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Kalamazoo County, Michigan, native receives awards at Indiana Forensic Association State Championship

MUNCIE, Indiana— Levi Jones, Ball State University sophomore from Portage, Michigan, received first place in informative speaking and long read response, third place in extemporaneous speaking and fifth place in persuasive speaking on February 17 at the Indiana Forensic Association State Championship in Muncie, Indiana.

“My events are independent when it comes to competition. However, when it comes to preparing each speech, it is all about teamwork. Every time we give a speech, we are competing to do the best we can,” Jones said, “but we also compete against each other and push each other to do better.”

In addition to Jones’ individual awards, the Ball State Speech Team earned their eighth consecutive team title, 15 individual state titles, the quality award (a measure of points earned per entry) and two special individual honors.

The Ball State Speech Team is preparing for three national tournaments this year. Select students will represent the university at Pi Kappa Delta in Nashville, Tennessee, the National Speech Championship in Lincoln, Nebraska and the National Forensic Association in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

For more information about the Ball State Speech Team, visit

bsu.edu/academics/collegesanddepartments/communicationstudies/activities-and-opportunities/speech-team .