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Reynolds High School Speech and Debate Team Wins Big at First Debate Competition of the Year

November 12, 2021, Fairview, OR – Reynolds High School’s Speech & Debate Team secured 1st Place at the first Portland Urban Debate League (PUDL) competition of the year against McDaniels High School. The debate was held virtually on October 29th and 30th. The debate team’s co-captains Destiny Tran and Jeff Cervantes ranked first out of fourteen teams, besting all ten teams from McDaniels High School (formerly called Madison High School).

Reynolds High School also had three new partner-teams compete in Policy Debate, receiving valuable experience and feedback for future debates. The next PUDL tournament will be held on November 19th and 20th, also virtual. The first large Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) competition, the Clackamas Holiday Edge, will be held from December 1st-4th, virtual as well.

“To be back in person has made a huge difference in being able to better teach our students the complex skills involved in debate and guide them toward their preparation for competition,” stated Valerie Schiller, RSH teacher and the Speech and Debate Team coach. “We've only just begun, but the school year is looking promising,” she added.

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