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Weber State Speech Team Wins Gold Again!

Ogden, UT (01/30/2022) – Our team had 12 competitors compete in the Fred Scheller Invitational, which is a national tournament. “Our team’s collective work really paid off again,” says Director Mark Galaviz. Weber state took 3rd at the invitational, 2nd in Individual Events, and 2nd in Debate. Additionally, the team brought home a gold ranking – meaning Weber State is considered among the best schools in the Pacific Northwest. “Our student also brought home 2nd in the prestigious Orv Iverson Award,” says volunteer coach Kayla Griffin. “This award means she is the 2nd strongest competitor in all events across the Pacific Northwest.”

Individual awards included:
- Bex Baggett: 3rd in Open POI, 1st in Open DI, 5th in Open Extemp, and a Finalist in Duo
- Akir Rowe: 1st in Junior DI, 6th in Junior Extemp, and a Finalist in Duo, and MVP Debate Award
- Jazmyne Olson: 2nd in Orv Iverson Award, 3rd in Open IPDA Debate, 4th in IPDA Speaker Points, 2nd Overall IE Speaker, 2nd Junior Prose, 2nd Junior Extemp, 2nd Junior DI, and 4th in Open CA
- Rae Alder: Top Junior in Duo, 4th in Open Duo, 2nd in Junior Poetry, Top Speaker in ADS, 3rd in ADS
- Saxony Ruckman: 3rd in Junior DI, 4th in Open Persuade, and an Octofinalist in Novice IPDA Debate
- Brad Baker: 4th in Open Extemp
- Lilly Nunley: 2nd in Novice Prose, Top Novice in IPDA Debate, 2nd in IPDA Debate
- Sophie Beck: 1st in Junior Pros
- Kyle Housley: Top Junior in Duo, 4th in Open Duo, 4th in Open Pros, 6th in Open DI
- Hali Hutchinson: 4th in Novice Persuade
- Savannah Mason: 5th in Novice Persuade, and Octofinalist in Novice IPDA Debate

Weber State will be competing at the Cryptid Clash, online, the 27th and 28th of February in preparation for nationals.

We are in need of judges for tournaments. Judges are paid a small stipend and get training. Judges are essential for tournaments as they reduce the cost of entry and help give vital feedback to students learning the art of public speaking and argumentation.

If you are interested in assisting, please contact Director Mark Galaviz at Markgalaviz@weber.edu.