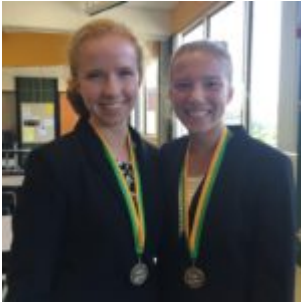# Louisburg debate off to good start

Louisburg's Grayson Anderson (left) and Isabelle Holtzen show off their first-place medals following the Shawnee Mission South Invitational last Saturday. The Wildcat duo finished the day with a 5-0 record.

It is just two weeks into the season, but the Louisburg High School debate team is already racking up medals.

Most recently, the Wildcat team divided up and traveled to two tournaments last Saturday and both found success at Shawnee Mission South and Gardner-Edgerton High Schools.

At the Shawnee Mission South Invitational, two Louisburg teams left with medals. Isabelle Holtzen and Grayson Anderson finished the day with a 5-0 record to finish first overall.

Carson Tappan and Curran Conklin also had a nice showing for the Wildcats as they tallied a 4-1 record and finished ninth.

Louisburg sent 22 debaters to the Gardner-Edgerton Invitational and all of them were competing for the first time. It was a good debut for all of them as they combined to finish third overall in the team standings.

Deven Wieland (left) and Garrett Rolofson pose with their third-place trophy.

Deven Wieland and Garrett Rolofson went undefeated with a 4-0 record and the Wildcat duo finished third as well.

Louisburg opened its season on Sept. 17 and the Wildcats split

up again. One group traveled to the Washburn Rural Invitational — a 2-day tournament — and the other ventured to Blue Valley Southwest.

Brooke Talmage (left) and McKenzie Vanmeerhaeghe finished with a 4-1 record at Washburn Rural.

Brooke Talmage and McKenzie VanMeerhaeghe broke into out rounds and finished with a 5-1 record to take fourth place to lead Louisburg.

Calvin Cassida and Flynn Langner competed in the open division at Blue Valley Southwest and left with a 4-1 record. Gabe Rader and Cole Williams, who competed in their first tournament in the novice division, also finished with a 4-1 record.

(From left) Calvin Cassida, Gabe Rader, Cole Williams and Flynn Langner (not pictured) finished 4-1 at Blue Valley Southwest.