Rice Speech and Debate competes in Denver

Ten students from the George R. Brown Forensics Society, Rice University’s speech and debate team, competed this past weekend, January 15-18, in the “Mile High Swing” invitational tournament hosted by Regis University and Texas Tech University in Denver, CO. The tournament was a “swing” tournament, meaning two tournaments were held in one weekend. This swing was the preview tournament for nationals. Most of the top teams in the nation were in attendance.

In this national competition, composed of 83 debate teams from 30 universities and colleges, the contingent from Rice won 3 individual awards.

In a high for the year, the rice team won 21 separate debates.

Among the teams defeated in the tournament were the United State Air Force Academy, the Colorado College, the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Oregon, the University of Washington, Purdue University, Texas Tech University, William Jewell College.

Awards are listed below:

Aparna Bhaduri and Gary Johnson: Triple-octofinalists, Varsity Parliamentary Debate (first tournament); Double-octofinalists, Varsity Parliamentary Debate (second tournament).


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

The team will be competing next in the “Sunset Cliffs Invitational” tournament hosted by Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, CA, February 6-8.