

## Fueling the FIRE



Photo courtesy of W. Zhang

The debate team is filled with passionate, opinionated people who look to express their thoughts on current events. Although participants in debate try to remain as respectful as possible, sometimes their passion seizes them and arguments become heated.

"There's a lot of serious arguments," **Josh Johnwell** said. "We had this one argument over racism and it got really hefty, especially since it was such a sensitive topic about how to take preemptive steps to solve it."

Not every person gets riled up in intense

arguments. Some people are thoughtful and conservative with their statements.

"There are people who actually like to speak and perform," **Josh** said. "I for one am not really that argumentative, but I like to perform my assessment."

These two sides of debate, the argumentative side and the performance side, come together in the partnership of **Winni Zhang** and **Josh**. The pair took their fire all the way to the State CX debate competition in the spring of 2014. But in 2015, they have bigger goals.

"It was satisfying to win up to quarter finals [last year]," **Winni** said. "But we want to win finals this year."



## Ultimate Frisbee Catches Winning Inaugural Season

**What's So Funny?** Throwing the frisbee to a teammate, **Laura Salvador** laughs at a joke told by teammate **Meredith Spradlin** at an ultimate frisbee practice on December 13. The practices often had a fun and carefree environment. *Photo by K. Huerta*

**Intense Focus.** Scanning the field for an open teammate, **Benjamin Hergert** defends the frisbee against an opposing player. *Photo by K. Huerta*

**Mid-Air Madness.** **Christian Grant** launches off the ground to catch an over-head toss of the frisbee at an ultimate frisbee practice. "They call me Odell Beckham with a frisbee," **Christian** said. *Photo by K. Huerta*

**Just Have Fun.** Aiming at his target, **Ethan Ha** gears up to launch his frisbee. In their fall season, the ultimate frisbee team won two out of their three matches, losing only to Klein High School. *Photo by K. Huerta*



**Award-Winning Smiles.** After winning awards at the Pearland Livestock Show and Career Expo, **Sophia Song** and **Matthew Wu** smile with pride with an Expo representative. **Sophia** won the Grand Champion award for her colored pencil drawing, "Filter". **Matthew** won the Best Of Show award for his painting, "Holy Cow". "I took a picture at the barn and added twenty filters to make the colors brighter," **Sophia** said. "I stayed in all of winter break and worked on the details. That's why it doesn't look like colored pencil. The strokes I used were very small." *Photo by K. Truitt*



**This Little Piggy Went to the Fair.** Before competing at the Brazoria County Fair and winning second place for her black pig, **Pennie**, **Hannah Zapalac** gives her pigs a quick treat. Hannah has been a member of Future Farmers of America all four years of high school. "It has taught me so many things that I can take on in the future," **Hannah** said. *Photo by K. Huerta*



**For the Win.** Leading his cow into the pen, **Daniel Newcomb** shows off his prize-winning cattle at the Brazoria County Fair. The Brazoria County Fair was held on October 11 and gave members of Future Farmers of America the opportunity to show, sell, and win prizes for their animals. Several photographers and artists were also given the opportunity to showcase their works. *Photo by C. Holman*

## Show Up and SHOW OFF



## Future Farmers Compete for Cash



## Medical Hopefuls Receive White Coats

**Speech! Speech!** At the White Coat Ceremony, **Dr. Renee Lasanta** thanks the students, families, and friends in attendance for their hard work and dedication to medical sciences. The ceremony was held at an Olive Garden in Pearland on October 2. *Photo by P. Mehta*

**It's Official.** **Michele Aleman** smiles as she is given her chance to receive her white lab coat. The coats symbolized students' first steps into becoming medical professionals. *Photo by P. Mehta*



"I can't swim." -Trey Dotson