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UNDEFEATED SEASON!

*Southern California Champions for **Fifth** Consecutive Year*

At the Pacific Southwest Collegiate Forensics Association's (PSCFA) *Spring Championships* Tournament, held on the campus of Palomar College, February 21-23, the UCSD Speech & Debate Team dominated the tournament for the fifth year in a row. With this final southern California tournament of the 2024-25 season, UCSD ends with a perfect 7-0 Tournament Championship record. At the beginning of the season, the Team set the goal to bring home the Tournament Championship Trophy from every tournament attended. UCSD Speech & Debate reached its goal.

No other Speech & Debate Team at any academic level throughout the history of academic speech and debate programs has completed the perfect season just achieved by UCSD.

The *Spring Champs* Tournament is the finale of the major, regional speech and debate tournaments of the season, sponsored by southern California's forensics governing body, PSCFA. The tournament offers all debate formats and speech events, invites schools from around the country, and offers both a **Four-year Schools Tournament Championship Award** and a **Novice Division Tournament Championship Award**. UCSD won them both...again.

UCSD dominated the tournament by earning **178 sweepstakes points** (13 more than its championship total last year) and eclipsed second place Point Loma Nazarene University by more than **250%** (68 points), third place Cal State Long Beach University (25 points), fourth place UC Santa Barbara (18 points), and fifth place San Diego State (22 points).



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The team's winning began Friday in NPDA (two vs. two) debate. UCSD led the field by qualifying eight teams for the Elimination Rounds. The results are depicted in the following table.

Division	Team Member	Award	Tournament NPDA Speaker
Open	Cindy Chanay & Srujam Dave	Gold	2 nd Place-Chanay
Open	Carter Castillo & Julian Mackenzie	Gold	6 th Place-Castillo
Open	Avanthika Ramasamy & Stephanie Yeh	Silver	
Open	Meilani Rodgers & Trisha Sharma	Silver	7 th Place-Sharma
Open	Caroline Jethmal & Ren Powell	Bronze	
Open	Emily Bianchi and Sibi Sivaram	Bronze	
Open	Toby Ngo		4 th Place
Junior	Giana Ferrero & Joy Yomogida	Gold	2 nd Place-Ferrero 7 th Place-Yomogida
Novice	Jasmine Lu & Alexis Wynne	Bronze	
Novice	Emilio Roque		4 th Place
Novice	Brandon Betz		5 th Place

Saturday's competition featured IPDA (one vs. one) debate and NFA-LD (one vs. one, annual topic) debate. UCSD won big in all three divisions of IPDA, as depicted in the following table. Cindy Chanay captured **Bronze** in NFA-LD.

Division	Team Member	Award
Open	Eugene Kong	Gold
Open	Srujam Dave	Gold
Open	Carter Castillo	Gold
Junior	Alexia Skorzewska	Gold
Junior	Naman Narla	Gold
Junior	Kaitlyn Cao	Bronze
Junior	Dominic Feliton	Bronze
Junior	Sam Wang	Bronze
Novice	Alexis Wynne	Gold
Novice	Kelson Dugdale	Gold
Novice	Angela Greene	Silver
Novice	Sarisha Agarwala	Bronze
Novice	Preeya Govil	Bronze
Novice	Jackie Hebert	Bronze
Novice	Brandon Betz	Bronze
Novice	Justin Khavari	Bronze



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The winning (and medals) continued Sunday during the third day of this marathon tournament with the Speech competitions. The following table depicts the results.

Division	Event	Team Member	Award
Novice	Impromptu	Jasmine Lu	1 st Place
Novice	Impromptu	Aadyant Suresh	5 th Place
Novice	Impromptu	Toby Ngo	Finalist
Novice	Impromptu	Richard Xu	Finalist
Junior	Impromptu	Brianna Newton	Finalist
Junior	Impromptu	Joy Yomogida	Finalist
Junior	Impromptu	Alex Lee	Finalist
Junior	Impromptu	Sina Sabet	Finalist
Junior	Impromptu	Brian Masse	Finalist
Novice	Extemp	Richard Xu	1 st Place
Novice	Extemp	Siddarth Agrawal	2 nd Place
Novice	Extemp	Toby Ngo	5 th Place
Novice	Extemp	Naman Narla	6 th Place
Novice	Extemp	Nishitha Kadiyala	Finalist
Junior	Extemp	Rohan Raval	3 rd Place
Open	Extemp	Eugene Kong	3 rd Place
Open	Extemp	David Zheng	6 th Place
Open	Extemp	Sibi Sivaram	Finalist
Open	Extemp	Kyle Matsuno	Finalist
Novice	Informative	Xochilt Carpio	2 nd Place
Novice	After Dinner Speech	Ryan Tjin	3 rd Place
Open	Poetry	Angel Wang	3 rd Place
Open	Dramatic Duo	Cat-Minh Huynh & Rohan Raval	2 nd Place
Open	Dramatic Interp	Cat-Minh Huynh	3 rd Place
Open	Cultural Artifact	Sibi Sivaram	1 st Place
Open	Cultural Artifact	Joy Yomogida	2 nd Place
Open	Cultural Artifact	Lillian Theis	3 rd Place
Open	Cultural Artifact	Julian Mackenzie	4 th Place
Open	Cultural Artifact	Paulina Andreani	5 th Place
Open	Cultural Artifact	Angel Hu	6 th Place



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Head Coach, Robert Campbell capped the arduous three-day tournament, along with his six-year tenure as the Program's Founding Head Coach by noting, "Although UCSD's Speech & Debate Team is still very young—in existence just six years—it amazes me that the Team has dominated the southern California circuit for five of those years. In fact, it is an unprecedented run in that the Team has captured the Tournament Championship Trophy at 23 of its last 25 major regional tournaments attended—an incredible 92% winning record.

The 2024-25 UCSD Speech & Debate Team is one for the record books. These exceptional UCSD students achieved results in this academically oriented, interschool endeavor that no other school has ever accomplished, including this year's undefeated season.

In stepping aside from Head Coaching, I am turning the Program over to a deeply experienced, new Coach, who is moving to California to take UCSD Speech & Debate to a new national, perhaps international, level.

It is my fervent hope that UCSD Speech & Debate will be a perennial shining star for the university. It is already the winningest program in UCSD's intercollegiate competitive history and its future, in my opinion, is unlimited.

I am exceptionally proud of this Team, as I have been proud of every one of our Teams over the past six years. In developing a comprehensive forensics program, which is the envy of schools throughout southern California, my *gift* to UCSD and its students is now complete."

The UCSD Speech & Debate Team is a program sponsored by UCSD's Communication Department and the School of Social Sciences.

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