Rice Speech and Debate Wins in Nebraska

Three first-year students and one junior from the George R. Brown Forensics Society, Rice University’s speech and debate team, competed this past weekend, October 24-26, in the “Nebraska Double-Up” invitational tournament hosted by Creighton University in Omaha, NE. The tournament was a “swing” tournament, meaning two tournaments were held in one weekend.

In this regional competition, composed of 50 debate teams from 20 universities and colleges, and 512 individual event entries, the contingent from Rice won 12 individual awards.

The Rice team won 8 separate debates.

Among the teams defeated in the tournament were the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Kansas State University, Doane College, Hastings College, and Truman State University.

Awards are listed below.

Aparna Bhaduri: First tournament: Fifth Place Informative Speaking; Fifth Place Communication Analysis; Sixth Place After Dinner Speaking.
Second Tournament: Second Place Overall Individual Sweepstakes; Third Place Informative Speaking; Third Place Impromptu Speaking; Fifth Place Communication Analysis; *Second Place Overall Swing Individual Sweepstakes Champion.*

Isiana Rendón and Michelle Jin: Semifinalists, Junior Varsity Parliamentary Debate.

Isiana Rendón: Fourth Overall Debate Speaker, Junior Varsity

Michelle Jin: Third Fourth Overall Debate Speaker, Junior Varsity; Fourth Place Persuasive Speaking.

The team is coached by Director of Forensics David Worth and Assistant Director of Forensics Glenn Prince.

The team will be competing next in both the “Pacific Meets Delta Swing,” tournament hosted by University of the Pacific in Stockton, CA, November 7-9;