



Wimberley ISD

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## **WHS Academic Team Wins District 28-AAAA Sweepstakes Championship**

*Students Amass 527 Points in Several Categories*

**Wimberley, Texas, April 5, 2019**—Dozens of Wimberley High School students have been competing in University Interscholastic League academic, speech and debate events and one-act-play since January, culminating in the District 28-AAAA Sweepstakes Championship in Bandera on March 30. Nineteen WHS students qualified for Region Competition in Corpus Christi on April 12-13, in a total of 31 events, with several students qualifying in multiple events.



*UIL Team Drives Home the Sweepstakes Championship.*

"Since we changed districts this year, we had much harder competition than we had in past years. However, we were all able to step up our game and win sweepstakes, along with a lot of people advancing to regionals," said Julia Love, WHS Senior.

Maya Lewis and Jasmine Cante got everything started in January when they placed 4th in Cross-Examination Debate. Then WHS gained more points when the cast of *The Miracle Worker* advanced out of District, followed by a stellar performance by the journalism and the Lincoln Douglas debate teams. In this final leg of the district competition, several students helped push WHS over the top with 527 points handily defeating the Boerne competitors, who took 2nd

place with 428 points.

"The students worked really hard in preparation for our district meet. We are in a new district this year so we didn't know what to expect. All the students did a great job and we are expecting to do great again in Corpus Christi," said Kyla Brookshier, UIL Academic Coordinator.

The placings on March 30 are as follows:

**Current Issues and Events-1<sup>st</sup> place team:** Jake Smorrenburg- 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jacob Surdy- 4<sup>th</sup>, Quinton Mendoza-5<sup>th</sup>, Thomas Ludwick-6<sup>th</sup>

Number Sense-Ben McLemore-5<sup>th</sup>

**Spelling and Vocabulary-2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team:** Carson Ramsey-1<sup>st</sup>, Donovan McCann-6<sup>th</sup>

**Science-2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team:** Julia Love-2<sup>nd</sup>, Ben McLemore-3<sup>rd</sup> and Top Physics

**Social Studies-1<sup>st</sup> Place Team:** Cameron Savage-1<sup>st</sup> Quinton Mendoza-2<sup>nd</sup> Donovan, McCann-3<sup>rd</sup>

**Math-1<sup>st</sup> Place Team:** Ben McLemore-1<sup>st</sup> Julia Love-5<sup>th</sup>

Literary Criticism- Julissa Hernandez-6<sup>th</sup>

**Speech and Debate-2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team:**

Poetry-Logan Brookshier-1<sup>st</sup>, Evie Jennings-3<sup>rd</sup>, Elysia Becken-5<sup>th</sup>

Prose-Sarah Rickert-3<sup>rd</sup>, Josie Fosdick-4<sup>th</sup>,

Informative-Colten Kilpatrick-3<sup>rd</sup>, Alexa Thomson-4<sup>th</sup>, Maya Lewis-5<sup>th</sup>,

Persuasive-Quinton Mendoza-1<sup>st</sup>, Jasmine Cante-2<sup>nd</sup>

Julissa Hernandez-2<sup>nd</sup> Place Ready Writing

**Journalism 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team:**

Copy Editing- Cameron Savage-3<sup>rd</sup>, Jillian Garcia-4<sup>th</sup>, Hanna Pickens-5<sup>th</sup>

News Writing- Hannah Pickens-1<sup>st</sup>, Jillian Garcia-4<sup>th</sup>, Jillian Merritt-5<sup>th</sup>

Feature Writing- Jillian Garcia-1<sup>st</sup>, Hannah Pickens-3<sup>rd</sup>, Donovan McCann-6<sup>th</sup>

Editorial Writing- Jillian Garcia-1<sup>st</sup>, Hannah Pickens-3<sup>rd</sup>, Josie Fosdick-5<sup>th</sup>

Headline Writing- Jillian Garcia-1<sup>st</sup>, Donovan McCann-2<sup>nd</sup>

**Lincoln Douglas Debate:**

Colten Kilpatrick-3<sup>rd</sup>, Isis Akers-4<sup>th</sup>, Brenna Trudeau-5<sup>th</sup>

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**Photo captions:**

Pic 4513-First Row- Noah Barragan, Natalie Smith, Alexa Thompson, Elysia Becken, Hannah Pickens, Christian Vigil, Julia Love, Emma Fosdick, Julianne Crowley, Rachel Remeny  
Second row- Calen Cabler, Melody Tillitson, Jack Garrett, Cooper Fagan, Anne Morgan, John Kelley-Roberts, Shelby Morris, Loren Silva, Lexi Bowman, Sophie Pennington, Evie Jennings, Olivia Barragan, Sarah Rickert, Abigail Burke, Callie Iliff  
Third Row- Carson Ramsey, Sam Downing, Hayden Staples, Dane Swigart, Amelia Jordan, Adele Mial-Gary, Logan Mallow, Cade Savage

Pic 4477-First Row- Julissa Hernandez, Hannah Pickens, Jillian Garcia, Josephine Fosdick, Isis Akers, Colten Kilpatrick  
Second Row- Jake Smorenburg, Brenna Trudeau, Donovan McCann, Cameron Savage

Pic 4448-First Row- Julissa Hernandez, Elysia Becken, Jasmine Cante, Dani Perez-Lopez, Quinton Mendoza, Josephine Fosdick, Sarah Rickert, Evie Jennings  
Second Row- Carson Ramsey, Thomas Ludwick, Shaye Shannon-Means, Alexa Thompson, Maya Lewis, Logan Brookshier, Luke Evans, Jack Garrett, Donovan McCann, Cameron Savage  
Third Row- Ben McLemore, Julia Love, James McLemore, Jake Smorenburg, Jillian Merritt, Isis Harper, Cade Houghton, Colten Kilpatrick

## **About Wimberley Independent School District**

Nestled in the majestic community of Wimberley, Texas, the Wimberley Independent School District offers the best of both worlds to local families—a small town environment with schools committed to innovation and excellence. WISD campuses include Scudder Primary School for students in PreK-1st grade, Jacobs Well Elementary for students in 2nd-5th grade, Danforth Junior High for students in 6th-8th grade and Wimberley High School, home of the Texans.

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