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El Camino College Faculty Challenge Student Debate Team Members

Topic: Meat is more harmful to humanity than fossil fuels

El Camino College faculty members will take on their outstanding students in a must-see debate on the topic “Meat is more harmful to humanity than fossil fuels.” The “students vs. teachers” panel format puts faculty members Diana Crossman and Joseph Evans against the ECC award-winning student debate team of Isaac Curtis and Mason Jones. The debate is scheduled for 7 p.m. June 13 in the Campus Theatre.

Professor Crossman was named top persuasive speaker in the country while in college and has taught a variety of courses in communication studies at El Camino College since 1986. Accompanying her in the debate is Evans, current coach of the debate team, who is also a former collegiate champion and teaches ECC communication studies courses.

El Camino College recently hosted the National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence (NPTE). At this invite-only national championship tournament, students Isaac Curtis and Mason Jones placed higher than any previous ECC team, with an impressive 21st place finish out of the top 54 individual debate teams in the nation. They are considering scholarship offers from a variety of four-year institutions.

This year’s team proved on a national level that they can compete with the best – including universities. In addition to the NPTE, three teams also competed in the National Parliamentary Debate Association championship at Cal State Long Beach, setting community college records, finishing as the highest ranked community college, and winning the Community College National Championship award for the second time.

The ECC debate team is open to students of all majors and is ranked seventh in the nation. The team is a perennial powerhouse and consistently wins championships at every level of competition, against all kinds of colleges and universities.

Tickets to the debate are \$15 and may be purchased at www.centerforthearts.org, by phone at 310-329-5345 or toll-free at 800-832-ARTS. The Ticket Office is open Monday-Friday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Campus Parking is \$3. The Campus Theatre is located at 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance.

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