

Dear School Board Members,

This evening, we are thrilled to celebrate two outstanding student debaters who have earned the honor of representing Duluth at the prestigious National Tournament in Des Moines, Iowa, this coming June 2025:

- Alex Singer demonstrated remarkable skill and depth of knowledge, securing 1st place in Lincoln Douglas Debate. He masterfully argued the complex topic of Wealth Tax, earning top honors through persuasive reasoning and eloquent delivery.

- Azalea Steffes impressed judges with her poise and expertise, achieving 2nd place in Congressional Debate. She skillfully debated critical issues such as Paid Parental Leave and Prohibiting Assault Weapons.

These accomplishments are a testament to the countless hours of preparation, research, and practice that Alex and Azalea have dedicated to their craft. Their success not only highlights their individual talents but also underscores the importance of fostering articulate and informed youth voices.

Please join me in giving a well-deserved round of applause to Alex and Azalea for their outstanding achievements. We are confident that they will represent Duluth with distinction at Nationals this June.

Sincerely,
Anthony Bonds
Assistant Superintendent