Speech team places first in tournament

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Downers Grove South High School's speech team placed first in one of three categories at a recent tournament. Twenty-two schools within the Illinois district competed in the National Speech and Debate Association Tournament, which took place at Downers Grove South's campus. Students competed in three categories, including speech, debate and congress, and South earned first place in the speech category. In addition, 10 South speech students qualified for the national tournament in Dallas, which will take place from June 16 to 21. Students qualify for nationals by placing in the top three in each category. Those students are Kevin Tate, Kate Riley, Peter Burrows, Janella Guzman, Alaina Vergara, Zoe Boyd, Emily Leatherwood, David Arlt, Kaej Spears and Kira Matheson. Senior Janella Guzman was named District Student of the Year after being nominated by a coach and selected by the Illinois District Committee.