



"Three for Three"--UCSD Speech & Debate Team Wins Third Consecutive Tournament.

For the first time in UCSD history, the UCSD Speech & Debate Team has won its first three tournaments of the season. On November 5 and 6, the Team took on nine schools Saturday and 13 schools Saturday—all mostly from Southern California—at the Crossman Invitational Speech & Debate Tournament hosted by El Camino College. The First Place Sweepstakes Award was handed to the Team Sunday night. UCSD was so dominate at this tournament that it was learned Saturday night that the Sweepstakes Trophy would be presented to UCSD; the Team had amassed so many points, no other school could catch them regardless of their Sunday performance. However, UCSD dominated the competition Sunday, too. Here are the extraordinary details...

Saturday's competition was all debate as both NPDA (two vs. two) and IPDA (one vs. one) competitions were held. In the Novice Division of NPDA, the team of Dasha Okolysheva and Darief Maes reached the Quarterfinals. In the Open (Senior) Division of NPDA, the team of Manahil Ahmed and Carter Castillo also reached the Quarterfinals, while two other teams **closed out the Finals**. (A "close-out" occurs when both teams in the Final Round are from the same school.) Felip Gerdes and Razeen Nasar earned **2nd Place**, while John Melton and Michael Wagreich **won the Division**. John Melton took home the **3rd Place** all-tournament speaker award, while Michael Wagreich grabbed the **1st Place** all-tournament speaker award.

In IPDA Novice Division, eight UCSD debaters reached the Elimination Rounds. Anh Huynh made it to the semi-finals, while Anna Ho, Annika Dengel, and Marie Shahinian earned **Silver Medals**. Taking home the **Gold Medals** for UCSD were Hanna Serykava, Toby Ngo, Dayyan Rizvi, and Rafi Overton. In the Open Division, **Bronze Medals** went to Chaturika Bandara and Summer Ismail. Jared Hoffart fell only in the Final Round and garnered the **Silver Medal**.

Sunday consisted of a fresh IPDA tournament and Speech Events. In Novice IPDA, seven UCSD debaters reached the Elimination Rounds. **Bronze** medalists were Yiquan Liu, Toby Ngo, Richey Li, and Lucas Howard-Ron. **Silver** medalists were Fowsiyo Aden and Annika Dengel. Darief Maes earned the **Gold Medal**. Six UCSD debaters reached the Elimination Rounds in the Open Division. **Bronze** medalists were Jared Hoffart, John Melton, and Razeen Nasar. **Silver** medalists were Joey Miller and Michael Wagreich. Julian MacKenzie grabbed the **Gold Medal**.

Awards in the day's Speech Events rained down on UCSD team members.

In Novice Extemp, Emma Berwanger captured **4th Place**, Dayyan Rizvi took home **3rd Place**, while Ann Ho earned **2nd Place**. In Open Extemp, Avik Ghosh grabbed **6th Place** and Chaturika Bandara captured **5th Place**.

In Novice Informative, Jaime Vargas-Zuniga Arielza earned **1st Place**. In Open Informative, Kaitlyn Chin was a **Finalist**.

In Open Poetry, Hanna Serykava, Jazmyne Jackson, and Rafi Overton were **Finalists** and the **1st Place** winner was Alyssa Gutierrez.

In Open Speech-to-Entertain, **3rd Place** went to Mehri Sadri. In Open Program Oral Interpretation, Alyssa Gutierrez was a **Finalist**. In Open Dramatic Interpretation, Jazmyne Jackson, Delaney Plecha, and Elizabeth Luchinski were **Finalists**.

In Novice Impromptu, Dayyan Rizvi took **6th Place**, while Arif Ruslan earned **5th Place**. In Open Impromptu, Christian Kim grabbed **4th Place**.



Head Coach Robert Campbell concluded, “Even though I knew on Saturday night that we had won the tournament, I did not tell the team. I did not want them to “take their foot off the gas pedal”. This unprecedented achievement was magnificent to coach and watch. This group of exceptional UCSD students is a *genuine team*—helping each other compete and win all through these season-beginning tournaments. Next weekend, we attend TWO separate tournaments—both held on the campus of Grossmont College. The Team clearly has an appetite for competition and is focused on representing UCSD at the highest level.”

The UCSD Speech & Debate Team is a program sponsored by UCSD’s Communication Department.

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