Students from the George R. Brown Forensics Society, Rice’s speech and debate team, have been busy successfully representing Rice around the nation over the last five weeks. Included here are results from the last four tournaments attended by these students.

In all, the team has won 38 awards since February 8.

United States Air Force Academy Invitational, held in Colorado, CO, February 8-10:
Ted Torous & Holly Naylor: Semifinalist, Varsity Parliamentary Debate
Hrishi Hari & Kirti Datla: Quarterfinalist Varsity Parliamentary Debate

Hrishi Hari: 3rd Place Debate Speaker
Kirti Datla: 4th Place Debate Speaker
Jr. Jason Seigel: 6th Place Junior Varsity Debate Speaker

Ted Torous: 5th Place Impromptu Speaking, 6th Place Extemporaneous Speaking
Kirti Datla: 2nd Place Extemporaneous Speaking
Hilary Dowdy: 4th Place Informative Speaking
Holly Naylor: 6th Place Persuasive Speaking

Whitman Classic Swing, Part 1, held at Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA, February 15:
Kirti Datla & Hrishi Hari: 1st Place, Varsity Parliamentary Debate
Everette Kreider & Nick Kamas: Octafinalists, Varsity Parliamentary Debate

Kirti Datla: 1st Place Debate Speaker
Hrishi Hari: 3rd Place Debate Speaker
Aparna Bhaduri: 18th Place Debate Speaker

Whitman Classic Swing, Part 2, held at Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA, February 16-17:
1st Place Overall Sweepstakes
1st Place Speaking Sweepstakes
2nd Place Debate Sweepstakes

Everette Kreider: 1st Place Persuasive Speaking, 1st Place Informative Speaking, 2nd Place Impromptu Speaking
Kirti Datla: 2nd Place Informative Speaking, 2nd Place After Dinner Speaking
Holly Naylor: 3rd Place Informative Speaking, 3rd Place Persuasive Speaking
Hrishi Hari: 1st Place After Dinner Speaking
Richard Flores: 1st Place Impromptu Speaking

Hrishi Hari & Kirti Datla: 2nd Place Varsity Parliamentary Debate

Hrishi Hari: 3rd Place Debate Speaker
Kirti Datla: 5th Place Debate Speaker

American Forensics Association District III Tournament, held at the University of Oklahoma, March 7-8:
Ted Torous: 1st Place Extemporaneous Speaking (qualifying for nationals), 6th Place Impromptu Speaking
Holly Naylor: 3rd Place Persuasive Speaking (qualifying for nationals), 3rd Place Impromptu Speaking (qualifying for nationals)
Kirti Datla: 1st Place Communication Analysis (qualifying for nationals)
Cathy Yang: 4th Place Informative Speaking (qualifying for nationals)
Everette Kreider: 3rd Place Communication Analysis (qualifying for nationals)

2nd Place overall team finish for points earned in the tournament

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

The team will next compete at the National Parliamentary Debate Association National Championship Tournament, to be held at the United States Air Force Academy, March 28-30, and will finish the season at the American Forensic Association National Individual Event Tournament, to be held at the University of Texas at Austin, April 5-7.