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Students Start the year with Excellent Performances

CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Cedarville University’s debate team won first place in overall tournament sweepstakes at two events at Loyola University Sept. 21-23, 2012.

68 students from 9 Universities competed in the two debate tournaments held over the weekend. Participating schools included Bethel University, Wheaton College, Carthage College, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Loyola University Chicago, Marquette University, McKendree University, Purdue University and the University of Miami.

Computer science senior Zach Schneider and global economics and international business sophomore Whitney Snowden received a fifth place open team award. They are now currently ranked 13th in the nation in the National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence rankings out of over 510 teams.

The team also won first place overall at Purdue University Oct. 26-28, 2012.

Cedarville University’s debate team is comprised of students from a variety of majors, backgrounds and ages. The team competes with colleges and universities across the United States through the National Parliamentary Debate Association, the largest debate organization in the country, and the team competes in 14 tournaments each season.

“Last year we finished 10th in the nation overall out of 252 schools in the National Parliamentary Debate Association,” said Mark Bentley, debate coach and instructor of communication. “That is a significant accomplishment for our University and our students.”
Students may apply for debate team scholarships, which range from $500 - $2,000. For more information about Cedarville’s team and the scholarship, visit

http://www.cedarville.edu/financialaid/Debate+Team+Scholarships

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Photo caption: Cedarville University’s debate team has brought home first place overall awards during its first few tournaments of the 2012-2013 season.
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