

### February 8, 2013 – Lee High Forensics Team Hits the Mark

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The Robert E. Lee High School Forensics Team participated in the Augusta County-Staunton City Forensics Meet on January 23. Forensics is a unique competition composed of ten categories that all focus on creative and interpretative speaking. At this meet, Lee High School's seventeen member team won first place overall. Alec Szuba, Sally Abouzied, Arianna Jensen Wachspress, Maria Wykes, Emerald Proctor, and Victoria Nay took first place in their respective categories. "I was so proud of the team," said Lee High coach Brian Shutt. "Everyone did such a great job, and really, I didn't know what to expect with this being my first year. I look forward to expanding the team next year."

The following week, district competition featured a battle between seven high schools and over ninety contestants. Despite the rain and high winds outside, the Lee High team performed beautifully inside. Victoria Nay took 2nd place in storytelling and Deb Finney earned 2nd place in serious monologue. The duo team of Arianna Jensen-Wachspress and Maria Wykes captured 1st place in serious dramatic duo. "The competition was tough, but I felt the team performed well," said Lee High coach Brian Shutt. "Hopefully, we can make a strong showing at regionals and then look to states." The students will participate in regional competition on March 2 in Waynesboro.



Lee High School Forensic Team:

bottom row: (L to R) Mr. Shutt, Tiffany Taylor, Salley Abouzied, Emerald Proctor, Rachel Carlton; Next row: Ruth Clem, Maria Wykes, Olivia Pyanoe, Arianna Jensen-Wachspress; Next row: Jordan Dronebarger, Victoria Nay, Daisha Johnson, Deb Finney, Ashley Miller; Back Row: Alec Szuba, David Eiker, Allison White, Stone Stowers.