
District Student of the Year Nomination [Hazel 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

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Bettendorf HS

State

Iowa

District Information

District

East Iowa (IA)

District Chair Name

Joe Rankin

District Chair Emailjrankin@bettendorf.k12.ia.us

Student Information

Student Name

Hazel 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)
3.963	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	309	289	103	40	201	27

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

Year	Tournament/Organization and Event	Place/Honor
2015-2017	East IA Districts - World Schools	3-time National qualifier
2014	Minneapolis - Lincoln-Douglas	Finished 4-2 at a ToC bid tournament
2016	City Classic - Original Oratory	2nd Place

Essay from Nominating Coach

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

Hazel Ambort is one of our twins on the team, along with her sister Lilli. The two of them have been long-term participants on the Speech/Debate Team and they will be missed when they graduate this year. Hazel 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. (Lilli 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, Hazel is a 3-time National qualifier and has participated in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Original Oratory, Congress, 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. Hazel 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 given back to others through tutoring at Grant Wood and Mark Twain elementary schools. She has been focused on engineering, including working through the John Deere Engineering Exploring event.

Beyond that, she has been on the tennis team, softball team, Milan Area Girls Softball team, Science Club, and many other activities. She also has found time to work at Biaggi's. She enjoys crocheting, reading, and playing her guitar or ukulele. Hazel is always looking to learn new things.

Hazel 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 Hazel as your top pick for District Senior of the Year. Thank you!