

Debate Teams Impress at UC Davis Invitational Event

Students Magda Fitipaldi, Robert Mason, Carson Niello, Rachel Traina-Grandon, Crisha Carlos, Justin Paraoan and Sofia Hernandez competed for Dominican in six full rounds of Worlds/British Parliament style debate. Alum Daniel Tapia-Jimenez, Tristan Meyer, and Crisha Carlos participated as judges for Dominican.

Dominican's debate teams were entered in the novice category, as it was the first year of college level competition for all its members. Nevertheless, Dominican's team of Fitipaldi and Mason defeated teams from UC Berkeley, UC Davis, Portland State and Humboldt State to advance to the final round. The Paraoan/Hernandez and Traina-Grandon/Niello teams also produced better-than-expected scores and rankings.

Traina-Grandon achieved the best individual debate ranking among Dominican's team members.

Each round consisted of four teams per debate, so there were eight debates running concurrently. The winning team received three points, two points for second and one for third. Individual debaters also were given speaking scores.

"I am very proud of our students who participated in the tournament," says Dr. Christian Dean, Professor in [Dominican's Department of Political Sciences and International Studies](#). "They performed admirably. I look forward to continuing to grow and improve our debate program at Dominican."

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