Rice Speech and Debate Continues Winning Record in Nebraska

Eight students from the George R. Brown Forensics Society, Rice University’s speech and debate team, competed this past weekend, October 23-25, in the “Nebraska Double-Up” invitational tournament hosted by Creighton University in Omaha, NE.

In this regional competition, composed of 25 debate teams from 20 universities and colleges, and 300 individual event entries, the contingent from Rice won 9 individual awards. This tournament is a very competitive tournament. This weekend contributed to the young Rice squad’s development.

The rice team won 26 separate debates.

Among the teams defeated in the tournament were the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Concordia University, Western Kentucky University, Truman State University, and the Hastings College.

Awards are listed below.

Kern Vijayvargiya and Aparna Bhaduri: Second Place, Varsity Parliamentary Debate
Eric Li and Katie Donovan: Quarterfinalists, Varsity Parliamentary Debate
Kern Vijayvargiya: Octafinalist, Lincoln Douglas Debate
Aparna Bhaduri: Sixth Place Extemporaneous Speaking; Ninth Place Parliamentary Debate Speaker
Julie Duong: Third Place Parliamentary Debate Speaker
Katie Donovan: Fifth Place Parliamentary Debate Speaker
Paul Ernster: Eighth Place Parliamentary Debate Speaker, Ninth Place Lincoln-Douglas Debate Speaker

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

The team will be competing next at Pacific University November 6-8.

**They will also be debating Trinity University on campus at Rice on October 28th at 6:00 p.m. in KH 100. The event is open to the public and all are invited to attend!**