



Campus Notes

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(Photo: TCC)

TCC forensics successfully defends state speech titles

For the 11th time in 12 seasons, the TCC forensics team won the Florida College System Activities Association state speech and debate championship. TCC competitors also won individual state championships in 10 of 11 speech event categories.

TCC competitors Susan Liss, Jesselym Gonzalez, Samira Taylor and Karis De Gannes swept the top four spots in pentathlon sweepstakes. Each of the pentathlon winners, along with Gerain Arias, captured at least one individual state championship. De Gannes also received the Jennifer Pickman Award for the top novice

competitor.

TCC forensics also retained its Florida Intercollegiate Forensics Association state championship in individual events for the second consecutive year. Liss, Taylor and Gonzalez finished second, third and fourth respectively in pentathlon at the FIFA Championship, while Arias, De Gannes, Gonzalez and Liss all earned at least one individual state championship. Liss also qualified for the 2018 Interstate Oratorical Association national tournament with her second-place finish in Persuasive Speaking.

The team was runner-up in combined debate and individual events sweepstakes to the University of Central Florida, a program that has welcomed several TCC alumni in recent years.

Additional students who contributed to these outstanding results include Sydney Lyght, Charlie Metzger, Paige Palmer, Tatyana Penn and Ricardo Zamarripa.

TCC celebrates Women's History Month honorees

TCC honored 10 community members and five TCC students last night at its annual Women's History Month program. Many of the honorees were joined by family and friends at the celebration held at TCC's Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education.

The featured speaker was Suzanne Harrison, professor of family medicine and director of clinical programs at Florida State University College of Medicine. She developed a free clinic at Refuge House in 2003, where she provided weekly care for survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking until 2013. She has helped provide medical care to under-served patients at rural county health departments since 2003 and often volunteers her time at Neighborhood Medical Center. She also serves on the Leon County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team. Harrison is the national president of the American Medical Women's Association and the founding chair of AMWA's Physicians Against the Trafficking of Humans.

The evening ended with an oral interpretation of Maya Angelou's classic poem "Phenomenal Woman," presented by Samira Taylor, Tatyana Penn and Karis De Gannes, members of the TCC forensics team.

Five TCC students were also honored for their contributions to the College and the community: Alisha Ash, Monica Garcia Vega, Sameera Shaik, Samira Taylor and Claire Toman.

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