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El Camino College Debate Team Wins Division in First Tournament of the Season

The traditionally strong El Camino College debate team recently crushed the competition in the first tournament of the season, winning the Community College Division with 171 total points, about 50 percent more than the 112 points earned by University Division champ Concordia University.

The Aztec Invitational, staged on the campus of San Diego State University, attracted 26 colleges and universities from California, Arizona, and Texas. Sweepstakes were awarded in the Community College Division and the University Division. In some cases, El Camino College students were entered in the senior division, competing against students in their fourth year of competition.

Some of the top individual winners include: Frank Masi, top speaker parliamentary debate, senior division; Nicholas Bishop, persuasive speaking champion, senior division; Andrew Escalante, gold medal, Lincoln-Douglass debate, senior division; Abigail Watkins, gold, Lincoln-Douglass debate, senior division; Brittany Hubble and Alejandro Rivera, gold, parliamentary debate, novice division; and Orion Gould and Justin Biele, gold, parliamentary debate, novice division.

Other El Camino College students who took awards at the competition were Shea Adair, Joy DeGuzman, Narciso Ferma, Nicole Flanagan, Kelly Hutchinson, Rayanna Marable, Genesis Mora, Christina Mousavi, Victoria Padilla, Arielle Stephenson, and Celine Vezina.

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