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Great Falls Central wins speech tournament Sweepstakes Award

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Great Falls Central High School (GFC) won the Sweepstakes Award among Class AA high schools participating Friday and Saturday in the speech division of the Montana High School Association State Speech and Drama Meet at the University of Montana.

Winning Sweepstakes honors among Class A schools was Havre High School. Two schools, Fort Benton and Gardiner, tied for Sweepstakes honors in the combined Class B-C division.

Three GFC students--Candy Zadick, Richard Grady and Dennis Steele--placed first, respectively, in the girls' extemporaneous speaking, humorous declamation and oral interpretation, in boosting their team to first-place speech honors.

Missoula Sentinel High School was among four schools in the state which received superior ratings for producing various plays in the drama division of the state meet. Schools and plays receiving superior ratings include Missoula Sentinel and GFC, each for producing "David and Lisa"; Bozeman Senior High School, "Barefoot In The Park"; and Havre High School, "Androcles and The Lion."

Four students received best actor and best actress awards, Grady for his portrayal of David in GFC's "David and Lisa"; DaviddPichette for his portrayal of John Proctor in "The Crucible," Great Falls High School; Kathy Bell for her portrayal of Inez in "No Exit," Glasgow High School; and Roxann Miller for her rendition of Lisa in Missoula Sentinel's "David and Lisa."

Bruce Cusker, a Missoula native who is drama director at Great Falls Public, was named recipient of the Director of the Year Award by the UM Department of Drama, for outstanding contributions to the world of drama in Montana, for bringing theater to thousands of high school students and for maintaining superior quality in the selection and production of plays of high merit.

Arthur H. Roberts Memorial Scholarships of $100 each went to three high school seniors in the state who will enroll in drama at UM during the coming year. Winners were Terry Gibson, C.M. Russell High, Great Falls; Karen D. Haines, Hellgate High, Missoula; and Sandra Cook, Havre High School.

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