Miramonte's Public Speaking Team Remains Triumphant

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For most people, the term "March Madness" refers to the frenzy of college basketball games that consume people's lives for the entire month. However, for Miramonte High School's public speaking team, the phrase takes on an entirely different meaning. For these students, March is a busy time, with tournaments held every Saturday, some even beginning a day early on Friday. These "March Madness" qualifying tournaments determine which distinguished competitors will proceed to the highest levels of competition: the California High School Speech Association's State Tournament held this April in Modesto, Calif., and the National Forensic League's National Tournament held in June all the way in Overland Park, Kan.

Historically, Miramonte's team has had great success in qualifying a large number of students to both of these tournaments, but this year has been one of the most triumphant yet. This year, head coach Kristen Plant will lead a team of 36 students to the State Tournament, and 10 students to the National Tournament.

"These speakers have worked harder than ever to make it so far in the competition, and will undoubtedly represent Miramonte well in the upcoming prestigious tournaments," says Miramonte junior and team member Fatima Hasanain. "There is no doubt that the team's success would not be possible without the endless support of the Educational Foundation of Orinda and all the hardworking volunteers that make such trips possible. The entire Miramonte public speaking team extends its sincerest gratitude to EFO for its continued support in helping the program thrive."

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