Oops, They Did It Again!

UCSD's Speech & Debate Team Punctuates the 2022-23 Season with Another Major Tournament Championship

On Saturday, April 22, 2023, the final major tournament of the intercollegiate speech and debate season was held. The UCSD Speech & Debate Team attended (virtually) the National Online Forensics Quarterly Tournament #4 and *convincingly* and *emphatically* dominated and won the Tournament Championship.

In this single division (Senior/Open) all events tourney, Northern Arizona University achieved 3rd Place, compiling 20 tournament championship sweepstakes points. Cal State Northridge edged past NAU with 25 points to seize 2nd Place. UCSD captured the 1st Place Tournament Championship, amassing 150 points!

Of the 35 team members participating, 19 medaled, earning either Bronze (3rd Place), Silver (2nd Place), or Gold (1st Place) in their events.

The details are as follows:

IPDA (One vs. One) Debate

Team Member	Award	Speaker Rank
Cindy Chanay	Gold	
Mrinaal Sayal	Gold	
Vincent Cono	Gold	
Michael Wagreich	Silver	1st Place
Jiayi Hu	Silver	2nd Place
Grace Vallen	Silver	4th Place
Toby Ngo	Silver	
Rafi Overton	Silver	

Informative Speech

Team Member	Award
Marina Hu	Gold
Shreya Musini	Silver
Kaitlyn Chin	Bronze
Amy To	Bronze

Extemporaneous Speech

Team Member	Award
Karam Sodhi	Gold
Annika Dengel	Silver
David Cordier	Bronze

Impromptu Speech

Team Member	Award
Christian Kim	Gold
Leslie Cheng	Bronze

Persuasive Speech

Team Member	Award
Mitra Sutar	Gold
Leslie Cheng	Silver

Head Coach, Robert Campbell summarized, "This was quite a weekend for the Team. We participated in three tournaments! We made a strong statement at NOF#4 that we deserve the Annual National First Place Trophy. We experimented by sending (virtually) two teams to compete in the new format, Team IPDA (two vs. two debate, using IPDA rules) at Seattle University's tournament (separate story to follow). And nearly two dozen Team Members volunteered to judge (and recruit) at the California State High School Championship Tournament, hosted by Carlsbad High School in North County.

I am exceptionally proud of the Team's performance at NOF#4—putting delicious 'frosting on our great cake of a season'! This very special Team set another national, historic, intercollegiate speech and debate record—winning 9 of 10 major intercollegiate tournaments in a single season."

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