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Mats Public Speakers Take Sixth at State Championships

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Thirty-six Miramonte High School Public Speakers, seven parent judges/chaperones, and two teachers enjoyed laughter and learning at the California High School Speech Association's State Championships April 17-19 at Vista Murietta High School in Murietta, Calif. The Mats earned sixth place out of 360 schools and claimed the Congress Champion for the third year in a row.

"Our students epitomized good sportsmanship and camaraderie," said Miramonte teacher and public speaking head coach Kristen Plant. "They endured 14-hour days of competition with good cheer and appreciation of this special opportunity. We could not have done it without the support of Miramonte staff, students and parents. We are particularly grateful for the generous sponsorship of the Educational Foundation of Orinda."

Special commendation to our semi-finalists

Photo provided

and finalists:

Sean McFeely - 1st in Congressional Debate and a \$250 prize
Ray Barrie-Kivel -- 1st place Presiding Officer in Congressional Debate and a \$250 prize
Bryan Wang - 2nd in National Extemporaneous Speaking
Owen Chang - 3rd in International Extemporaneous
Daniel Ginsburg - 4th in International Extemporaneous
Aaron Baum - 6th in National Extemporaneous
Liam Madsen - 8th in Original Prose and Poetry
Jonathan Zhou - 9th in National Extemporaneous
Fatima Hasanain - 10th in National Extemporaneous
Marcel Bollag - 11th in Original Advocacy
Alex Jang - 13th in International Extemporaneous
Max Han - 17th in Congressional Debate
Konnie Guo - 18th in Original Advocacy
Bryan Wang and Aaron Baum -- octafinalists in Public Forum Debate
Kelly Zheng and Anna Miskelley -- double octafinalists in Public Forum Debate

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