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## **El Camino College Forensics Team Wins Gold in State Championship**

The El Camino College forensics team recently returned from the state championship tournament, bringing home the gold. The four-day event was hosted by the California Community College Forensics Association and staged in Concord.

With nearly 70 debate teams participating, the El Camino College team of Catherine Lloyd and Jennifer Clarry became the state champions, winning gold medals in team debate and finished as the only undefeated team in the entire tournament.

Catherine Lloyd also earned the top overall competitor award – besting nearly 300 other competitors – by winning gold medals in three events and a silver in her fourth event.

On the El Camino College team, of the 13 competitors, 11 earned medals.

Other significant awards include:

- Extemporaneous Speaking: Ryan Castle and Johnny Sheridan, bronze; Alyse Thompson, Catherine Lloyd, and Emma Steiner, silver.
- Impromptu Speaking: David Nordel and Justin Bagnall, silver; Catherine Lloyd, gold.
- Speech to Entertain: Alyse Thompson, silver.
- Persuasive Speaking: Arik Davidson, bronze.
- Dramatic Interpretation: Phillip Gomez, bronze.
- Lincoln-Douglas (one vs. one) Debate: Jennifer Clarry, silver; David Nordel and Catherine Lloyd, gold.
- Team Parliamentary Debate: David Nordel and Ryan Castle, bronze; Saher Pasta and Johnny Sheridan, silver; Catherine Lloyd and Jennifer Clarry, gold.

Amanda Gibson and Derek Rubiano also competed and both won three of six debates.

Team coaches Francesca Bishop, Mark Crossman, and Diana Crossman credit the success of the team with to the El Camino College faculty who continue to keep students up-to-date on current issues in science, history, political science, philosophy, and the many other disciplines from which parliamentary debate topics are drawn.

The team continues to work hard, in preparation for the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament that will be held in Kansas City in April.

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