

Mt. SAC Forensics Excels at Pasadena City College Speech & Debate Tournament!

The Forensics Team started off strong at the 2014 Watson Lancer Speech & Debate Tournament held October 25-26, 2014 at Pasadena City College. Twenty six colleges and universities from Southern California and Arizona competed at the tournament. A total of 24 students represented Mt. SAC, including 17 students at their first speech tournament.

Matthew Schaupp, a second year student, took home first in two events - Open Speech to Entertain and Open Duo Interpretation with his partner **Kai Vibar**. Matthew was also recognized as the third best speaker at the tournament. In the novice division, three students took home first place at their first tournament including **Jacqueline Yu** (Speech to Entertain), **Joshua Muscat** (Communication Analysis), and **Joey Fontana** (Dramatic Interpretation). Also placing in the top three in their respective events were **Joshua Sales** (Novice Speech to Entertain - 2nd), **Issac Ruiz** (Novice Informative - 3rd), **Matthew Covalt** (Open Prose - 2nd), and **Anthony Garcia** (Open Prog. Oral Interpretation - 2nd).

Overall, Mt. SAC took home 5th place in the community college sweepstakes. The team is working hard to prepare for upcoming tournaments at CSU Northridge and Grossmont Community College in San Diego next month. The team is coached by Communication Professors **Roger Willis**, **Roxan Arntson**, **John Vitullo**, and **Danny Cantrell**.

Awards

5th place, Community College Sweepstakes

- Novice Informative - Isaac Ruiz, 3rd.
- Novice Speech to Entertain - Audrey Spitzer, 4th; Joshua Sales, 2nd; Jacqueline Yu, 1st.
- Open Speech to Entertain - Matthew Schaupp, 1st.
- Open DUO Interp - Matt Schaupp & Kairi Vibar, 1st
- Novice Prose - Jose Navarro, Finalist.
- Open Prose - Stephany Garcia, 5th; Xochi Vargas, 4th; Matthew Covalt, 2nd.
- Novice Drama - Zachary White, 5th; Joey Fontana, 1st.
- Novice Communication Analysis - Joshua Muscat, 1st.
- Novice Persuasive - Ashley Breucop, 6th.
- Open Program Oral Interp - Anthony Garcia, 2nd.
- Top Individual Speaker - Matthew Schaupp, 3rd.



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