



Debate



Confidence is key! Laura Fisher, 10, used this to enhance her every move during debate competitions. Getting up early for competitions on Saturdays may have been tough, so having confidence really helped her leave her doubts and physical needs behind.

Ties and suits with buttoned shirts, along with skirts and blouses, are normal attire...for debate members that is.

Hard work was part of the package, but it was not the only component. Excitement and learning played into the process to a great degree.

"Debate is fun because you get to see current issues from a lot of different view points and other people that do it are really nice," said **Jasmine Nasek, 12.**

The team spent the week before the tournament discussing the topic that they were to compete on during Saturday competitions.

They found that the more they practiced, the more they improved.

"It's definitely something that you can always improve. It's hard to argue logically and clearly without losing your

temper," said **Laura Fisher, 10.**

Fisher found that as she practiced more and more with her team, she got better, and even had more fun.

Other less-experienced members felt the same way and even gained confidence as a result of going to competitions and being in the competitive, adrenaline-pumping environment.

One of the most favored types of competitions the members had was a Grand Cross-ex, where two teams argued back and forth.

During a day of a typical competition, the team got up pretty early on Saturday and drove to the school hosting it, where they met together and prepared a bit.

Afterwards, the team split into partners and competed against other schools' partner teams in four debates.



Convincing? Practicing with each other before competitions was not just a habit, but a tradition. What good would competing with others have been without competing with each other first? That's exactly what these two did.



Practicing is number one! Jasmine Nasek, 12, was a dedicated and well-practiced member of the debate team. Any opportunity, even study hall, made for a perfect time to go through notes and information for her next debate competition.

Junior Council of World Affairs



Ashley Cummings, 12, is the president of Junior Council of World Affairs. The club made resolutions to compete with at model UN competitions. Although she did not do a lot, it was a fun club to be apart of at school.

The Junior Council of World Affairs Club attended a Model UN simulation at the University of Dayton. Each student had a different country to represent.

They had to learn about their country and represent their countries interests in debates. They also had to create resolutions for each country. Many of the students had their resolutions passed.

Mr. Samuel Gibbs was the

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adviser to the club, while **Ashley Cummings, 12,** was the President.

"As a club, we worked together to help each other get prepared for the Model UN simulation. We had to do a lot of research on our countries but it was worth it in the end," said **Cummings.**

Many students joined the club that had interests in world affairs.

"I joined the club because I am very interested in current events," said **Maki Naiko, 12.**



A building at the University of Dayton where the students traveled to compete. The students thought the campus was beautiful. Also, they greatly enjoyed their experience.



Junior Council of World Affairs traveled to the University of Dayton. They competed in a model UN competition. Many of the students passed their resolutions.

