ISU Debate Team Finishes Regular Season at Kansas State

Normal, Ill. – The Illinois State University debate team completed its 2011-2012 regular season at Kansas State University this past weekend. The team sent the varsity team of Lauren Casey (Addison Trail High School, Addison, IL) and Hillary St. John (Wheeling High School, Wheeling, IL) and the novice team of Miles Maggio (Collinsville High School, Collinsville, IL) and Deandre Williams (Thornton Township High School, Riverdale, IL).

This was Williams’ debut on the ISU’s debate team. Both teams struggled against tough competition but gained worthwhile experience for the postseason. The team of Casey and St. John finished with only 2 wins, but they did defeat a strong team from the University of Kansas. Maggio and Williams finished with only 1 victory against Johnson County Community College, but they are hopeful what they learned this past weekend will ensure a successful result at Novice Nationals.

The 10 member Debate Squad is part of the ISU Forensics Union, the oldest and most successful registered student organization on campus. The debate team has qualified 23 teams to the National Debate Tournament in its history, and received many other regional and national awards. For more information about the ISU debate squad and the Forensics Union, please contact forensics@ilstu.edu, or visit the team’s website http://cas.illinoisstate.edu/sites/forensics/debate/.

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