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## SCCC Grant Campus Speech And Debate Team Victorious; Off To Nationals!

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February 18, 2014 | By -Via Press Release

The Suffolk County Community College Michael J. Grant Campus Speech and Debate Team took home seven trophies at the 2014 New England Forensics Championship at Boston's Suffolk University last week and four team members qualified for the national tournament later this year. Suffolk topped Emerson College and Bridgewater College for the third place overall team title.



SCCC Photo | Suffolk County Community College's Michael J. Grant Campus Speech and Debate Team from left, Sarah Urf, Faseeha Naeem, Felipe A. Espitia Cetina, Amanda Kosciak, Jacqueline Pusey, Nick Alleyne, Amanda Yodice and Nicholas Krauss.

Debate Team Vice-President Nick Alleyne took first in Informative Speech and third in the Impromptu category, which earned him a spot at the national championships in both categories. Felipe A. Espitia Cetina placed second in Impromptu and will also be heading to the national event. Cetina is also a Suffolk County Community College Student Trustee.

Amanda Kosciak, public relations officer, placed first in the Prose category, while teammates President Jacqueline Pusey placed fifth and Treasurer Amanda Yodice, fourth; Secretary Nicholas Krauss—in his first forensics tournament—drew third, and Faseeha Naeem, secured the top spot, and a first place trophy. Krauss and Naeem will compete at the national championship in the Persuasive category. Jaqueline Pusey is making a repeat appearance at the national championships, this time in the Persuasive category after appearing last fall in the Dramatic Interpretation slot.

Assistant Professor of Communications and Faculty Advisor Christopher Holfester said, the Michael J. Grant Campus Speech and Debate Team has won three national championships and twice won the New York State Championship since 1999 and former team members are now college professors and attorneys.

The team will compete again on February 22 and 23, at the Emerson/Lafayette Swing at Emerson College in Boston.

Faseeha Naeem, of Brentwood

Topic and Length of Speech: Persuasive 10 minutes. "Digital Dementia" Highlighted how too much time spent using digital devices, especially by younger people, can lead to early age dementia and a deterioration of cognitive abilities.

Nicholas Krauss of West Islip

Topic And Length of Speech: Persuasive 10 minutes. "America's Best Kept Secret" the prison rape epidemic.

Jacqueline Pusey of Wheatley Heights

Topic and Length of Speech: Persuasive 10 minutes. Predatory Coaching, exploring how some coaches use their power to abuse athletes, both sexually and emotionally.

Nick Alleyne of Central Islip

Topic and Length of Speech: Informative 10 minutes. Whale ear wax can be used to measure pollution in the ocean.

Impromptu: 2 minute prep / 5 minutes speech

Amanda Yodice of Bayshore

Topic and Length of Speech: Persuasive 10 minutes. Topic: the various causes of pedestrian fatalities and what can be done to prevent them.

Amanda Kosciak of Commack

Topic and Length of Speech: Prose 10 minutes: Recited a selection from Mona Simpson, Lawns; a disturbing piece about a daughter taking her identity and power back from her father.

Felipe A. Espitia Cetina of Brentwood

Topic and Length of Speech: Impromptu: 2 minutes prep/5 minute speech

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