

Mt. SAC Forensics Places 2nd at State Championship



The Mt. SAC Forensics team excelled at the recent California Community College Forensics Association's annual State Championship tournament. The team won twenty-six total awards including four state titles. The tournament, hosted by City College of San Francisco, was held March 10-13, 2016 in Concord, California. Twenty students represented Mt. SAC at the tournament which featured thirty community colleges and over three hundred total students. Mt. SAC earned second place in the state, scoring 212.5 total points, finishing behind last year's national champion, Orange Coast College. Of special note is that Mt. SAC was awarded the "Jim Miller" Perpetual Sweepstakes award for points awarded over many years at the State Championship tournament. Mt. SAC last won this award twenty years ago in 1996.

Amy Jajieh, Azzaam Siddiqi, Joey Fontana, and Kai Vibar won first place in Readers Theater with their performance about Franz Kafka's *Metamorphosis*. **Amy Jajieh**, shared that "the final round was an incredible experience. There were well over 100 audience members and we had them laughing and crying throughout the 25 minute performance. It was one of my most memorable competitions in my two years on the team." **Sarina Wang** won a gold medal in Impromptu Speaking for the second year in a row. Co-Director of Forensics, **Danny Cantrell**, noted that "it is quite rare for a student to repeat as a gold medalist in impromptu speaking at the State Championships. Sarina is the first in Mt. SAC's history. Sarina worked hard to prepare for the tournament and was justly rewarded." Other notable results included **Jessica Gates** winning two Silver awards in Informative and Impromptu speaking, and **Matthew Dowling** who took home three Bronze awards in Extemporaneous, NFA-LD debate, and Parliamentary Debate.

The forensics team is now preparing for the Phi Rho Pi National Championship tournament being held early April. The Mt. SAC community is encouraged to join us for two upcoming showcases: **Afternoon with Debate** (Tues, March 22, 2016 at 4:00pm in Bldg 13-1700) and **Evening with Forensics** (Tues, March 29, 2016 at 7:00pm in Bldg 13-1700).

2016 CCCFA State Championship Results

Tournament Sweepstakes, Large School Division: 2nd
"Jim Miller" Perpetual Sweepstakes Winner (first time since 1996)

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| Gold, Amy Jajieh, Azzaam Siddiqi, Joey Fontana, Kai Vibar, Readers Theater (Die Verwandlung) Gold, Kai Vibar, Prose Gold, Matthew Rodriguez, Extemporaneous Gold, Sarina Wang, Impromptu Silver, Alexandria Romero, Prose Silver, Jacqueline Yu, Impromptu Silver, Jacqueline Yu, Communication Analysis Silver, Jessica Gates, Impromptu Silver, Jessica Gates, Informative Silver, Joey Fontana, Persuasion Silver, Joshua Sales, Persuasion Silver, Kai Vibar, Program Oral Interp Silver, Shantel Engle, Extemporaneous Silver, Tiffany Pla, Extemporaneous | Bronze, Anthony Flores, Prose Bronze, Anthony Flores, Communication Analysis Bronze, Joshua Sales, Extemporaneous Bronze, Matthew Dowling, Extemporaneous Bronze, Matthew Dowling, NFA-LD Debate Bronze, Matthew Dowling & Matthew Rodriguez, Parliamentary Debate Bronze, Matthew Rodriguez, IPDA Debate Bronze, Monica Sharma, Communication Analysis Bronze, Monica Sharma, Persuasion Bronze, Sarina Wang, IPDA Debate Bronze, Sophie Hajialiakbar, Prose Bronze, Tiffany Pla & Shantel Engle, Parliamentary Debate |
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