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Oak Park's Andrew Green Moves into 13th Round Today in National Forensics League Competition

Green Competes Among Final 6 in International Extemporaneous Speaking

KANSAS CITY—NORTH ... Andrew Green, who graduated from Oak Park High School in May, might have thought life couldn't get any better after having been one of two Oak Park students named Missouri's top debaters this year at the MSHSAA Missouri Speech and Debate Tournament, but that could change.

Green is competing this week in **International Extemporaneous Speaking** at the **National Forensics League tournament** in Philadelphia. He is among 270 national competitors that have battled through a dozen rounds and is now one of six who have survived for the final 13th round.

International Extemporaneous Speaking is one of the most grueling of the forensic competitions. Students must know something about the politics of every country in the world and be able to discuss, with the draw from a hat, the foreign policy of the United States regarding that country. Students are then given 30 minutes to prepare and seven minutes to deliver an oral response.

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Arianne Fortune, Oak Park speech teacher and forensics coach, says that results from the competition should be known shortly after 8 p.m. this evening. As soon as those are known, results will be faxed and e-mailed to local media along with information about a possible photo opportunity when Green returns to KCI Airport.

Green plans to attend Truman State University in the fall. He is a member of German Honor Society and has received the J. Harold & Mabel Hamil Memorial Scholarship, the NKC Rotary Club Scholarship, and four Truman State University scholarships including the Robert Newman Debate Scholarship.

For more information, contact **Arianne Fortune** at **Oak Park High School**, **(816) 413-5300**.

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