Speech and Debate Team Wins in Oklahoma

Twelve students from the George R. Brown Forensics Society, Rice University’s speech and debate team, competed this past weekend, February 10-13, in the “Sweetheart Swing” invitational tournament held on the campus of the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK. This competition was composed of 24 debate teams and 249 individual speaking event competitors representing 21 universities and colleges. The Rice team finished in First Place overall, winning 11 individual awards and 3 team awards. The Rice team won 14 separate debates.

Among the teams defeated in the tournament were the University of Oklahoma, Texas Tech University, the University of Texas, Western Kentucky University, Kansas State University, West Texas A&M University, Cameron University, and Bethel College. The team is coached by Director of Forensics Dr. David Worth and Assistant Director of Forensics Jeremy Grace.

Awards are listed below.

Overall Sweepstakes: First Place.

Debate Sweepstakes: Second Place.
Individual Event Sweepstakes: Fifth Place.

Greg Miller and James Rapore: Quarter-finalists, Parliamentary Debate.

Hrishi Hari: First Place After Dinner Speaking, Fourth Place Impromptu Speaking, Sixth Place Persuasive Speaking, Sixth Place Communication Analysis, Fourth Place Individual Sweepstakes (overall measure of individual competitors).

James Rapore: Second Place Extemporaneous Speaking, Third Place Overall debate Speaker.

Matilda Young: Second Place Poetry Interpretation.


The team will next be competing at the University of St. Thomas, February 18-20, 2005.