Rice Speech and Debate Wins Awards in Oregon and Kansas

Three veterans and one first-year student, from the George R. Brown Forensics Society, Rice University’s speech and debate team, competed this past weekend, October 10–12, in the “Pioneer Invitational,” hosted by Lewis and Clark College in Portland, OR. Additionally, five first-year students competed in the “Sunflower–Sooner” invitational tournament, hosted by Bethel College and the University of Oklahoma in Newton, KS.

Overall, the team won a combined 15 awards for the weekend.

Oregon Results:
At the Lewis & Clark tournament, composed of 108 debate teams and 324 individual event entries from 30 colleges and universities. The team won 9 individual and 1 team award.

Rice won 11 separate debates.

Among the teams defeated in the tournament were Lewis& Clark College, Western Kentucky University, University of Puget Sound, University of Oregon, Whitman College, William Jewell College, Linfield College, University of Washington, and Willamette University.

Awards:

Overall Sweepstakes: Third Place


Aparna Bhaduri: First Place Persuasive Speaking; Second Place Extemporaneous Speaking; Fifth Place Impromptu Speaking.

Danny Shanaberger: Second Place After Dinner Speaking; Third Place Prose Interpretation.

Shubha Soman: Second Place Persuasive Speaking; Fifth Place Extemporaneous Speaking (top seed after prelims).

Gary Johnson: Sixth Place Extemporaneous Speaking.
Kansas Results:
In the tournament in Kansas, composed of 43 debate teams and 742 individual event entries, from 24 universities and colleges, the contingent from the Rice team finished first, winning 4 individual awards and 1 team award.

The Rice team won 12 separate debates.

Among the teams defeated in the tournament were the University of Oklahoma, Kansas State University, Bethel College, Webster University, Truman State University, the University of Arkansas, and Hastings College.

Awards:

Debate Sweepstakes: Fifth Place.

Isiana Rendón: Second Place Junior Varsity Parliamentary Debate.

Katie Donovan and Dan LaSalle: Quarterfinalists, Varsity Parliamentary Debate; second seed after prelims (second best record in prelims).

Dan LaSalle: Fourth Place, Parliamentary Debate Speaker.

Katie Donovan: Sixth Place, Parliamentary Debate Speaker.

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

The team will be hosting a public debate against Trinity University tomorrow, Wednesday, October 15, at 4:00 p.m. in the RMC. The topic will be “Election 2008: Real Change or More of the Same?” All are welcome to attend.

The team will be competing next in the “Nebraska Double–Up” tournament hosted by Creighton University in Omaha, NE, October 24–26.