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## **Punxsutawney Phil Sees Shadow as UCSD's Speech & Debate Team Shines!**

### **Team on the Doorstep of Another Historic Record by Winning the Groundhog Tournament**

On the weekend of Groundhog day, the UCSD Speech & Debate Team participated in the Groundhog Tournament held on the campus of Grossmont College, in El Cajon, California. In winning its seventh major regional tournament in a row this season, the Team is one tournament win away from "running the table" for the entire academic year.

The Groundhog Tournament championship was won by the Team by amassing 314 "sweepstakes" points. Far behind in UCSD's rear view mirror were Point Loma Nazarene University (224), Concordia University (199), San Diego State University (140), and California State University Long Beach (104).

Saturday's competition consisted of both Speech Events and IPDA (one vs. one debate).

The Speech Events highlights included Gold Medals earned by Aryanna Morales in Senior Program Oral Interpretation (POI) and Andrew Vierling in Novice Extemp. Sara Kim earned "Top Novice" in After Dinner Speech.

Details:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>Team Member</b>	<b>Award</b>
Program Oral Interp	Senior	Aryanna Morales	Gold (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Program Oral Interp	Senior	Brayden Pape	Silver (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Extemporaneous	Senior	Srujam Dave	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
Extemporaneous	Novice	Andrew Vierling	Gold (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Impromptu	Novice	Sara Kim	Silver (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Impromptu	Novice	Jasmine Lu	Bronze (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Impromptu	Novice	Sam Daftary	6 <sup>th</sup> Place
After Dinner Speech	Senior	Sina Sabet	5 <sup>th</sup> Place

In IPDA, UCSD won four Gold Medals, four Silver Medals, and ten Bronze Medals.

<b>Division</b>	<b>Team Member</b>	<b>Award</b>
Senior	Carter Castillo	Gold (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Senior	Sibi Sivaram	Silver (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Senior	Angel Hu	Bronze (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Senior	Julian Mackenzie	Bronze (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Senior	Richey Li	Bronze (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Junior	Jasmine Lu	Bronze (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Junior	Meilani Rodgers	Gold (1 <sup>st</sup> )



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Junior	Samarth Ghodke	Gold (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Junior	Kaitlyn Cao	Silver (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Junior	Joy Yomogida	Silver (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Junior	Avanthika Ramasamy	Bronze (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Junior	Nika Radgoudarzi	Bronze (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Junior	Catherine He	Bronze (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Junior	Stephanie Xu	Bronze (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Junior	Sam Wang	Bronze (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Novice	Siddarth Agrawal	Gold (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Novice	Alma Moncada	Silver (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Novice	Sarisha Agarwala	Bronze (3 <sup>rd</sup> )

The tournament offered a second Speech competition Sunday, and UCSD amassed more points towards its championship. Leading the way was Aryanna Morales with a *second* Gold Medal in Senior POI and a Silver Medal in Senior Informative, alongside Cat-Minh Huynh winning Gold in Senior Dramatic Interpretation.

Event	Division	Team Member	Award
Dramatic Interp	Senior	Cat-Minh Huynh	Gold (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Program Oral Interp	Senior	Aryanna Morales	Gold (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Program Oral Interp	Senior	Brayden Pape	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
Informative	Senior	Aryanna Morales	Silver (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
After Dinner Speech	Senior	Sina Sabet	5 <sup>th</sup> Place
Impromptu	Senior	Kyle Matsuno	6 <sup>th</sup> Place
Impromptu	Novice	Sara Kim	Silver (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Impromptu	Novice	Sam Daftary	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
Extemp	Novice	Siddarth Agrawal	Silver (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Extemp	Novice	Gursimar Kaur	5 <sup>th</sup> Place
Informative	Novice	Jimmy Ortiz-Medina	Bronze (3 <sup>rd</sup> )

NPDA (two vs. two debate) concluded the competition Sunday. UCSD Debate Teams brought home two Gold Medals, two Silver Medals, and four Bronze Medals. In the Novice Division, Alexis Wynne and Jasmine Lu were the top two speakers, respectfully, in the tournament.

Division	NPDA Team Members	Award
Senior	Carter Castillo & Julian Mackenzie	Gold (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Senior	Lillian Theis & Srujam Dave	Bronze (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Junior	Stephanie Xu & Brian Masse	Gold (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Junior	Giana Ferrero & Joy Yomogida	Silver (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Junior	Kaitlyn Cao & Naman Narla	Silver (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Junior	Avanthika Ramasamy & Samarth Ghodke	Bronze (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Junior	Nishitha Kadiyala & Remy Dupart	Bronze (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Novice	Jasmine Lu & Alexis Wynne	Bronze (3 <sup>rd</sup> )



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Head Coach, Robert Campbell, observed, "In two weeks, we conclude our regional season at the PSCFA Spring Champions Tournament. The whole Team is focused on winning this tournament for the fifth consecutive year and achieving one more national, historic debate team record by winning *every* tournament this season."

**The UCSD Speech & Debate Team is a Department Sponsored Organization of UCSD's Communication Department in the School of Social Sciences.**

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