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The 5th **College LD Grand Prix** was held March 25th and 26th by the University of North Texas Debate Team and the Lincoln-Douglas Debate Coaches Association.

The tournament hosted Lincoln Douglas Debate using the topic and event rules of the National Forensics Association in three divisions: Open, Junior Varsity, and Novice. The Coaches Association was comprised of Parker Hopkins of Truman State University, Chad Meadows of Western Kentucky University, Mary Talamantez of Lewis and Clark College, John Boyer of Lafayette College, Louie Petit of the University of North Texas, Noel Massarelli of John Carrol University, Eric Morris of Missouri State University, Shanna Carlson of Illinois State University, and Justin Kirk of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The tournament results were as follows:

In the Open division the University of Nebraska – Lincoln (Nicholas Wallenburg) won on a 3-2 decision over Western Kentucky University (Andre Swai.) The judges in the final round were Kamren Cohen*, Emily Jackson, Kevin Krouse, Martin Osborn, and Emily Unruh*.

In the Junior Varsity division Washburn University (Hunter Squires) won on a 3-0 decision over Missouri State University (Jake Shew.) The judges in the final round were Ayyah Al-jibouri, Justin Kirk, and Matt Stannard.

In the Novice division Illinois College (Ali Daoud) won on a 2-1 decision over Western Kentucky University (Julie Mishchuk.) The judges in the final round were Ayyah Al-jibouri, Matthew Parnell, and Zach Thornhill*.

The top speaker of the Open Division was Joseph Wofford of the University of North Texas

The top speaker of the Junior Varsity Division was Nevin Butler of the University of Nebraska – Lincoln

The top speaker of the Novice Division was Yina Todd of Central Michigan University.

The Combined Sweepstakes winners were:

- 1st - Western Kentucky University
- 2nd - Washburn University
- 3rd – University of Nebraska-Lincoln

The Open Sweepstakes winners were:

- 1st – Western Kentucky University
- 2nd – University of North Texas
- 3rd – Washburn University



Several other awards were given for season long success:

The 2023 LD Coaches Association All- American Team

Nebraska-Lincoln Nicholas Wallenburg
Western Kentucky Andre Swai
Truman State Alicia Stout
Lafayette Josh Hale
Western Kentucky Tanya Prabhakar
North Texas Holden Bukowsky
Central Michigan Tyler Tobias
Washburn Cade Blenden
Washburn Carlos Cedillo-Silva
Nebraska-Lincoln Zein Saleh

The 2023 LD Coaches Association Coach of the Year

Justin Kirk of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

The 2023 LD Coaches Association Emerging Debaters of the Year

Yina Todd of Central Michigan University
Matthew Stroud of California State University-Fullerton
Julie Mishchuk of Western Kentucky University

The 2023 LD Coaches Association Judge of the Year

Evan Grisham of Western Kentucky University

National Debate Scholar - Summa Cum Laude

Alicia Stout - Truman State
Josh Hale - Lafayette
Ben Herman - Lafayette
Yina Todd - Central Michigan
Rose Thompson - Lewis and Clark
Natalie Brant - Central Michigan
Laken Kincaid - John Carroll
Samantha Nava - Texas State
Nicholas Wallenburg - Nebraska-Lincoln
Antonina Clementi - Western Kentucky
Julie Mishchuk - Western Kentucky
Connor Rada - Illinois State
Holden Bukowsky - North Texas
Zachary Jones - North Texas



National Debate Scholar - Magna Cum Laude

Elijah Baum - Truman State
Anne Smith - Lewis and Clark
Andre Swai - Western Kentucky
Taylor Dougherty - North Texas

National Debate Scholar - Cum Laude

Tyler Tobias - Central Michigan
Taylor Tate - Texas State
Amber Tannehill - Nebraska-Lincoln
Tanya Prabhakar - Western Kentucky
Miles Morton - Western Kentucky
Joseph Wofford - North Texas

Twenty universities participated in the tournament:

Central Michigan University
Florida State University
California State University – Fullerton
The University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign
Illinois College
Illinois State University
John Carroll University
Lafayette College
Lewis and Clark College
The University of Minnesota
Missouri State University
Missouri Valley College
The University of Northern Iowa
Pennsylvania State University
Texas State University
Truman State University
University of Nebraska – Lincoln
University of North Texas
Washburn University
Western Kentucky University

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