota State University –Dramatic Interpretation
 Sarah Walker – Twin Cities Forensic League #1 – Impromptu Speaking
 Suzanne Lumberg – Twin Cities Forensic League #1 – Poetry
 Zeke Soresnon – Valley Forensic League #2 – Poetry Interpretation
 Suzanne Lumberg – Twin Cities Forensic League #2 – Poetry Interpretation
 Sarah Walker – Twin Cities Forensic League #2 – Persuasive Speaking
 Zeke Sorenson – Twin Cities Forensic League #2 – Dramatic Interpretation
 Alexandra Franzen and April Larson – Twin Cities Forensic League #3 – Duo Interpretation
 Suzanne Lumberg – Twin Cities Forensic League #3 – Poetry Interpretation
 Sarah Walker – Wartburg Bob Smith Invitational – Impromptu Speaking

Megan Petersen and Suzanne Lumberg – Wartburg Bob Smith Invitational – Duo Interpretation
 Justin Hathaway – Mid American Forensics League #3 – Poetry Interpretation
 Jason Reisch – Kansas State University Forensic Tournament Day 1– Individual Sweepstakes
 Sarah Walker – Twin Cities Forensic League #4 – Extemporaneous Speaking
 Sean Paskach– St. Cloud Ice Box Classic – Program Oral Interpretation
 Wade Werner – Love Swing Invitational Day 1 – Prose Interpretation
 Megan Petersen – Love Swing Invitational Day 1 – After Dinner Speaking
 Sarah Walker – Love Swing Invitational Day 2 – Communication Analysis
 Sean Paskach – Minnesota State Collegiate Forensics Tournament – Informative Speaking
 Sean Paskach – Minnesota State Collegiate Forensics Tournament –Prose Interpretation
 Sean Paskach – Minnesota State Collegiate Forensics Tournament – Program Oral Interpretation
 Grant Anderson and Megan Petersen – Minnesota State Collegiate Forensics Tournament – Duo Interpretation
 Sarah Walker – Minnesota State Collegiate Forensics Tournament – Communication Analysis
 Justin Hathaway – Twin Cities Forensic League #5 – After Dinner Speaking
 April Larson – Twin Cities Forensic League #5 – Communication Analysis
 Suzanne Lumberg - SDSU Bunny Bop - Poetry
 Sean Paskach – Valley Forensic League #3 – Informative Speaking
 Sarah Walker – Valley Forensic League #3 – Extemporaneous Speaking
 Ariel Klugman – Valley Forensic League #3 – Communication Analysis
 Sean Paskach – Valley Forensic League #4 – Poetry Interpretation
 Grant Anderson – Valley Forensic League #4 – Dramatic Interpretation
 Suzanne Lumberg – Twin Cities Forensic League #6 – Informative Speaking

D. Fourth Place Awards (1 Individual Sweeps, 37 Individual, 38Total)

Zeke Sorenson – Mid American Forensics League #1 –Poetry
 Jason Reisch – Mid American Forensics League #2 –Poetry
 Jason Reisch – South Dakota State University –Poetry
 Jason Reisch – South Dakota State University –After Dinner Speaking
 April Larson – Twin Cities Forensic League #1 – Informative Speaking
 Zeke Sorenson and Jayme Sunde – Gustavus Adolphus College – DUO Interpretation
 Jason Reisch – Gustavus Adolphus College – Poetry
 Suzanne Lumberg – Valley Forensic League #1 – Informative Speaking
 Megan Petersen – Valley Forensic League #2 – Poetry Interpretation
 Justin Hathaway – University of Wisconsin—Stout – Poetry Interpretation
 Zeke Sorenson – University of Wisconsin—Stout – Music Interpretation
 Wade Werner – Wartburg Bob Smith Invitational – Prose Interpretation
 Sarah Walker – Wartburg Bob Smith Invitational – Persuasive Speaking
 Megan Petersen – Mid American Forensics League #4 – Poetry Interpretation
 Molly Carmody – Twin Cities Forensic League #4 – Informative Speaking

Suzanne Lumberg – Twin Cities Forensic League #4 – Poetry Interpretation
 Megan Petersen and Suzanne Lumberg– St. Cloud Ice Box Classic – Duo Interpretation
 Sarah Walker– St. Cloud Ice Box Classic – Communication Analysis
 Wade Werner – Love Swing Invitational Day 1 – Dramatic Interpretation
 Sarah Walker – Love Swing Invitational Day 1 – Communication Analysis
 Wade Werner – Love Swing Invitational Day 2 – Dramatic Interpretation
 Zeke Sorenson – Minnesota State Collegiate Forensics Tournament – Individual Sweepstakes
 Grant Anderson – Minnesota State Collegiate Forensics Tournament – Impromptu Speaking
 Zeke Sorenson – Minnesota State Collegiate Forensics Tournament – Program Oral Interpretation
 Zeke Sorenson and Jayme Sunde – Minnesota State Collegiate Forensics Tournament – Duo Interpretation
 Megan Petersen – Minnesota State Collegiate Forensics Tournament – After Dinner Speaking
 Grant Anderson – Twin Cities Forensic League #5 – Extemporaneous Speaking
 Megan Petersen – Twin Cities Forensic League #5 – After Dinner Speaking
 Ariel Klugman – Twin Cities Forensic League #5 – Communication Analysis
 Wade Werner – SDSU Bunny Bop – Prose
 Sarah Walker - SDSU Bunny Bop – Persuasion
 Molly Carmody - SDSU Bunny Bop – DI
 Wade Werner - SDSU Bunny Bop - Poetry
 Zeke Sorenson – Valley Forensic League #3 – Prose Interpretation
 Suzanne Lumberg – Valley Forensic League #3 – Persuasive Speaking
 Sarah Walker – Valley Forensic League #4 – Persuasive Speaking
 Ariel Klugman– Valley Forensic League #4 – Program Oral Interpretation
 April Larson – Valley Forensic League #4 – Communication Analysis

E. Fifth Place Awards (1 Team, 37 Individual, 38 Total)

Team Sweepstakes, University of Wisconsin—Stout
 Alexandra Franzen – Mid American Forensics League #1 –Poetry
 Ariel Klugman – South Dakota State University –After Dinner Speaking
 Jayme Sunde – Twin Cities Forensic League #1 – Prose
 April Larson – Twin Cities Forensic League #1 – Impromptu Speaking
 Zeke Sorenson – Gustavus Adolphus College – Dramatic Interpretation
 Megan Petersen – Valley Forensic League #1 – Poetry
 Megan Petersen – Valley Forensic League #1 – Prose Interpretation
 Molly Carmody – Valley Forensic League #2 – Informative Speaking
 Jason Reisch – Valley Forensic League #2 – Prose Interpretation
 Molly Carmody – Twin Cities Forensic League #2 – Informative Speaking
 Jimmy Jansen – Twin Cities Forensic League #2 – Program Oral Interpretation
 Grant Anderson – Twin Cities Forensic League #2 – Dramatic Interpretation
 Zeke Sorenson – University of Wisconsin—Stout – Dramatic Interpretation
 Suzanne Lumberg – University of Northern Iowa – Informative Speaking

Megan Petersen and Suzanne Lumberg – University of Northern Iowa – Duo Interpretation
 Jason Reisch – University of Northern Iowa – After Dinner Speaking
 Wade Werner – University of Northern Iowa – Dramatic Interpretation
 Suzanne Lumberg – Wartburg Bob Smith Invitational – Informative Speaking
 Sean Paskach – Wartburg Bob Smith Invitational – Prose Interpretation
 Wade Werner – Wartburg Bob Smith Invitational – Dramatic Interpretation
 Suzanne Lumberg – Twin Cities Forensic League #4 – Informative Speaking
 April Larson – Twin Cities Forensic League #4 – Impromptu Speaking
 Sarah Walker – St. Cloud Ice Box Classic – Parliamentary Debate Speaker
 Grant Anderson – Love Swing Invitational Day 1 – Extemporaneous Speaking
 Jason Reisch – Love Swing Invitational Day 2 – Program Oral Interpretation
 Sarah Walker – Minnesota State Collegiate Forensics Tournament – Extemporaneous Speaking
 Megan Petersen and Suzanne Lumberg – Minnesota State Collegiate Forensics Tournament – Duo Interpretation
 Jason Reisch – Minnesota State Collegiate Forensics Tournament – Poetry Interpretation
 Zeke Sorenson – Minnesota State Collegiate Forensics Tournament – Dramatic Interpretation
 Justin Hathaway – Minnesota State Collegiate Forensics Tournament – Mini Interpretation
 Molly Carmody - SDSU Bunny Bop – After Dinner Speaking
 Ariel Klugman - SDSU Bunny Bop – Communication Analysis
 Grant Anderson – Valley Forensic League #3 – Impromptu Speaking
 April Larson – Valley Forensic League #3 – Communication Analysis
 Sean Paskach – Valley Forensic League #3 – Poetry Interpretation
 Molly Carmody – Valley Forensic League #4 – Prose Interpretation
 Jason Reisch – Valley Forensic League #4 – Persuasive Speaking

F. Sixth Place Awards (1 Individual Sweeps, 37 Individual, 38 Total)

Jason Reisch – Mid American Forensics League #2 – After Dinner Speaking
 Megan Petersen – Gustavus Adolphus College – Prose
 Jimmy Jansen – Gustavus Adolphus College – Impromptu Speaking
 Kylie Schultz – Gustavus Adolphus College – Dramatic Interpretation
 Justin Hathaway – Valley Forensic League #1 – Poetry
 Sarah Walker – Valley Forensic League #2 – Impromptu Speaking
 Justin Hathaway – Valley Forensic League #2 – Poetry Interpretation
 Jason Reisch – Valley Forensic League #2 – Dramatic Interpretation
 April Larson – Twin Cities Forensic League #2 – Informative Speaking
 Alexandra Franzen – Twin Cities Forensic League #2 – Poetry Interpretation
 Zeke Sorenson – University of Wisconsin—Stout – Individual Sweepstakes
 Megan Petersen – University of Wisconsin—Stout – Prose Interpretation
 Suzanne Lumberg – University of Wisconsin—Stout – Poetry Interpretation
 Molly Carmody – Twin Cities Forensic League #3 – Informative Speaking
 Sarah Walker – Twin Cities Forensic League #3 – Persuasive Speaking

Megan Petersen – University of Northern Iowa – Informative Speaking
Sean Paskach – University of Northern Iowa – Prose Interpretation
Grant Anderson and Megan Petersen – Wartburg Bob Smith Invitational – Duo Interpretation
April Larson – Mid American Forensics League #3 – Informative
April Larson – Mid American Forensics League #3 – Program Oral Interpretation
Grant Anderson – Mid American Forensics League #3 – Dramatic Interpretation
Jimmy Jansen – Mid American Forensics League #4 – Program Oral Interpretation
Ariel Klugman – Mid American Forensics League #4 – After Dinner Speaking
Tatiana Lehnen – Mid American Forensics League #4 – Dramatic Interpretation
Grant Anderson – St. Cloud Ice Box Classic – Extemporaneous Speaking
Grant Anderson – St. Cloud Ice Box Classic – Dramatic Interpretation
April Larson – Love Swing Invitational Day 1 – Informative Speaking
Wade Werner – Love Swing Invitational Day 2 – Prose Interpretation
Suzanne Lumberg – Minnesota State Collegiate Forensics Tournament – Informative
Speaking
Jason Reisch – Minnesota State Collegiate Forensics Tournament – Persuasive
Speaking
Wade Werner – Minnesota State Collegiate Forensics Tournament – Mini
Interpretation
Grant Anderson – Minnesota State Collegiate Forensics Tournament – Parliamentary
Debate Speaker
Molly Carmody – Twin Cities Forensic League #5 – After Dinner Speaking
Molly Carmody - SDSU Bunny Bop – Informative Speaking
Sean Paskach – Valley Forensic League #3 – Prose Interpretation
Ariel Klugman – Valley Forensic League #3 –After Dinner Speaking
April Larson – Valley Forensic League #4 –Extemporaneous Speaking
Jason Reisch – District 4 AFA-NIET Forensics Tournament – Informative Speaking

G. Seventh Place Awards (1 Team, 7 Individual, 8 Total)

Team Sweeps, Mid American Forensics League #1
Sarah Walker – Twin Cities Forensic League #1 – Extemporaneous Speaking
April Larson – Valley Forensic League #2 – Program Oral Interpretation
Jason Reisch – University of Northern Iowa – Dramatic Interpretation
Jimmy Jansen – Mid American Forensics League #3 – Program Oral Interpretation
April Larson – Mid American Forensics League #4 – Program Oral Interpretation
Molly Carmody – Love Swing Invitational Day 2 – Dramatic Interpretation
April Larson – Valley Forensic League #4 – Informative Speaking

H. Semifinal Awards (2 Individual)

Grant Anderson and Jimmy Jansen – St. Cloud Ice Box Classic – Parliamentary
Debate
Grant Anderson and Jimmy Jansen – Minnesota State Collegiate Forensics
Tournament – Parliamentary Debate

I. Quarterfinal Awards (2 Individual)

Nicole Goebel and April Larson – Minnesota State Collegiate Forensics Tournament
– Parliamentary Debate

Sarah Walker – NFA National Championship Tournament – Persuasive Speaking

VI. Scholarships

This year the forensic program was allocated \$12,100.00 funds for Freshmen Talent Grants. 7700.00 of this funding was awarded in \$550.00 per semester amounts. The following individuals received 2007-2008 Talent Grants:

Molly Carmody – Fall and Spring

Ariel Klugman – Fall and Spring

Sean Paskach – Fall and Spring

Wade Werner – Fall and Spring

Sarah Walker – Fall and Spring

Suzanne Lumberg – Fall and Spring

Kylie Schultz – Fall

Mitch Harms – Fall

Brianne Bertrang was awarded a Grant for Fall but withdrew from school

We also award the Larry Schnoor Scholarship each year. The 2007-2008 recipient was Zeke Sorenson.

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 spring 2008 information) is **a**

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 2007 15 students enrolled in SPEE 220 generating 40 CH and 9 students enrolled in spring 2007 generating 22 CH. 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

Three awards were given at this year's end of the year banquet. Zeke Sorenson and Sean Paskach received the top GPA award. Megan Petersen received the Most Hours Coached Award.

X. Service Provided

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1. 2007 Larry Schnoor Invitational held October 20.
2. 2008 MSU-Mankato High School Individual Events Tournament held February 23.
3. A Public Speech Showcase held in May 2008 as an outreach to the campus community.
4. Team members presented candidate positions during an MSSA sponsored pre-caucus debate.

A. 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 tab room staff for the AFA-NIET and NFA National Championship Tournament
2. Jim Dimock and Mike Chouinard as tab staff for the St. Cloud State University Ice Box Classic
3. Leah White extemp topic committee for the District IV Qualifier Tournament and the AFA-NIET
4. Leah White impromptu topics for the District IV Qualifier Tournament

B. 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

C. Community Outreach

1. Leah White and team members assisted with public speaking training for the YMCA Youth in Government Program Spring 2008
2. Team members presented reading performances at Monroe Elementary in May
3. Team members assisted with Family Readiness Group Family Day in support of area military families.

D. Awards Won

1. Leah White received the Larry Schnoor District IV Distinguished Service Award

E. Student Scholarship Opportunities

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

XI. Concerns

As the 2007-2008 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. Absence Policy

MSU-Mankato does not have a policy that protects students from academic penalties should they choose to participate in co-curricular activities. Consequently, forensic students are often penalized when they miss class to attend tournaments. Although I send letters to all of our students' professors explaining their absences, many students are still penalized for their participation with the program. In fact, some professors have responded to my letters with anger. As co-curricular activities are a crucial aspect of a student's educational experience, I would suggest the university consider a policy that would protect students from being penalized for participation in such activities.

B. 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 20 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.

C. 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.

Appendix A

TENTATIVE TRAVEL SCHEDULE - MAVERICK FORENSICS 2007-2008

SEPTEMBER

Sept 21-23 – Team Retreat

Sept 28-30 – MAFL #1 and #2 at Wartburg and UNI

OCTOBER

Oct 5-6 – Jack Rabbit Joust at SDSU

Oct 13-14 – MAFL #3 and #4 at UW–Stout and UW-Eau Claire

Oct 16 - TCFL # 1—Normandale Community College

Oct 20 – Larry Schnoor Invitational at MSU

Oct 21 – Gustavus Adolphus Invitational

NOVEMBER

Nov 2-5- Bradley University

Nov 8-10 – VFL #1 and #2 at Concordia College

Nov 13 - TCFL # 2 – Normandale Community College

DECEMBER

Nov 30 - Dec 1 - University of Wisconsin-Stout

Dec 4 - TCFL #3

JANUARY

Jan 11 – 14 – Hell Froze Over – University of Texas - Austin

Jan 18-20 – Iowa Swing at UNI and Wartburg

Jan 29 – TCFL #4 – Normandale Community College

FEBRUARY

Feb 1-2 - St. Cloud State University

Feb 8-10 – Wisconsin Love Fest Swing at UW-Eau Claire

Feb 12 - TCFL # 5

Feb 15-17 – MCFA MN State Tournament

Feb 23 - HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

MARCH

Feb 28- Mar 1 – VFL #3 and #4 at Concordia College

Mar 4 – TCFL #6

Mar 6-9 - AFA NIET district IV Qualifying tournament at UNL

March 28-30 - Nationals Prep Retreat

APRIL

Apr 3-8 - AFA National Individual Events Tournament at UT-Austin

Apr 16-22 - NFA National Championship Tournament at Tennessee State, Nashville*