

Recognition of the EMU Forensics Team

WHEREAS, the Eastern Michigan University Forensics Team placed fifth in the nation and earned its fifth Founder's Award at the 2014 National Forensic Association's Championship, which was held at Eastern and brought 86 collegiate teams to Ypsilanti; and,

WHEREAS, senior Patrick Seick finished second in the Pentathlon standings and became a two-time national champion in after-dinner speaking and impromptu, and junior Spencer Belko placed fifth in persuasive speaking; and,

WHEREAS, EMU alumni Amber Price, Kelly Lloyd, Ryan Hershberger, and Nina Brennan were inducted into the National Forensic Association Hall of Fame; and,

WHEREAS, the Forensics Team won its 35th Michigan State Team Championship, and was crowned the National Championship Team at the Novice Nationals Forensic Tournament, with Tommy Barker, Jake Dailey, Lee Stevens, and Kayla Green all named individual national champions.

WHEREAS, Director of Individual Events Nick Romerhausen, Director of Debate Raymond Quiel, and Assistant Directors Amy Johnson and Arthur Valenzuela III proudly support the tradition of EMU Forensics with more than 40 years of championships and top 10 national rankings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents congratulates the EMU Forensics Team and coaches for their outstanding national success and commends them for the honor they have brought to themselves as well as to Eastern Michigan University.

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