Rice Speech and Debate Continues Very Strong Fall Performance

Hosting and Winning at Lone Star College—Kingwood

15 students from the George R. Brown Forensics Society, Rice University’s speech and debate team, competed on the weekend of October 1-2, in the “Forum in the Forest” invitational tournament co-hosted by the Rice and Lone Star College--Kingwood in Kingwood, TX. The tournament was a “swing” tournament, meaning two tournaments were held in one weekend.

In this regional competition, composed of 31 debate teams from 17 universities and colleges, and 300 individual event entries, the contingent from Rice won 14 individual awards and 1 team award.

The rice team won 28 separate debates.

Among the teams defeated in the tournament were the University of Texas, the University of Houston, Texas State University-San Marcos, Texas A&M University, and Kingwood College.

Awards are listed below.

First Tournament:

Debate Sweepstakes: First Place
Katie Donovan and Anthony Chung: Second Place, Varsity Parliamentary Debate
Julie Duong and Nick Riggall: Octo-finalists, Varsity Parliamentary Debate
Karl Schaefer and Nadhika Ramachandran: Octo-finalists, Varsity Parliamentary Debate
Andrew Amis and Ander Tam: Double-Octo-finalists, Varsity Parliamentary Debate
Katie Donovan 6th Place Overall Debate Speaker
Anthony Chung: 5th Place Overall Debate Speaker
Rohini Sigreddi: 8th Place Overall Debate Speaker
Nadhika Ramachandran: 9th Place Overall Debate Speaker
Britney Xu: 10th Place Overall Debate Speaker
Andrew Amis: 15th Place Overall Debate Speaker
Andrew Tam: 16th Place Overall Debate Speaker
Katherine Donovan: 3rd Place Impromptu Speaking

Karl Schaefer: 5th Place Communication Analysis

Second Tournament:

Helene Dick: 3rd Place Persuasive Speaking
Karl Schaefer: 5th Place Communication Analysis

**Competing at the University of Texas/Texas State University-San Marcos Tournament**

Five students represented Rice at the “Hill Country Swing” hosted by the University of Texas and Texas State-San Marcos, September 18-19. This tournament was also a swing. Rice won 3 awards at this traditionally competitive season opener and qualified its forest event of the year for nationals. Results are listed below.

First tournament:
Katherine Donovan: 1st Place Communication Analysis, qualification for Nationals.

Second Tournament:
Katherine Donovan: 2nd Place Impromptu Speaking; 1st Place CA

Katharyn Jia: 4th 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 the weekend of October 22.