

## Bulldogs Qualify for State at Wakeeney

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The Golden Plains Forensics Team opened the season by competing at the Wakeeney Invitational on January 29. Several team members placed at the meet with Lauren Patmon, Ethan Shea, McHaley Carter, and Morgan Wark qualifying for State.

Patmon placed second in rounds 1 and 3 and third in round 2 to qualify for finals. She placed second in finals with her poetry piece "OCD and the Future" by Neil Hilborn to qualify for State Champs. Lauren also placed for Festivals with her prose piece, "Amiee".

Also placing in the Wakeeney meet were McHaley Carter and Ethan Shea in IDA. The two placed fourth in round one, third in round two, and second in round three as well as finals qualifying them for State Champs. "It was a successful day," said Carter. "We both have experience in IDA but this was our first time competing as partners. Sometimes it's hard to get a good outcome of a tough draw but we were successful."

The third event qualifying for State was senior Morgan Wark with her prose piece "All Good Things" by Sister Helen Pomroska. Wark placed third in round one, second in round two, and first in round three, finishing second in the finals.

Several members of the team also qualified for State Festival. Britton Knowles qualified in poetry, Lauren Patmon in prose, and Ava Brantley in impromptu. Other members of the team competing but not qualifying for State or Festivals were Madilyn Green in impromptu, Wyatt Amlong, who placed third in extemp, Dominic Stout placed fifth in extemp, and Emma Carter and Maddix Green with their duet in IDA. Alisha Brantley placed fifth in Poetry while Britton Knowles placed sixth in Prose

The Bulldogs finished third place as a team behind Norton and Phillipsburg. The Forensics team's next competition will be on February 5 in Norton.