Rice Speech and Debate Team Wins in Colorado

Eleven students from the George R. Brown Forensics Society, Rice University’s speech and debate team, competed this past weekend, October 15-17, in the Colorado College Invitational tournaments hosted by Colorado College in Colorado Springs, CO.

In this nationally diverse competition, composed of 99 debate teams and 389 individual event entries representing 35 universities and colleges, the Rice team finished strong, winning 13 individual awards and 1 overall award.

The rice team won 20 separate debates.

Among the teams defeated in the tournament were Washington University –St. Louis, UC Berkeley, the Colorado College, the United States Air Force Academy, the University of Houston, Creighton University, Colorado State University, Lewis and Clark College, Texas Tech University, William Jewell College, and the University of Montana.

Team Awards:

Fourth Place Individual Event Sweepstakes

Individual awards are listed below.

James Rapore and Greg Miller: First Place Varsity Parliamentary Debate.


Kim Bennett: Sixth Place After Dinner Speaking, Fifth Overall Junior Varsity Debate Speaker

James Rapore: First Place Persuasive Speaking (with perfect ratings throughout the tournament), Third Place Extemporaneous Speaking.

Ted Torous: Semifinalist Extemporaneous Speaking, Ninth Place Overall Junior Varsity Debate Speaker.

Robert Crider: Second Place Persuasive Speaking.

Sarah Brandonberg: Sixth Place Persuasive Speaking.

Nathan Smith: Fifth Place Persuasive Speaking.

Felipe Valdez: Semifinalist Dramatic Interpretation.

The team is coached by Director of Forensics Dr. David Worth and Assistant Director of Forensics Professor Jeremy Grace.

The team will be competing next at the Texas State Tournament at Texas State University—San Marcos, November 5-7.