Twelve students from the George R. Brown Forensics Society, Rice University’s speech and debate team, competed this past weekend, October 14-16, in the “Nebraska Double-Up” tournament hosted by Creighton University and Concordia University in Omaha, Nebraska.

In this national competition, composed of XXX debate teams and XXX individual event entries from XX universities and colleges, the contingent from the Rice team finished Fourth in Individual Event Sweepstakes and Aadd DEBATE SWEEP FINISH?, winning XX individual awards and XXX team awards.

Among the teams defeated in the tournament were Lewis and Clark College, the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Oregon, Willamette University, Drury College, the University of Washington, the U.S. Air Force Academy, Oregon State University, University of the Pacific, and the University of Montana.

Awards are listed below.

**Individual Event Sweepstakes: Fourth Place**

Matilda Young: Second Place After-Dinner Speaking, Second Place Poetry Interpretation, Second Place Prose Interpretation, Fourth Place Programmed Oral Interpretation.

Nathan Smith and Holly Naylor: Double-Octofinalists, Varsity Parliamentary Debate

Priscilla Parrett: Sixth Place Persuasive Speaking, First Place Drama Interpretation, Second Place Informative Speaking.

Ted Torous: Fourth Place Extemporaneous Speaking, Fifth Place Impromptu Speaking.

Anna Valkovich: First Place Communication Analysis, Fifth Place Extemporaneous Speaking.

Sarah Brandenburg: Third Place Informative Speaking.

Nathan Smith: Twenty-fourth Place Top Debate Speaker (out of 208).

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

The team will be competing next in the “Nebraska Double-Up Invitational,” hosted by Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, October 14-16.