



Two Tournaments = Two Championships

UCSD Speech & Debate Team Achieves “Double-3peat”

Team Wins both the Dahlin and Griffin Tourneys for Third Year in a Row; Continues Setting School Records

For the third consecutive season, UCSD’s Speech & Debate Team (the Team) has won both the Dahlin and Griffin Tournaments. The “Dahlin” (held Friday, November 8) is an Open (Senior) Division speech and debate tournament hosted by Palomar College on the campus of Grossmont College. The “Griffin” (held Saturday and Sunday, November 9-10) speech and debate tournament is hosted by Grossmont College.

With these two championships this past weekend, the Team set a new school record of *nine consecutive major, regional tournament championships*. The Team has won tournament championships in 20 of the last 22 regional tournaments attended, *setting a new high tournament win percentage record of 91%*.

Among the 14 schools at the Dahlin tournament, the Team achieved 46 tournament championship points, which was more than double the 19 points earned by the second place team, Irvine Valley College. UCSD’s total was nearly four times that of the nearest out-of-state school, the University of Texas El Paso.

The larger Griffin tournament was comprised of 22 schools. Over the two days, UCSD’s Speech & Debate Team amassed 730 points towards the championship—*32 points more than the sum* of the points earned by the second place (Point Loma Nazarene University, 281), third place (El Camino College, 263), and fourth place team (Mt. San Antonio College, 154).

The two documents accompanying this news release list the Awards and Places earned by the UCSD Speech & Debate Team Members at the two tourneys.

Head Coach Robert Campbell accentuated the amazing weekend’s results, “Being only a single division tournament (Open), we only sent 12 Team Members to the Dahlin. Every Team Member earned recognition for their achievement in their speech event or won a Gold, Silver, or Bronze Medal in the IPDA (one vs. one) debate format competition. Prior to the tournament, I labeled this small contingent, “The Magnificent 12”...and were they ever!!

At the Griffin, Team Members earned seven Gold Medals, eight Silver Medals, and 16 Bronze Medals.

Winning both of these regional tournaments for the past three years continues to illustrate UCSD’s dominance in the region.”

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