Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minnesota, sponsors the college's Speech Team as a co-curricular activity. All full-time Bethany students may compete on the Speech Team, regardless of previous competitive speaking experience.

MISSION OF THE BETHANY SPEECH TEAM

The Bethany Speech Team upholds the mission of Bethany Lutheran College, which is to provide a quality liberal arts education in a Christian atmosphere. As a co-curricular program complementing the Communication curriculum, the Speech Team promotes skills in communication, research, and leadership in order to fulfill the college's goals of fostering spiritual development, intellectual and creative growth, self-understanding, and responsible citizenship.

INFORMATION ABOUT BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Bethany Lutheran College was founded in 1911 as the Bethany Ladies College. In 1927, what is now the Evangelical Lutheran Synod purchased the college and created a co-educational high school and junior college. In 1969 the high school was closed and Bethany operated strictly as a junior college until 1996 when it became a full four year college offering both Associates and Baccalaureate degrees.

Facts about Bethany
- Enrollment: 580-620 students
- 20 majors
- 26 minors
- 12 to 1 student to teacher ratio
- 98% of students receive financial aid

INFORMATION ON THE BETHANY SPEECH TEAM

- Competes in the 11 standard events as listed by the American Forensics Association
- Competes in Parliamentary Debate
- Attends, on average, 25 tournaments a year
- Hosts 6 tournaments per year on Bethany's campus
- Students can earn academic credit that counts towards graduation
- Students can earn a $2000 talent scholarship each year for their participation on the Speech Team

For more information, please go to the following:
www.blc.edu - Bethany Lutheran College website
www.blc.edu/speech - Homepage of the Bethany Speech Team

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