



Point Loma Nazarene University Presents “Quintilian Award” to UCSD Speech & Debate Team Head Coach Robert Campbell

Prior to the UCSD Speech & Debate Team being presented with Point Loma Nazarene University’s (PLNU) Sunset Cliffs Classic Speech & Debate Tournament First Place Trophy, the Awards Ceremony Sunday night was briefly interrupted by Dr. Skip Rutledge, Director of Forensics at PLNU. Dr. Rutledge is an icon in forensics both in California and the nation. He has built over many years one of the most consistently successful speech and debate teams in the region.

He began, “We do not grant this award every year, but this year, there is a deserving individual in the audience. Our “Quintilian Award” is only presented to someone who has provided extensive, valuable service to the community of college speech and debate. Dr. Rutledge then announced the Award Winner: Head Coach Robert Campbell, founder of UCSD’s Speech and Debate Program.”

The Award Plaque reads, “In appreciation for his many years of exemplary service and dedication to forensics and the academic community in teaching and coaching speech and debate.”

Seldom at a loss for words, Coach Campbell accepted the trophy, then briefly addressed the teams and coaches in the audience, “To say that this honor is a total surprise is a significant understatement. I have been blessed with the friendship and guidance of Dr. Rutledge and am very humbled by this prestigious award. What I have done is out of the love I have for intercollegiate speech and debate as an extremely valuable activity for the betterment of the future lives of students—as it was for my own. I truly love my UCSD Team, and I love every debater in this room.”

Subsequently, the UCSD Speech & Debate Team was awarded the Tournament Championship Trophy for the third year in a row.

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