

LSHS teacher earns prestigious national recognition through National Forensic League



Nate Smith, speech and debate coach at Lee's Summit High School, recently earned a "first diamond" degree of membership through the National Forensic League (NFL). To receive this honor, Mr. Smith attained a total of 1,823 points on Jan. 19, representing coaching successes over several years. Under Mr. Smith's direction, LSHS students earned more than 18,230 credit points.

After attaining a total of 1,500 points, coaches are entitled to wear a diamond-set NFL key or pin. Additional diamonds accrue at 3,000, 6,000, 10,000 and each 3,000 points thereafter. The minimum time for each diamond is five years as an NFL member coach.

Mr. Smith will be recognized during June at the Lincoln Financial Group/NFL National Speech and Debate Tournament in Kansas City. The tournament draws more than 3,000 students as well as 1,500 coaches, school administrators and parents. Over \$153,000 in college scholarships are awarded to talented and deserving students each year.