

Mt. SAC Excels at Jannese Davidson Memorial Speech Tournament!

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The Mt. SAC Forensics Team started the 2015-2016 season off strong taking *twelve* top-three finishes at the 2015 Jannese Davidson Memorial Speech & Debate Tournament held October 18, 2015 at Concordia University, Irvine. Mt. SAC placed *third* overall in a field of twenty-two colleges and universities from across Southern California.

Mt. SAC took home five first place awards including Isis Ouzounian (Novice Prose), Monica Sharma (Novice Persuasion), Jacqueline Yu (Informative), Brian Ramos (Novice Informative), and Alex Romero (Novice Dramatic Interpretation). Second-year competitor Sarina Wang took home two awards including second place in Informative and third place in Impromptu. Other top three finishes included Audrey Spitzer (2nd place - ADS), Amy Jajieh (2nd place - Dramatic Interpretation), Tiffany Pla (3rd place - Novice Persuasive), Joey Fontana (3rd place - Persuasive), and Matthew Dowling & Kai Vibar (3rd place - Duo Interpretation).

Co-Director Professor Danny Cantrell noted, "It was great to have so many events make it to finals at our first tournament of the season. It shows the dedication of the students to get their speeches written and memorized in such a short time." Out of the twenty speeches Mt. SAC entered at the tournament, *fourteen* won awards - an astonishing 70% success rate! First-year team member, Tiffany Pla, observed "the competition was really tough but I learned a lot at the tournament. Winning third place at my first tournament in novice persuasion was very exciting!"

Overall, Mt. SAC took home *3rd place* in the community college sweepstakes. A total of 18 students represented Mt. SAC at the competition. The team is working hard to prepare for upcoming tournaments at Pasadena City College, CSU Northridge and the prestigious L.E. Norton Tournament in Illinois. The team is coached by Communication Professors Roger Willis, Roxan Arntson, and Danny Cantrell.



Awards

3rd place, Community College Sweepstakes

- 1st place, Novice Prose, Isis Ouzounian
- 1st place, Novice Persuasive, Monica Sharma
- 1st Place, Open Informative, Jacqueline Yu
- 1st place, Novice Informative, Brian Ramos
- 1st Place, Novice Drama, Alex Romero
- 2nd Place, Open ADS, Audrey Spitzer
- 2nd Place, Open Drama, Amy Jajieh

- 2nd Place, Open Informative, Sarina Wang
- 3rd Place, Novice Persuasive, Tiffany Pla
- 3rd Place, Open Persuasive, Joey Fontana
- 3rd Place, Open Impromptu, Sarina Wang
- 3rd Place, Open DUO, Matt Dowling & Kai Vibar
- 6th Place, Open Prog. Oral Interp, Chris Robles
- Finalist, Novice Prose, Anthony Flores

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