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Archbishop Bergan Catholic School Earns Prestigious National Charter Status

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DES MOINES, IOWA (FEBRUARY 18, 2019) – The National Speech & Debate Association is proud to recognize Archbishop Bergan Catholic School for earning charter membership in the organization!

Over the past three years, Archbishop Bergan Catholic School has earned more than 50 degrees for outstanding participation in speech and debate activities. Degrees are earned by students and coaches through speech and debate competition, community service, and leadership activities.

Charter school membership is the highest school honor you can achieve as a part of the National Speech & Debate Association.

“Participation in speech and debate changes lives,” said J. Scott Wunn, Executive Director of the National Speech & Debate Association. “We are extremely proud of our charter schools, coaches, and students for their hard work and dedication to this transformative activity.”

From building confidence, improving communication, and increasing critical thinking skills, to better preparing students for college, speech and debate activities provide life skills vital to a young person’s success in the future. Schools that provide speech and debate programs report increased attendance, higher test scores, rise in college acceptance, and reduced drop-out rates. Charter schools reflect a sustained commitment to these values.

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About the National Speech & Debate Association

The National Speech & Debate Association is the largest interscholastic speech and debate organization serving middle school, high school, and collegiate students in the United States. The Association provides competitive speech and debate activities, high-quality resources, comprehensive training, scholarship opportunities, and advanced recognition to more than 150,000 students and coaches every year. For 90 years, the National Speech & Debate Association has empowered more than 1.5 million members to

become engaged citizens, skilled professionals, and honorable leaders in our society. For more information, visit www.speechanddebate.org.

