Rice Speech and Debate Wins Major Tournament in Wyoming

Ten students from the George R. Brown Forensics Society, Rice University’s speech and debate team, competed this past weekend, October 2-3, in the “Top of the Rockies” invitational tournament hosted by the University of Wyoming in Laramie, WY.

In this national competition, composed of 75 debate teams from 17 universities and colleges, and 173 individual event entries, the contingent from Rice won 15 individual awards and 1 team award.

The rice team won 29 separate debates.

Among the teams defeated in the tournament were the University of Wyoming, the University of Colorado Boulder, Texas Tech University, the United States Air Force Academy, and the Colorado College.

Awards are listed below.

Overall Sweepstakes: First Place

Kern Vijayvargiya and Aparna Bhaduri: Quarterfinalists, Varsity Parliamentary Debate

Shubha Soman and Katie Donovan: Octofinalists, Varsity Parliamentary Debate

Jarvis Sam and Ben Chou: Octofinalists, Varsity Parliamentary Debate

Kern Vijayvargiya: Lincoln Douglas Debate

Jarvis Sam: First Place Overall Junior Varsity Debate Speaker; First Place Impromptu Speaking; Second Place Informative Speaking; Sixth Place Extemporaneous Speaking

Aparna Bhaduri: First Place Informative Speaking; Second Place Communication Analysis; Second Place Extemporaneous Speaking; Third Place Impromptu Speaking

Shubha Soman: First Place Extemporaneous Speaking; Third Place Persuasive Speaking

Katie Donovan: Fifth Place 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 at Creighton University on October 23-25.

***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!***