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The Communication Studies program is designed to provide students with fundamental understanding of the principles of speech communication as well as experience in the application of these principles. Participation in these classes develops critical thinking, personal growth, research proficiency, presentation skills, and an understanding of diversity. Classes prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions and entry into careers in which effective communication skills are important, such as teaching, public relations, and law.

The Speech and Debate Team, otherwise known as "Forensics" or "The Talk Hawks" provides students with an intensive focus on enhancing research, writing, and performance skills. Forensics students compete on an intercollegiate basis at tournaments in the areas of Public Speaking, Oral Interpretation, and Debate. Besides traveling to competitions, students in the nationally and internationally renowned program also host a tournament and two Speech Performance nights per year. With this opportunity,

students experience accelerated growth in their communication skills and self- esteem.

Programs of Study

Degrees:

• AA-T – Communication Studies