RMC DEBATE TEAM TAKES TOP HONORS IN POWELL

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BILLINGS -- The Rocky Mountain College debate team won top awards at the Northwest College Debate Tournament in Powell, Wyo., November 6 and 7, 2009.

And, for the first time, the RMC debate team earned a sweepstakes award at a forensics tournament, noted Shelby Jo Long-Hammond, assistant professor of communication studies and the RMC debate coach.

“I am proud of this team earning a sweepstakes award because we compete against many larger schools and programs at these competitions,” Long-Hammond said.

The team of Alison Corby and Dan Johnson won the second place award in the varsity division of the debate tournament. Johnson and Corby also earned the second and ninth place speaker awards in their debate division.

Rocky’s Cherokee Rawls earned a first in the junior varsity division of debate.

The Rocky teams of Annie Ayre and Toryn Rogers, and Justin Rife and John Mark Wilkerson placed third when they were each semi-finalist teams in the junior varsity division. RMC sophomore Annie Ayre was also the top speaker in that debate division.

All of this debate success earned the RMC debate team a third place sweepstakes award in the competition with 13 colleges attending.

The RMC debate team is finished competing for the semester, but is looking forward to the spring semester, beginning in January, when RMC will host an intercollegiate debate tournament, February 5 and 6, 2010.

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