

Speech and Debate Proves Victorious

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On November 18, Lexi Jackson and Hailey Stepp participated in the speech and debate competition that was hosted at EHS. The competition was teams of two from different high schools in the Cherry Creek School District. Each duo had a specific debate question that they had several weeks to prepare for.

The setup was simple with the two teams debating in front of a judge who would determine the winner based on their performance and strength of argument.

They debated regarding whether or not universal background checks should be required for gun sales in the U.S. A coin toss decided what side of the issue they would be on.

The power duo had gone 2-1 against tough competition, and they held together and came out with two back to back wins and one loss.

The wins had been on the two negation rounds. Negations are the negative side, if you're debating this side you're going against the topic saying that they shouldn't pass the law.

Ashley McColloch

Their loss was on the affirmation round with a very close ruling deciding that the other team argued the issue better. Affirmations are the the opposite of negations. Meaning that they are the positive side where they argue for the topic. Convincing the judge that they should pass the resolution.

Training for the event was tough. The two girls had known each other but were not close, making the pairing rough in the beginning. However the time they spent putting hard work into their arguments paid off. They would spend almost every Saturday from 6-10 practicing. In the end they made sure to have each other's back no matter what.

This is the kind of experience speech and debate offers to students who participate in the club.

The perfect way to describe the feeling of speech and debate is through Lexi Jackson's own words, "It's empowering because you're moving people with your words, but also lighted-hearted because even if you lose you're getting better while having fun."

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