Saddleback College Forensics Team Sweeps Ray Dahlin Tournament

Mission Viejo, CA – Led by Coaches Larry Radden and Heidi Ochoa, the Saddleback College Forensics Team took first place at the Ray Dahlin Tournament on Friday, November 20th at Grossmont College in San Diego. The Gauchos won more events than all other teams and a majority of the competitors are headed to the Phi Rho Pi National Forensics Tournament in New Orleans in April 2010.

Dr. Tod A. Burnett, President of Saddleback College, stated, “Congratulations to our forensics students and coaches for their brilliant performance at the Ray Dahlin Tournament. Saddleback College has a proud tradition of winning forensics teams and this year’s team is no exception. I look forward to seeing our students shine at nationals.”

Larry Radden, Saddleback College Speech Professor and Co-Director of the forensics team, stated, “Our team looks to be one of the strongest and most focused we’ve had in years! We are so lucky for the strong support demonstrated by President Burnett, the college’s Associated Student Government, and our speech department. I also feel that the addition of Heidi Ochoa as our new professor and co-director provided the perfect combination to our team.”

“Our students are impressing coaches and competitors around the nation,” said Heidi Ochoa, Co-director of Forensics at Saddleback College.

The Saddleback Forensics Team started in the 1970s and prides itself on offering students the ability to create innovative arguments for future writing and speaking engagements, to strengthen their critical thinking skills, and to better communicate with others.

The Ray Dahlin Tournament is held in honor of the late professor who was the head of Palomar College’s speech and theatre department and led his team to win four national speech and debate championships.

Congratulations to our winners:
Kamelle Legette
1st in Open Poetry Interpretation
1st in Open Duo Interpretation
3rd in Open Drama

Alexis Dickey
3rd in Open Drama Interpretation
1st in Open Duo Interpretation
5th in Open Drama Interpretation

Lindsay Stepancich
3rd in Open Informative Speaking
3rd in Open Communication Analysis

CJ Sullivan
6th in Open Programmed Oral Interpretation
1st Place in Novice Impromptu
6th in Open Impromptu

Combiz Amizadeh-Shams
3rd in Open Poetry Interpretation
5th in Open Duo Interpretation

Josh Guluzza
1st Place in Novice Speech to Entertain
6th place in Open Speech to Entertain
1st Place in Novice Persuasive Speaking

Kam Jafari
6th in Open Prose Interpretation

Brelin
1st in Novice informative
5th in Open Drama

3rd in Open Drama Interpretation
1st in Open Duo Interpretation
5th Place in Open Drama Interpretation

Lindsay Stepancich
3rd Place in Open Informative Speaking
3rd Place in Open Communication Analysis

CJ Sullivan
6th in Open Programmed Oral Interpretation

1st Place in Novice Impromptu, 6th in Open Impromptu

Combiz Amizadeh-Shams
3rd Place in Open Poetry Interpretation
5th in Open DUO Interpretation with Kam Jafari

Josh Guliuzza
1st Place in Novice Speech to Entertain, 6th place in Open Speech to Entertain
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For more information on the Saddleback College Forensics Team, visit [http://www.saddleback.edu/faculty/hmueller/saddlebackforensics.htm](http://www.saddleback.edu/faculty/hmueller/saddlebackforensics.htm) or contact Larry Radden, Director of Forensics at lradden@saddleback.edu

The Saddleback College Forensics Team finished first at the Ray Dahlin Tournament held at Grossmont College on November 20th. Many of the Saddleback College Forensics team contenders for the Nationals squad are already winning events. The Saddleback team won more events at the tournament than any other team.

“The 2009-2010 Saddleback Speech looks to be one of the strongest and most focused in years! We are so lucky strong support from Saddleback College President Tod Burnett, the Associated Student Government, and our Speech Department, said Larry Radden, Co-director of Forensics at Saddleback College. Radden extended, “I also feel that the addition of Heidi Ochoa as our new tenure track professor and co-director was to perfect combination to the students and myself.”

According to Heidi Ochoa, Co-director of Forensics at Saddleback College, “Our students are impressing coaches and competitors around the nation.” The results are:

Kamelle Legette
1st Place in Open Poetry Interpretation
1st Place in Open DUO Interpretation with Alexis Dickey

5th in Open Drama

Alexis Dickey
3rd Place in Open Drama Interpretation
1st Place in Open DUO Interpretation with Kamelle Leggette
5th Place in Open Drama Interpretation

Lindsay Stepancich
3rd Place in Open Informative Speaking
3rd Place in Open Communication Analysis
CJ Sullivan
6th in Open Programmed Oral Interpretation

1st Place in Novice Impromptu, 6th in Open Impromptu

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Located in Mission Viejo, Saddleback College provides quality higher education and training to the greater south Orange County community. Having served more than 500,000 students since 1968, Saddleback College offers over 300 degree and certificate programs to help students reach their personal, career, and educational goals. For more information, please visit www.saddleback.edu.

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