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Buzzing with Excitement: The Hornet Cup and Upcoming Events on the Horizon

Chico, California (02/23-02/25) – The Sacramento State Speech & Debate team is geared up for the upcoming Northern California Forensics Association (NCFA) Championship, the pinnacle event in our region for speech and research competitions, set to take place at California State University, Chico and Butte Community College from February 23rd-25th.

Through intense preparation and unwavering dedication, the team is ready to make a significant impact on the forensic stage.

The team recently participated in The Talk Hawk tournament held at Las Positas College in Livermore, CA. The competition took place on Friday, February 2nd, and Sunday, February 3rd. The Sacramento State Speech & Debate team, represented by Tyler Gardner, Tati Trujillo, Arishma Karan, and Josue De Leon, under the guidance of Coach Abel, Coach Julian, and Program Director Jared Anderson, displayed exemplary teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

Among our standout performers, Tyler Gardner distinguished himself by securing the second-place speaker award in Lincoln-Douglas (LD) debate while captivating the attention of middle schoolers and judges alike. Additionally, Tati Trujillo emerged victorious in the cornhole game, adding a lighthearted yet competitive edge to our participation. Starting off the Spring semester, the team attended the Gorlok Gala in St. Louis, Missouri and hosted by Webster

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University. The Gorlok Gala took place during the first weekend of the semester, coinciding with a strike by CFA faculty. Despite the challenges, Autumn secured a 4th place speaker award in Junior Varsity LD, and Gardner received an Excellence Award in extemporaneous speeches.

Reflecting on their experiences, team members expressed their enthusiasm for the challenges and opportunities presented at the NCFCA Championship.

“I took a risk and decided to try something new for my impromptu speeches by adding a little bit of my personal experience to the mix,” said Gardner.

Looking ahead, our team is eagerly anticipating future competitions, including the Rebel Debate Tournament at University of Nevada, Las Vegas, on March 2nd-3rd, and the Nicholas F. Burnett “Hornet Cup” Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament hosted at Sacramento State from March 22nd-24th. We will also participate in the NFA Nationals at Central Michigan University from April 18th-22nd, provided that members of our team qualify for this prestigious event.

The debate team’s commitment to excellence remains unwavering as we continue to represent California State University, Sacramento with pride and resilience. For inquiries or to support the Sacramento State Speech & Debate team, please visit our [Linktree](#) account. Support our journey to nationals by following us on Facebook @sacramentostatedebate or @sacstatedebate on all other social media platforms and stay updated with our progress and how you can help!

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