Rice Speech and Debate Starts Year By Winning 18 Awards in Wyoming

Four students from the George R. Brown Forensics Society, Rice University’s speech and debate team, competed this past weekend, September 15-16, in the “Top of the Rockies” Invitational tournament hosted by the University of Wyoming in Laramie, WY.

In this national competition, composed of 79 debate teams from 22 universities and colleges, the contingent from the Rice team finished second, winning 17 individual awards and one team award.

The rice team won 21 separate debates.

Among the teams defeated in the tournament were the University of Wyoming, the Colorado College, Texas Tech University, the U.S. Air Force Academy, William Jewel College, University of the Pacific, and the University of South Carolina.

Awards are listed below.

Overall Sweepstakes: Second Place

Hrishi Hari and Richard Flores: Quarterfinalists, Varsity Parliamentary Debate

Priscilla Parrett and Rachel Raskin: Double-Octofinalists, Varsity Parliamentary Debate

Ted Torous and Anna Valkovich: Double-Octofinalists, Varsity Parliamentary Debate

Billy Freeland and Kevin Spiro: Octofinalists, Junior Varsity Parliamentary Debate

Hrishi Hari: First Place After Dinner Speaking, First Place Communication Analysis, Third Place Informative Speaking, Third Place extemporaneous Speaking, Third Place Impromptu Speaking, Twelfth Place Top Debate Speaker.

Priscilla Parrett: First Place Persuasive Speaking, Third Place Prose Interpretation, Fifth Place Informative Speaking, Semifinalist Extemporaneous Speaking.

Ted Torous: Second Place Communication Analysis

Anna Valkovich: Fourth Place Communication Analysis, Semi-finalist Impromptu Speaking

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

The team will be competing next in the “Pioneer Invitational,” hosted by Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon, October 7-9.