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Crowder Debate places 1st at Cameron Christmas Classic

NEOSHO, MO - The Crowder College debate program recently competed in the "Cameron Christmas Classic" debate tournament held on the Cameron University campus in Lawton, OK. Over 200 competitors from a total of 15 colleges and universities spanning seven states registered for the event. Some of the more notable competition Crowder faced included Drury University, Texas Tech University, and the University of Oklahoma.

In Novice Parliamentary Debate, the team of John Boyer and Elizabeth Miller debated their way to the final round where they WON on a 2-1 decision, beating a team from Southwest Baptist University. The team of Chris Holweger and Grace Reid placed 3rd in the event, and Reid placed 10th in Parliamentary Speaking. "Our squad had a real impressive showing," commented Jason Edgar, Crowder's Director of Debate. "John and Liz have worked really hard this semester, and it's always great to see hard work paid off with a big win at a huge tournament." In Lincoln Douglas debate, Holweger placed 4th in speaking, while Boyer placed 5th. All students who placed are graduates of Neosho High School and were all involved with the school's national award winning debate team as well.

As a team, Crowder earned "Top Community College" at the event, beating out regional rivals Metropolitan Community College, Tulsa Community College, and Fort Scott Community College. "All three tournaments that Crowder has competed in this semester, they have placed first as a team amongst community colleges," mentioned Edgar. Crowder also placed 4th overall in debate, behind Sterling College, Texas Tech, and Southwest Baptist University, all four year schools.

The team is now off until January 29th when they compete in the Gorlok Speech and Debate Invitational held on the Webster University campus in St. Louis, MO.

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