

## SCAPA dominates junior speech tournament

SCAPA, the School for the Creative and Performing Arts Bluegrass, dominated the Kentucky High School Speech League's Junior State Tournament.

SCAPA captured its 11th consecutive team Sweepstakes state championship and won the Sustained Excellence Award for cumulative points through the years.

The two-day tournament, held March 21-22 at Western Kentucky University, began with SCAPA coaches Beth Randolph and Debbi Dean being inducted into the KHSSL Hall of Fame.

Among other highlights:

- **Morton Middle School** came in sixth among 33 schools in the Sweepstakes competition
- **Beaumont Middle School** placed third in Horizon Awards, which go to teams with a relatively small number of state qualifiers, but who did well with those entries. The team of **Audrey Linville** and **Olivia Reese** took third place in Improvisational Duo, and **Adeline Agtarap** placed sixth in Public Speaking.

SCAPA students won seven of the 11 state individual championships and were runners-up in seven events. State champions included **Haley Fish** and **McKenna Slone** in Duo Acting, **Leia Wedlund** in Extemporaneous Speaking, **Ema Horvath** and **Ross Thomas** in Improvisational Duo, **Macy Early** in both Oratorical Declamation and Public Speaking, **Ema Horvath** in Solo Acting, and **Haley Fish** in Storytelling.

State runners-up from SCAPA were **Madalyn Collins** and **Stella Sharpe** in Duo Acting, **Macy Early** in Extemporaneous Speaking, **Collins** in Oratorical Declamation, **Jamie Vescio** in Poetry Interpretation, **Lauren Gardiner** in Public Speaking, **Ross Thomas** in Solo Acting, and **Joseph Wrightson** in Storytelling.

KHSSL enhances and refines students' skills in acting, speaking, listening and critical thinking, and provides an arena for extracurricular competition in speech, drama and debate.