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CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University's debate team has proven once again it is one of the best in the nation.

Qualifying the maximum two teams for the 62 team National Debate Championship at Dartmouth College earlier this month, the EIU `A` team tied for fifth place while the `B` team finished 7th.

"Eastern was the only school in the nation with two teams finishing in the top ten," said Michael Bryant, EIU director of Forensics. "This represents Eastern's best performance ever at the National Debate Tournament."

Seniors Jim Lucas (Tulsa, OK) and Jon-Pierre Frenza (Sterling Heights, MI) comprise the `A` team.

`B` team members are senior Dan Hintz (Oak Creek, WI) and junior Missy Deem (Parkersburg, WVA).

`A` team victories included wins over Auburn, Samford, Dartmouth, North Texas State, Vermont, Emory and Baylor. The `B` team defeated Harvard, Cal State-Fullerton, Northern Iowa, George Mason and West Georgia.

Eastern has qualified at least one team 15 straight years, which is the 5th longest consecutive qualification streak in the nation, according to Bryant.