

# Poetry takes state Sophomore wins first in speech



**MATT GLADING** wins state speech contest.

Matt Glading is State Champion Sophomore Matt Glading was crowned Class 2A state poetry champion at the State Speech Tournament held in Wichita. The Oberlin speech team took third place overall.

According to Coach Tony Marshall, Decatur Community High School took 15 events to the State Champs, and of those 15, ten qualified for semi-finals. After the semi-final round, six qualified for finals. Junior Amanda Marshall is a State Runner-Up. She finished in second place in humorous solo. She and Nolan Henningson also qualified for finals in duet acting and finished in fifth place. Nolan also took third overall in prose.

Miki Dorshorst and Jacob Helm were the other two finalists. Miki took fifth overall in poetry, and Jacob finished fifth in extemporaneous speaking.

State Speech Festival was held at the same time as State Champs. Much like State Music, students

perform for their piece one time for a rating.

All five Oberlin students who competed at State Festival earned I ratings: Tiffany Anderson in prose, Baron Green in prose, Sierra Lohofener in prose, Katie Glading in poetry, and Matthew Helm and Sierra Lohofener in improvised duet acting.

The speech team was coached by Deedre Frasier, Doug Mason, and Tony Marshall.

## Carissa Wentz

Carissa is the daughter of Dwight and Mary Wentz. She has three older brothers and one older sister: Galen, Darren, Troy, and Katrina.

Carissa plans to attend K-State in the fall and major in accounting. In 10 years, she hopes to be back home working as an accountant.

Her hobbies are snorting while laughing and making her classmates laugh at her. She also likes spending time with friends and family.

While in high school, Carissa has been involved in Kays, Student Council, TACT, Spanish Club, and volleyball. She was the Halloween Clean-Up General and the 2011 Prom Marshall.

Carissa's favorite movie is "The Notebook," and her favorite song is "Bidi Bidi Bom Bom" by Justo Lamas. "Heaven is for Real" is her favorite book.

Her short-term goals are to finish her research paper and "The Grapes of Wrath." Her long-term goal is to be successful and happy.

Carissa said she will miss the small classes and her friends she has made here. She will also miss "jammin' out in Spanish class."

Her advice for the underclassmen is to "enjoy your time in high school. It will be gone in the blink of an eye."

## Nolan Peters

Nolan is the son of Randy and Lynda Peters. He has four older brothers: CJ, Caleb, Garrit, Toby; and one younger sister, Jillian.

Nolan will attend Fort Hays State University in the fall and major in technology studies. In ten years, he sees himself teaching industrial arts in a high school somewhere.

His hobbies are playing and watching sports and being with friends. He has been involved in football, wrestling, track, Weight Club, and D-Club.

Nolan's favorite movie is "Friday Night Lights." His favorite song is "Things that Rhyme with Orange" by I Set My Friends on Fire. "Heaven is for Real" is his favorite book.

His short-term goal is to graduate and go to college. A long-term goal is to graduate college and become an industrial arts teacher.

Nolan said what he will miss about high school are the small classes and his friends. His advice for underclassmen is "stay positive and have no regrets."

## Josh Ritter

Josh is the son of Sharla Ritter and Phillip Ritter. He has one older brother, Seth.

Josh plans to attend Colby Com-

munity College and Fort Hays State University to study criminal justice.

His hobbies are playing basketball, hunting, playing video games, hanging with friends, working, fishing and eating. He has been involved in basketball, football, D-Club, Weight Club, FFA, and Kays.

"Ace Ventura" is his favorite movie, "Things that Rhyme with Orange" his favorite song and "Heaven is for Real," his favorite book.

He plans to graduate, make a lot of money this summer and stay out of trouble. His long-term goal is to become a happy person in life. In ten years, he sees himself having a successful job and having a family.

Josh said he will miss his teammates and his family and friends.

## Jon Samson

Jon is the son of Chad Samson and Candi Ketterl. He has two older sisters: Ashli and Ali Samson.

Jon says he might attend college in Garden City to learn how to work on John Deere equipment.

His hobbies are hunting and fishing. In high school he has been involved in football, wrestling, FFA, and D-Club.

Jon's favorite movie is "Dumb and Dumber." "His favorite song is "Things that Rhyme with Orange" and his favorite book is "Green Eggs and Ham" by Dr. Seuss.

A short-term goal of Jon's is to graduate, and a long-term goal is to be successful.

His advice for the underclassmen is "Do your homework."

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