

Forensics Team Performs Well at State By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains High School Forensics team competed well at the State meet in Salina on May 7. Five of the six pieces qualifying for semi-finals advanced to finals with all five placing in the top six. Out of 35 teams at the state meet, the GP team placed fifth overall as a team.

Competitors included senior Alisha Brantley who competed in Serious Solo and Poetry. She placed sixth in Poetry at the state contest. Senior Lauren Patmon took both Prose and Poetry to state. She placed fifth in Prose. Morgan Wark, senior, also took both Prose and Poetry placing fourth in Poetry while Hayden Wark, freshman, placed sixth in Prose.

The IDA team of McHaley Carter, junior, and Ethan Shea, senior, placed third in the state and Wyatt Amlong, freshman, placed eighth in Extemp. Britton Knowles, senior, competed in both Prose and Poetry. She competed well but fell just short of semi-finals in both events.

“I am beyond proud of these students and their accomplishments,” said Coach Robynn Wessel. “Because of each and every one of the students listed above, our GP Forensics team placed fifth out of 35 competing schools!! What an amazing experience. I will sorely miss all of the seniors next year. They have been so awesome to work with and I can’t wait to see how the younger students develop next season.”

Also competing at State Festivals in Impromptu was sophomore Ava Brantley where she earned a II rating.

“I would like to give a big shout out to Steiner Scott, Tia Carter, Devin Carter, Koi Wessel, Amanda Cheney, Jordan Hutchins, and Dez Wark for all the support that was given to this team,” continued Wessel. “There were several ‘bumps in the road’ that were either taken care of or identified by them. This allowed me to focus on my state duties while knowing that my kids were taken care of.”

“I also want to acknowledge our state timekeepers—Jamie Graves, Dominic Stout, and Addy Wessel. This type of community support is priceless! I can’t say enough how lucky we are to be a part of the GP family! All of the school and community support blows me away every time!”