

Twenty-two members of the Meyers Speech & Debate team competed at the annual William Tennent Speech & Debate Tournament held at Pennsbury High School in Fairless Hills on Saturday, November 2.

Five members of the team achieved elimination rounds in competition with approximately 400 students from 25 schools from throughout New Jersey and eastern and central Pennsylvania.

Eighth-grader Jacinda Miller was a finalist in junior varsity poetry and placed second with her performance of "The Pattern Maker's Daughter," written by Sandee Gert Umbach. Eighth-grader Ayele Kouevi also made finals in the same event and placed sixth, performing "Social Studies," by Jim Warner.

Seventh-grader Tess Welles was a finalist finished in junior varsity dramatic performance and placed fifth with her presentation of "Mick Hate Was Here" by Barbara Park.

Eighth-grader Erin Akoute made finals in junior varsity pros and placed sixth performing "Hot Dog Girl," by Jennifer Dugan

Sophomore Samaria Brown made semi-finals in declamation for her delivery of Markie Dell's speech, "Escaping the Pain of Human Trafficking."

Also competing for Meyers at the William Tennent Tournament were Nicholas Wiley and Kevin Welles in varsity dramatic duo; Sam Conklin in varsity extemp; Erin Cook,

Michaela Barney and Cheyenne Zyskowski in original oratory; Patrick Franckiewicz in varsity dramatic performance; Angel Estrella in junior varsity Lincoln-Douglas debate; Hannah Suydam, Kayla Tyndall and Chloe DeGraffenreid, in junior varsity poetry; Shane Cesare, Joseph Matthews and Elizabeth Sage, in junior varsity prose; Anthony Martinez and Carlos Buestan in junior varsity congress; and, Michael Andrews in junior varsity extemp.

Assisting the team in judging and coaching capacities were Meyers alumni Emily Welles, Sarah Borland and Joseph Borland.