



WHS ACADEMIC COMPETITORS BRING HOME MEDALS

UIL Team Looks Strong Going into District Competition

Wimberley, Texas, February 28, 2019—Gearing up for district competition, Wimberley High School academic and speech & debate team members are proving their might—most recently hauling home medals from their performance at the Westwood High School Invitational on Saturday, February 23. WHS students competed among 49 schools, ranging from 4A to 6A, and placed in several categories:



Elysia Becken and Evie Jennings haul home medals in UIL poetry.

Jillian Garcia—2nd-Feature Writing; 5th-Editorial Writing

Hannah Pickens—1st-Feature Writing; 4th-News Writing; 6th-Copy Editing

Cameron Savage—2nd-Headline Writing

Jake Smoorenburg—5th-Headline Writing

Ben McLemore—4th-Math

Quinton Mendoza—3rd-Current Events

Elysia Becken—6th-Poetry

Evie Jennings—3rd-Poetry

“The UIL academic and speech and debate teams have been working hard in preparation for our district meet. We travel to Bandera for district competition at the end of March and I'm confident that we will do very well,” said Kyla Brookshier-DeLeon, UIL Academic Coordinator and Director of Forensics.

The Westwood meet was the final invitational meet of the season. The UIL District Lincoln Douglas Debate, Ready Writing and Journalism competition is slated for March 28. The remaining speech and debate events and all academic events will follow on March 30. Both contests are at Bandera High School.

[Photo Link](#)

Captions:

#1 Elysia Becken and Evie Jennings take a moment to showcase their poetry medals.

#2 Cameron Savage and Jake Smorrenburg are excited to have excelled in their contests, bringing home second and fifth place, respectively, in headline writing.

#3 Quinton Mendoza enjoys the sweet smell of success as he displays the third place medal he won at the Westwood High School UIL Invitational for current events.

#4 It was a lot of thumbs up for Hannah Pickens and Jillian Garcia who were excited to compete in the Westwood Invitational. They both brought home medals. Pickens won first in feature writing, fourth in news writing and sixth in copy editing. Garcia brought home a pair of medals—second in feature writing and fifth in editorial writing.

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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 and students in 9th-12th grade. For more information, visit wimberleyisd.net.

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