

## Speech and debate teams fare well

Three Fayette County schools placed in the top 10 at the Kentucky High School Speech League's Senior High Speech and Debate Tournament.

Paul Laurence Dunbar came in fourth, Lafayette High School was seventh, and Henry Clay High finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the individual event sweepstakes, held March 13-15 at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green.

State champions included **Stephen Hicks** of Dunbar in both Storytelling and Poetry Interpretation; **Jill Richardson** and **Chrisena Ricci** of Lafayette in Improvisational Duo Acting; and **John Cowgill** of Henry Clay in Broadcast Announcing.

In addition, Henry Clay High finished third in the debate sweepstakes and produced two Lincoln/Douglas debate champions: **Elizabeth Fryman** in varsity and **Helen Sauer** in the novice division.

More than 500 speakers and interpreters from 45 high schools competed in the tournament, which has been held at WKU for two decades.

The Kentucky High School Speech League encourages students to participate in academic competition in order to understand and appreciate worthwhile speech, drama and debate.