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St. Cecilia junior advances to national forensics tournament

St. Cecilia Academy junior Lizzie Harless has qualified for the National Forensics League's National Tournament to be held in June in Dallas, Texas.

Lizzie conquered two arduous days of competition at the qualifying tournament and walked away with second place in the dramatic interpretation event, thus assuring her a spot in the national tournament. She also won an alternate spot with her partner, Nancy-Margaret Wehby, in duo interpretation.

St. Cecilia has not sent a student to the national tournament since 1997. This is a great honor and Lizzie is to be greatly commended for her "grace under pressure," her determination and her perseverance.

The SCA forensics team also recently competed in the prestigious Smokey Mountain Invitational tournament, where Lizzie walked away with four trophies for first place in prose and dramatic interpretation and third in poetry interpretation. She and Nancy-Margaret also earned third place in duo interpretation.

St. Cecilia Academy—Nashville's oldest private high school founded in 1860 by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation—is celebrating its 150th anniversary throughout the 2010-2011 school year. The Academy has been named to the Top 50 best Catholic high schools in the U.S. list five times since 2004. Eighty-five percent of the 53 Class of 2010 members were offered college scholarships totaling \$5.5 million. That equals an average of over \$100,000 in offered college scholarships per graduate.

Photograph cutline:

St. Cecilia Academy junior Lizzie Harless shows her trophies from the national qualifying tournament.

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