El Camino College Forensics Team Takes National Title

The El Camino College Forensics Team recently returned to campus as champions of a national tournament, defending their title, and winning more gold medals than anyone else at the contest.

The team competed in the annual Phi Rho Pi Community Colleges Forensics National Championship Tournament, hosted by Kansas City Community College. El Camino College won the Parliamentary Debate National Championship, a title they won at last year's tournament.

Team member Catherine Lloyd was ranked third in the nation; also winning a gold medal in extemporaneous speaking, and a gold in impromptu speaking.

Following is a list of awards earned by El Camino College students at the Phi Rho Pi National Championship tournament.

Debate Awards:
- Catherine Lloyd and Jennifer Clarry: gold, parliamentary debate
- Alyse Thompson and Emma Steiner: gold, parliamentary debate
- Arik Davidson and Derek Rubiano: gold, parliamentary debate
- Johnny Sheridan and Saher Pasta: bronze, parliamentary debate
- David Nordel and Ryan Castle: bronze, parliamentary debate

Individual Awards:
- Catherine Lloyd: gold, extemporaneous speaking; gold, impromptu speaking; named third speaker in the nation
- Alyse Thompson: gold, extemporaneous speaking; silver, speaking to entertain; tied for fourth speaker in the nation
- Ryan Castle: silver, extemporaneous speaking
- Philip Gomez: silver, prose interpretation
- Arik Davidson: bronze, persuasive speaking

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