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San Gabriel Unified Speech and Debate Student Wins State Championship, Prepares for Nationals

SAN GABRIEL, CA – Gabrielino High School junior Felicia Tang will seek a national title after capturing the expository speaking championship at the California High School Speech Association state tournament in early May.

Tang became Gabrielino's 20th individual state champion in the program's 25-year history with a speech on the properties of aviation and why it is an important but overlooked career. She will be joined by 20 Gabrielino students at the National Speech and Debate Tournament, to be held June 16 to 21 in Dallas, Texas.

"Being a part of speech and debate has taught me how to work persistently, meet deadlines, find joy in what I do, how to collaborate, how to be more productive and how to manage my time more efficiently," Tang said. "On a personal level, before being on the team, I only saw things for what they were on the surface, but now I feel that I can empathize with other's situations."

Gabrielino's speech and debate program challenges students like Tang to enhance their public speaking and communication skills while addressing current national and global events in a highly competitive environment.

The program has garnered [regional, state and national accolades](#), including 22 consecutive Southern California Debate League Championships, nearly 100 Academic All-American team members, five national champions and the Bruno E. Jacob Trophy, a lifetime achievement award from the National Speech and Debate Association.

PHOTO CAPTION:

SANGAB_GHS_SPEECH: Gabrielino High School junior Felicia Tang captured first place in expository speaking at the California High School Speech Association state tournament on May 5. Tang is Gabrielino's 20th individual state champion and will advance to nationals in June.

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