

Clark debate team wins top honors

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Clark Advanced Learning Center Debate Team students recently won several top honors at the Palm Beach Catholic Forensics League All-Congress Debate Tournament. Pictured (L-R): Steven McEwen, Michael Meloni, Kelly McMahon, Justin Werle, Meaghan McMahon, Tim Webster, Carissa Nichols, Kelsey Williams, and Anna Hutcheson, Sponsor.

STUART — Clark Advanced Learning Center students recently participated in the Palm Beach Catholic Forensics League All-Congress Debate Tournament and earned several top honors in their events. Students participate as senators and legislators and debate student-submitted bills and legislation. A student must learn to use motions, parliamentary procedure, and proper questioning, including persuasive speaking in order to succeed in this event. Students who placed first through third and best presiding officer are eligible for national tournaments.

First-place winners were: Meaghan McMahon, of Palm City, 12th grade - Varsity; Carissa Nichols, of Port Salerno, 11th grade - Novice; and Kelsey Williams, of Hobe Sound, 10th grade - Novice.

Second-place winners were: Kelly McMahon, of Palm City, 10th grade - Novice; and Tim Webster, of Palm City, 11th grade - Novice.

Third-place winner was: Steven McEwen, of Stuart, 10th grade - Novice.

Sixth-place winner was: Michael Meloni, of Port Salerno, 11th grade - Novice.

Other award winner was: Justin Werle, of Palm City, 12th grade - Varsity, for Best President/Presiding Officer.

Clark Advanced Learning Center students have an opportunity to complete one to two years of college at no cost through dual enrollment. Students engage in internships related to their interests and utilize technology in project-based learning. A personal laptop computer is assigned to each student while in attendance at the school. An A-rated public charter high school, the Clark Advanced Learning Center is located at the Indian River State College Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, in Stuart. For more information, call (772) 419-5750 or visit <http://www.clarkadvancedlearningcenter.org>.

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