Forensics Team Orates Way to Team, Individual State Championships

Four members combine on team championship, an individual title and a first-place “duo” finish.

The Cypress College Forensics team earned top honors in the Limited Entry Division at the California Community College Forensics Association's State Championship Tournament.

Four members of the Cypress College Forensics Team, Ivette Ale, Sabrina Tinsay, Samantha Tinsay and Aaron Weinstein traveled to Concord, CA to compete in the March 16-19 tournament.

In addition to the team championship, these students won a total of six individual awards including one Silver and three Bronze Awards. Ale won the state champion in Persuasive Speaking; Sabrina Tinsay and Samantha Tinsay were also state champions in Duo Interpretation.

Ale also won a Silver Award in Informative Speaking and a Bronze Award in Parli Lincoln Douglas Debate.

Samantha Tinsay won a Bronze Award in Poetry Interpretation.

Rounding out the awards, Sabrina Tinsay won a Bronze Award in the Programmed Oral Interpretation category.

"I am very proud of the success of these hardworking students and I hope you will join me in congratulating them on their achievements," said Liana Koeppel, director of the Forensics program and a faculty member in the Communication Studies Department. "We had an amazing tournament and all of our success is because of the great team we have who helped get us there."

The team is now preparing for the end of the Forensics season, including a national event.

Senior Day Event Draws More than 1,000 as Campus Participation Reaches New High

Senior Day — the college’s annual high school outreach event — returned to the pond this year, a move that helped expand attendance back over the 1,000 mark. Participation from the campus community responded in kind, with at least an extra half-dozen information booths established, compared to last year’s record involvement.

Attendance at the workshops was standing room only. Three different topics were covered by presenters Sharon Easton (“Choosing a College Major”), Stacey Howard (“Smooth Transitions to Transfer”), and Alan Reza (“Getting Free Money to Fund Your College Education”).

Another highlight — and first — this year was the station provided for on-line applications. The Student Activities Center’s computer room was busy during the entire three-hour event with students waiting in the lobby to enter. Brian Dean from Admissions and Records staffed the center and provided assistance to our future students.

“I genuinely appreciate the extra effort of the people who planned, set up, ran and cleaned up the event,” Dr. Lewis said. “I especially want to thank those who represented the various programs, departments, divisions and services at the information tables. The addition of these booths and workshops have helped transform Senior Day into an event full of value for those graduating high school students who are considering enrolling here at Cypress College. In one morning, they’re able to experience many of the hallmarks of this campus, especially our commitment to excellence and our focus on personal attention.”

The event’s return to its regular location around the pond provided the opportunity to showcase the new Student Activities Center, the new Library/Learning Resource Center and the re-opened pond area.

In addition to the information shared with the high school students, members of the Associated Students ran a series of games and contests throughout the morning. Radio stations KIIS-FM and “The World Famous” KROQ also participated in Senior Day.
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Senior Day Attendance Tops 1,000

Attendance at Senior Day reached back over the 1,000 mark and campus participation was at a new high. Enjoy the slideshow.