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## **El Camino College Forensics Team Wins Two National Titles**

The El Camino College forensics team recently won two national championships in debate.

The most recent award came from the Phi Rho Pi National Championships, staged in Houston, Texas. El Camino College advanced four of its five teams to elimination rounds (no other community college advanced more than two teams to elimination rounds), and won the national championship in debate. The following students won debate awards and contributed to the national championship:

- Gold Team Debate: David Nordel and Johnny Sheridan (also State Champions)
- Gold Team Debate: Alyse Thompson and Emma Steiner
- Silver Team: Jose Crespo and Juan Victorio (State Champions)
- Bronze Team: Derrick Rubiano and Vivian Amezcua (State Champions)

Contributing team members also include Elysia Galindo Ramirez and Amanda Gibson.

In addition, the El Camino College team was named champs of the National Parliamentary Debate Association, the organization that keeps track of how well a debate program performs over the course of the academic year.

At each tournament, community colleges and four-year universities debate against each other (they are not segregated) and the results of the best four tournaments for each school are tallied, with each win equaling one point. The organization then announces the results, indicating the community college and university national sweepstakes champions.

This year, El Camino College won the NPDA National Sweepstakes for community colleges and placed third (behind Pt. Loma and Western Kentucky) among all universities (257 universities, national and international) ranked.

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