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Chase County Schools (CCS) speech coach Jill Bauerle wanted her team to finish in the top half at the SPVA speech tournament in Sutherland March 5, and it did.

CCS took third in the contest, with Perkins County High School first and Maxwell second. Other schools were North Platte St. Pat's, fourth; Hershey High School, fifth and Sutherland High School, sixth.

"What is really great is that each school has shown growth and improvement in the last couple years," Bauerle said. "The competition is improving."

At SPVA, students earn points for their performance. Those making finals earn points for their placing as well.

Results were as follows:

Anna Bauerle, first in persuasive speaking, second in Oral Interpretation of Drama (OID);

Emma Bauerle, second in OID, fifth in duet speaking; Mindy Castle, fifth in extemporaneous speaking; Jessica Hartman, fourth in OID, excellent in serious prose;

Blair Hartman, third in persuasive speaking; Andrea Hogsett, superb in poetry, superb in humorous prose; Emily Johnston, second in serious prose; Tapainga Kahle, second in humorous prose, fourth in OID;

Korey Krutsinger, superb in informative speaking; Claire Kuenne, fourth in OID, excellent in entertainment; Darin Knobbe, excellent in extemporaneous speaking; Jake Lueth, fourth in OID, superb in poetry;

Ryan Moline, fifth in duet acting, superb in entertainment speaking; Mitsy Cardoso and Kymberli Rowley, good in duet, their first time.

Bauerle said "Our team has made some fantastic progress this season. Several of the speakers have worked really hard and have become amazing speakers."