

Second Tournament - 2009-2010

Northwest Forensic Conference Tournament

Lewis and Clark College

Portland, Oregon

The USU Speech and Debate team returned this weekend from its first Northwest Forensic Conference Tournament which was held at Lewis and Clark College in Portland Oregon with both a first and second place in debate and placing 3rd overall out of 28 college and universities. Boise State University placed first and College of Idaho placed second in overall points.

In American Parliamentary debate, the team of Dan Quarnberg and Jeff Denison placed first winning on a 3-0 ballot in the final round against College of Idaho. Dan was also recognized as the 3rd best debater out of over 60 students in parliamentary debate. In a new style of debate, called British Parliamentary debate, the team of Bryce Draper and Katelyn Wallace took second place, losing in the final round to McNeese University from Louisiana. Katelyn also was recognized as the 4th best speaker in British Parliamentary Debate.

In individual speaking events, Utah State dominated the public speaking events taking more awards than any other school at the tournament. Katelyn Wallace placed first in Jr Informative Speaking. Dan Quarnberg placed first in both Novice Persuasive Speaking and Impromptu Speaking. Justin Jerez placed first place in Novice Informative Speaking and second place in Jr Persuasive Speaking. Justin Hinh placed fourth place in Novice Persuasive Speaking and fifth place in Novice Informative Speaking. Peter Daines placed sixth in Novice Persuasive Speaking. Andy Bouwman placed sixth place in Jr. Informative Speaking. Bryce Draper placed sixth place in After Dinner Speaking and with Jeff Denison as a partner, Bryce and Jeff also placed third in Dramatic Duo Interpretation of Literature. Jeff also placed fifth place in Dramatic Interpretation.

Volunteer Coach Tom Worthen stated that "it was a strong showing for Utah State as this year's team has had little experience at the collegiate level. We only had one returning member from last year's squad." Worthen further stated that with one of the smallest teams at the tournament, it is rewarding to successfully compete against teams that are 3-4 times the size of Utah State's squad.

The team's second conference tournament will be held at Linfield College in McMinnville Oregon on November 20-21.