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**CEDARVILLE, OHIO** -- Cedarville University's speech and debate teams won three individual championships and one team championship from the Ohio Forensics Association's state championship. The event was held virtually because of COVID protocols on Saturday, Feb. 19.

Cedarville's individual champions include Will Galkin of Murray, Utah, and Paul Miller of Chariton, Iowa, in duo interpretation. Maren Moses of Columbus, Ohio, claimed a state title in persuasive speaking; Eric Doese of Sussex, Wisconsin, won the debate competition; and Alex Boesch of Champaign, Illinois, finished second in the overall top speaker in Ohio.

Members of the speech team also include Olivia Ball of Cedarville, Ohio; Micaiah O'Malley of Martinsville, Indiana; and Avé Burson of Cedarville, Ohio. Members of the debate team include Thaddian Burson of Cedarville, Ohio; Connor Hall of Pawcatuck, Connecticut; Hannah Dunham of Southgate, Michigan; Abby Delp of Harleysville, Pennsylvania; and Ella Bode of Hilton, New York.

Professor Eric Mishne, assistant professor of communication, serves as director of forensics.

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