

2024 NPDA Awards

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National Student Representative Results

Leilani Hurtado from University of Texas at Tyler

All American Awards

Whitman College- Kasey Moulton

University of Utah- Meredith Jenkins

University of the Pacific- Angelica Guzman

Mercer University- Chirayu Salgarkar

Rice University- Max Renteria

Concordia University Irvine – Benjamin Wagner

Brent Northup Distinguished Service Award

Shannon LaBove - Rice University

Season Sweepstakes

Season Sweepstakes: 2 year

1st: 112.75 points -- Diablo Valley College

2nd: 98 points -- El Camino College

Season Sweepstake: Novice

1st: 73 points – El Camino College

2nd: 44.75 points – Point Loma Nazarene University

3rd: 23.75 points – Diablo Valley College

4th: 21.75 points – The University of Utah

5th: 18.25 points – Saint Mary's College of California

Season Sweepstakes: Junior Varsity

1st: 48.5 points – El Camino College

2nd: 43.75 points – Point Loma Nazarene University
3rd: 26.5 points – The University of Utah
4th: 23.25 points – Diablo Valley College
5th: 23 points – Saint Mary's College of California

Season Sweepstake: Open

1st: 84 points: Rice University
2nd: 81.25 points: Point Loma Nazarene University
3rd: 71.75 points: University of Utah
4th: 65.75 points: Parliamentary Debate at Berkeley
5th: 64 points: Diablo Valley College

Season Sweepstakes: Overall

1st: 112.75 points -- Diablo Valley College
2nd: 101.25 points -- Point Loma Nazarene
3rd: 98 points -- El Camino College
4th: 90.25 points -- University of Utah
5th: 90 points -- Rice University
6th: 85.75 points -- Whitman College
7th: 73.5 points -- Concordia Univ Irvine
8th: 65.75 points -- Parliamentary Debate at Berkeley
9th: 55.75 points -- University of the Pacific
10th: 54 points -- Univ of Texas Tyler
11th: 48 points -- St. Mary's College of California
12th: 25 points -- William Jewell
13th: 21.25 points -- San Diego State University
14th: 20 points -- Mercer University

Speaker Awards

Top Novice Speakers

Novice National Champion: Mercer University -- Red Mason
2nd: Mercer University -- Nolan Andrew Ralls
3rd: University of the Pacific -- Ileana Guzman
4th: University of the Pacific -- Simran Ghusar
5th: Whitman College -- Heather Romero

Top Speakers

National Champion Top Speaker: Whitman College -- Jas Liu
2nd: Whitman College -- Alexa Grechishkin
3rd: Whitman College -- Isabel Mathy

4th: Parliamentary Debate at Berkeley -- Brenna Seiersen
5th: Whitman College -- Kasey Moulton
6th: Rice University -- Maximus Renteria
7th: University of Utah -- Samantha Watrin
8th: Rice University -- Arjun Surya
9th: Parliamentary Debate at Berkeley -- Tristan Keene
10th: Mercer University -- Jayla Owens
11th: Mercer University -- Niyati Patel
12th: University of Texas at Tyler -- Leilani Hurtado
13th: University of Utah -- Meredith Jenkins
14th: McKendree University -- Emma McIlhargie
15th: University of Texas at Tyler -- Zachary Stansbery
16th: University of the Pacific -- Angelica Stephanie Guzman
17th: Mercer University -- Breanna Acevedo
18th: Mercer University -- Chirayu Salgarkar
19th: William Jewell College -- Kandace Gill
20th: Rice University -- William Wang

Elimination Round Results

The Novice Semi-Finalists

Mercer University: Breanna Acevedo & Red Mason
The University of Utah: Sage Allred & Brinley Kemp

The Novice Championship Debate

In the Novice Championship Debate, Pacific GG affirmed the motion, while St' Mary's MP opposed the motion. It was a 4-1 decision.

The 2024 Novice Champions: Luis Mora & Jasper Pacheco from St. Mary's College.

2nd Place: Simran Ghusar and Ileana Guzman from the University of the Pacific.

The Open Division Octofinalists

Concordia University Irvine-- Benjamin Wagner & Hudson Winchel
McKendree University-- Aaron Brown & Emma McIlhargie
Mercer University-- Chirayu Salgarkar & Thomas Bartlett
Rice University-- Nikki Stancik & Rija Naqvi
Rice University-- Anna Phan & Rohan Gupta
University of Utah-- Meredith Jenkins & Samantha Watrin
University of the Pacific-- Angelica Stephanie Guzman & Daneli Santillan

The Open Division Quarterfinalists

Kansas City Kansas Community College-- Chris Lapee & Nathan Newby

Mercer University-- Niyati Patel & Jayla Owens
Rice University-- Kyle Sandefer & William Wang
University of Texas at Tyler-- Leilani Hurtado & Zachary Stansbery

The Open Division Semifinalists

Whitman College-- Jas Liu & Kasey Moulton
Whitman College-- Alexa Grechishkin & Isabel Mathy

Tournament Sweepstakes

Tournament Sweepstakes: 2-Year

2024 National Champions: 14 points – Kansas City Kansas Community College
2nd Place: 10 points – The College of Southern Idaho

Tournament Sweepstakes: Overall

2024 National Champions: 54 points - Rice University
2nd: 40 points - Whitman College
3rd: 34 points - Mercer University
4th: 34 points - Parliamentary Debate at Berkeley
5th: 32 points - Concordia University Irvine
6th: 30 points - University of Texas at Tyler
7th: 30 points - University of Utah
8th: 24 points - Saint Mary's College
9th: 22 points - University of the Pacific
10th: 16 points - William Jewell College
11th: 14 points - Kansas City Kansas Community College
12th: 10 points - McKendree University
13th: 10 points - San Diego State University
14th: 10 points - College of Southern Idaho

The Championship Debate

In the Championship Debate, Maximus Renteria and Arjun Surya from Rice University affirmed the motion, while Tristan Keene and Brenna Seiersen from Parliamentary Debate at Berkeley opposed the motion. It was a 4-3 decision.

The 2024 Champions of the National Parliamentary Debate Association are Tristan Keene and Brenna Seiersen from Parliamentary Debate at Berkeley.

2nd Place: from Rice University are Maximus Renteria and Arjun Surya