

Speaking Your Mind

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The Speech program at Jeff has allowed students opportunities during, and beyond, high school

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“Speech has helped me increase my confidence.”

Like any other high school student, founding Speech and Debate member, and Jeffersonville High School senior, Josh Waddell was insecure about aspects of his life that were out of his control.

He was concerned with how other people perceived him, especially when he spoke. But speech gave him an outlet to better himself and his confidence.

“Speech has been able to increase my articulation. It helps me discuss my political opinions in a more intellectual way that I couldn’t before,” Waddell said. “As someone who is active in the political sphere, it’s something that I would not be able to survive without.”

But even earlier in his life, Waddell found comfort and ease in expressing his political opinions, something necessary for his future employment. When the opportunity to put this passion into a speech and debate team at Jeff High, he jumped at the chance.



Senior Josh Waddell giving a speech in the media center. Photo by: Sam Gatewood

Three years later, he holds countless awards and titles -- all thanks to Speech and Debate Club.

“I will be applying for many different speech scholarships. It has gotten me involved with a lot of different awards that I can get and I’ve won an entire wall of trophies from many different events,” Waddell said. “But I also think past getting cheap, plastic metals and getting a hundred dollars towards college. I’ve gotten a lot of relationships that I wouldn’t have otherwise; people from different schools, different backgrounds and different walks of life.”

The speech team gives speeches around the Jeffersonville area, including the Rotary Club, the Republican Women’s Club and the Optimist Club.

The league is jointly run by Mr. Rick Condon, and Rachel Jacobs, a political campaign manager. Condon, who is a permanent JHS sub, helps the team with freelance things, while Jacobs helps the team find tournaments all around Indiana. This year, speech is expanding their horizons and moving into the territory of slam poetry and dramatic interpretations.

Waddell also believes that speech is a valuable life skill that brings people together. He believes that no matter what students decide to do in life, speech will enhance whatever job they choose to do.

Waddell encourages anyone who is interested in the club to join. Meetings are on Thursdays from 2:30-4 p.m. in the Media Center.

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

•Tristan Jackson

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Jeff High Athletics has many stars each month, but sophomore Jacob Clemons outperformed in September

The Player

Jacob Clemons, sophomore, has earned a starting spot on the Varsity soccer team, playing as a defensive center midfielder this year. His work ethic, passion for the sport, and experiences with injuries are what pushes him to be a better player.



Photo by: Jay Williams

Sophomore Jacob Clemons fights for possession against Floyd Central.

Player's Perspective

“I’ve had injury problems so when I’m healthy I make sure to give it my all. I never know how long I’m going to be able to play.” -- Clemons

Coach's Perspective

Varsity coach Carson Webb praised Clemons, saying the dedication and confidence he has shown is “beyond his years” and the reason he chose him.

Stats

Webb likes to focus on team accomplishments rather than individual stats, but Clemons recalls scoring a goal in a 3-3 tie against Fairdale during the Kentuckiana Cup and two more goals in a 7-0 win against Jennings County.

Sophomore Jacob Clemons pushes the ball down the pitch.



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Upcoming Soccer Schedule

@ Providence @ Silver Creek Columbus East

Sept. 24



Sept. 27



Oct. 1

