



## **2023 KENTUCKY DISTRICT RISES AT NATIONALS**

**The Kentucky District had a great showing at the 2023 National Tournament in Phoenix with three students on the awards stage at the end of the meet -- one in Main Events and two in Supplementals! Kudos to these fine performers and showings!**

## **AWARDS STAGE:**



**Daksha Pillai (Dunbar) = 9th place Senate!**



**Jacob Holbrook (Rowan) = 3rd place Storytelling!**



**Kaden Stone (Bardstown) = 5th place Poetry!**

## MAIN EVENTS:

Alexander Hamilton (Rowan) = quarterfinalist HI  
Victoria Fu & Sivani Babu (duPont Manual) = round 8 Public Forum Debate  
Kaden Stone (Bardstown) = octofinalist POI

## SUPPLEMENTAL EVENTS:

Kennedy Faulconer (Bardstown) = double octofinalist Poetry  
Emily Blackburn (Knott) = double octofinalist Prose  
Mary Gibson (Knott) = quarterfinalist Storytelling  
Sawyer Noe (Knott) = quarterfinalist Impromptu  
Raegan Settle (Murray) = semifinalist Impromptu  
Caroline Carlisle (Rowan) = double octofinalist Original Spoken Word Poetry  
Mia Carver (Rowan) = quarterfinalist Extemp Commentary  
Ben McBride (Trinity) = round 6 Extemp Debate

## COACHING DIAMONDS AWARDED AT 2023 NATIONALS

Michael Robinson, Murray HS  
3rd Diamond  
Neomia Hagans Flores, Dunbar HS  
2nd Diamond  
Erin Edwards Tharpe, Boone County HS 2nd Diamond

**Special congratulations to 4-Year Qualifier Jacob Holbrook of Rowan County High School!**

The Kentucky District also won the Tournament Book Ad contest for the second straight year (see designer and District Chair Rachel Page with the ad below).

