Performers Place at State Forensics By: Charlotte McCurdy

Kansas State Forensics was held on Saturday, May 5, at Salina Central High School. This year there were many entries from the Golden Plains Forensics Team. The team members who qualified to compete this season were Seniors: Devin Carter, Angel Sanchez, and Charlotte McCurdy; Junior: Amanda Cheney; Sophomores: Malilah Green, Taryn Fleckenstein, and Flint Hodge.

Devin Carter has competed at state forensics all four years of high school. This year he made it to state in Improvised Duet Acting (IDA) and Duet. His partner for IDA was Angel Sanchez. This was the second year Sanchez and Carter competed together in this event and made it to state. After a long day, they ended up placing third. "It was fun, and a great end to my senior year," said Sanchez. "Good luck to the rest of the team members and future prospects later on."

Carter also qualified for state with his partner, Taryn Fleckenstein, in Duet. They have been duet partners for two years and made it to state each time. This year they placed fifth overall. Also placing fifth at state was Amanda Cheney in Poetry. This was her first year to compete in the state tournament.

Angel Sanchez qualified for Impromptu in addition to IDA but did not get to participate in the event because it was not available for this division of state forensics. Charlotte McCurdy took her Prose this year. This is the second year she has made it to state.

Malilah Green participated in Prose as did McCurdy. Green looks forward to doing well again next year. Flint Hodge double qualified with Humorous Solo and Extemporaneous. He participated well but did not make it past the preliminaries. However, he, too, has high hopes for next year.

"Awesome job GPHS!," exclaimed Coach Robynn Wessel. "GPHS ended the day with a 9th place overall!! Great job Bulldogs!"