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# **Robyn Madson receives national forensics coaching award**

**FOREST LAKE, MINN.** – The National Forensic League (NFL) recently announced that Forest Lake debate coach Robyn Madson has been given the organization’s Diamond Award.

Madson, who teaches English and coaches both debate and student congress at Forest Lake Area High School, was notified earlier this month that she was one of eight forensics coaches from across the country, and the only coach from Minnesota, to have received the award so far this year. She will receive her award on June 17 at the Lincoln Financial Group/NFL National Speech and Debate Tournament in Dallas, Texas.

“An NFL Diamond Award recognizes a professional career that combines excellence and longevity,” said NFL spokesperson Jenny Corum Billman.

Madson has been teaching and coaching forensics for a total of 10 years. During her eight years coaching debate and student congress at Forest Lake, her teams have advanced to the state tournament seven times and to the national tournament three times.

She holds bachelor’s degrees in Cultural Studies and Comparative Literature and English as well as Master of Education degree in English Education, all earned at the University of Minnesota.

The NFL is a not-for-profit honorary society whose mission is to promote high school and middle school speech and debate activities as a means to develop a student’s essential life skills and values. Since 1925, more than 1.3 million students have participated in NFL events.