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## Polished Blog Edit

**Directions:** Read the blog entry below. The writer mixed formal and informal tones by using **in spite of** where a formal blog should use **despite**. As an editor, rewrite the passage by replacing or fixing incorrect prepositional phrases. Make sure your version maintains a formal, polished tone.

### Blog Entry Draft:

Our school's debate team had an amazing weekend at the state tournament! **In spite of** the long travel hours and early mornings, everyone showed up with energy and determination. We faced some really tough schools, but our focus never wavered **in spite of** the pressure. I was especially proud of our captain, Jordan, who spoke clearly and confidently **in spite of** losing his voice the night before. The judges were impressed, and our team ended up in the finals. It was a weekend of learning and teamwork, **in spite of** the exhaustion by Sunday night.

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