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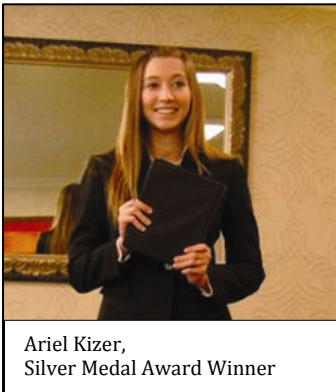
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Newest Idaho Community College Wins Silver Medal at National Speech and Debate Tournament

CWI student Ariel Kizer wins in highly competitive Prose Interpretation category



The College of Western Idaho’s Speech and Debate team recently returned with its first-ever national award from Phi Rho Pi’s National Speech and Debate Tournament held in New Orleans. Ariel Kizer was awarded a silver medal at the competition in the Prose Interpretation category, which had 122 competitors, the most of any event.

CWI had a total of 12 students attend the national tournament based on their qualifying scores from the state competition held in March.

“This award represents tremendous effort and talent on Ariel’s behalf along with tremendous effort by their coaches, Michelle Bennett and Johnny Rowing,” said CWI President Berton Glandon. “More than 40 CWI staff and faculty volunteers helped the team this semester by volunteering for coaching and judging roles. The amazingly high

level CWI students and faculty are at in just a short time — one year — is unheard of. The College of Western Idaho will continue to concentrate on helping students achieve academic greatness on the national stage.”

For more information on the CWI Speech and Debate Team, including information on how to get involved, contact Michelle Bennett at michellebennett@cwidaho.cc, or Johnny Rowing at johnnyrowing@cwidaho.cc (coaches).

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About the College of Western Idaho:

The College of Western Idaho is a public, open-access, and comprehensive community college committed to providing affordable access to quality teaching/learning opportunities to the residents of its service area in Western Idaho. CWI has seven campus locations throughout Southwest Idaho providing higher education and 21st Century technical skills acquisition. The college is dedicated to improving the community’s economic well-being by responding with highly-educated and productive graduates. The foundation for the area’s only community college was created by a supermajority of voters in Ada and Canyon counties on May 22, 2007. For more information about the college, visit www.cwidaho.cc or call (208) 562-3000.

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