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Attached is a news release regarding Ferris State University student Nathan Grueter. Please direct questions to Leah Nixon at 231-591-5604.

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Nathan Grueter places second in Ferris State University speech contest

BIG RAPIDS – Nathan Grueter of Alpena took second place in an all-campus public speaking contest at Ferris State University last fall. The contest was hosted by the Ferris communication honor society Lambda Pi Eta and forensics honor society Pi Kappa Delta.

In light of the fall elections, contestants were invited to present a five-to eight-minute speech related to the theme "Political Engagement." Grueter, a member of LPH, was awarded second place with a speech on sexual offenders. Grueter shared \$600 in cash prizes with the first and third place finishers.

The first round began with 26 contestants competing in two preliminary rounds judged by Ferris faculty and community. The top three were invited to speak again in the final round. The finalists were judged by William Potter, dean of University College and administrative coordinator for the Political Engagement Project at Ferris; Richard Griffin, faculty coordinator for PEP; and Connie Meinholdt, coordinator for the American Democracy Project.

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