

## Forensics Team Opens Season in Colby

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The Golden Plains Forensics team traveled to Colby for the first meet of the season on January 26. GPHS had six participants--Rojelio Loya, Danica Ritter, Lauren Patmon, and Alisha Brantley along with Melilah Green, who ended up placing first Prose.

Loya, Green, and Ritter all participated in the Prose section. Green was the only one who qualified for finals placing first in the meet. This qualified her to compete in the State Champs in Salina in May. Green performed a serious piece called "Choosing Hope" by Kaitlin Roig-DeBellis. It was about an elementary school teacher caught up in a school shooting. It was the first time she had performed her piece.

Patmon and Brantley participated in the Poetry category. "I was very proud of everyone's placings," said Coach Robynn Wessel. "Prose and Poetry are very competitive and they all had great scores. It was a great showing for our first tournament." The Forensics team participated in their next meet in Norton on February 2nd.