Rice Speech and Debate Wins in Washington

Ten students from the George R. Brown Forensics Society, Rice University’s speech and debate team, competed this past weekend, February 6-8, in the Whitman College Invitational tournament hosted in Walla Walla, Wa. This tournament was a very competitive tournament, attended by some of the best teams in the country.

In this national competition, composed of 40 debate teams from 13 universities and colleges, and 832 individual event entries, the contingent from Rice won 12 individual awards.

Among the teams defeated in the tournament were Whitman College, Washington University, the Lewis and Clark College, Grinnell College, Texas Tech University, the University of Montana, and California State University at Long Beach University.

Awards are listed below.

Team Awards:

Individual Event Sweepstakes: First Place
Overall Sweepstakes: Second Place

Individual Awards:

Aparna Bhaduri: First Place Communication Analysis, 15th Overall Debate Speaker.
Katie Donovan: Third Place Impromptu Speaking, First Place Informative Speaking.
Paul Ernster: Sixth, Impromptu Speaking.
Amram Bengio: Second Place Informative Speaking, Third Place Extemporaneous Speaking.
Danny Shanaberger: First Place Extemporaneous Speaking.
Gary Johnson: Second Place Impromptu Speaking.
Caitlin Barnett: Fourth Overall Debate Speaker, Fifth Place JV Impromptu 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 AFA-NIET District III tournament hosted by the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK, March 6-8.