
District Student of the Year Nomination [Lilli Ambort]

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Hi Joe,

Below is a nomination for District Student of the Year submitted by Joe Rankin for consideration by your District Committee. A copy of this form has also been sent to the national office.

If you have any questions about the nomination process, please email info@speechanddebate.org.

Coach Information**Nominating Coach**

Joe Rankin

Nominating Coach Emailjrankin@bettendorf.k12.ia.us**School**

Bettendorf

State

Iowa

District Information**District**

East Iowa (IA)

District Chair Name

Joe Rankin

District Chair Emailjrankin@bettendorf.k12.ia.us

Student Information**Student Name**

Lilli Ambort

Grad Year

2018

Academic Achievements

GPA	/ out of (scale)	Weighted (Yes/No)	AP (Yes/No)	IB Certificate(s) (Yes/No)	IB Diploma (Yes/No)	Cambridge (Yes/No)
3.965	4.0	No	No	No	No	No

Merit Points

Total years of speech/debate experience (include this school year)	Debate Points	Speech Points	Congress Points	Service Points	District Points	National Points
4	645	85	162	85	235	84

List the top three speech and debate achievements of which this student is most proud.

Year	Tournament/Organization and Event	Place/Honor
2014	Dowling Paradigm, Public Forum Debate	Octafinalist - Freshmen getting to ToC bid round
2017	IFL State - Congress	2nd Place - Presiding Officer of Finals
2015-2017	East Iowa NSDA Districts - Worlds/PF/Inf	3 time National Qualifier

Essay from Nominating Coach

Student's Disposition Toward Speech/Debate and Exhibition of Code of Honor Tenets

Lilli Ambort is one of our twins on the team, along with her sister Hazel. The two of them have been long-term participants on the Speech/Debate Team and they will be missed when they graduate this year. Lilli hopes to accomplish what only 1 other Bettendorf student has done in the past - qualify to Nationals for all 4 years of her HS career. (Hazel is hoping that as well!) She has been a leader on our team for years and her accomplishments are across multiple events.

In terms of Speech and Debate, Lilli is a 3-time National qualifier and has participated in Public Forum Debate, Congress, Informative Speaking, and dabbled in a variety of other events. She is an Academic All-American and has helped each year with our Middle School Speech/Debate program. In fact, Lilli was part of the first (and only) group of MS students we took to the MS Nationals tournament her 8th grade year. Lilli has acted as exemplary student, helpful mentor, novice judge as needed, and helped run our Speech/Debate event each year.

In Academics, she is as close to a 4.0 as you get with a class loaded filled with more AP courses than I knew existed. She has taken Chinese language courses through the University of Iowa. She is taking college courses through Scott Community College.

Beyond that, she has been on the tennis team for 2 years, committee chair for 2 years on the National Honor Society, a board member of Teens for Tomorrow for 2 years, Love Girls Magazine lead writer, and has somehow still found time to work part-time at Biaggi's. Finally, she has been an intern for the Davenport Civil Rights Commission.

Lilli would be an excellent candidate for Senior of the Year. She will be the first in her family to attend college and her academics and work efforts prove she has the drive to succeed. I hope you consider Lilli as your top pick for District Senior of the Year. Thank you!