



Jasmine H. Bodie and Terrence Foster

PCCC Debate Team Takes Top Prizes in the Fall 2012 Public Forum Debate League Competitions

**Terrence Foster is the First PCCC Debater
to Win Best Overall Speaker Prize**

**Terrence Foster and Jasmine H. Bodie
Win Second Place Team Award**

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The Passaic County Community College Debate Team had its finest showing to date in two of three debates held this fall by the Public Forum Debate League.

On October 28, Terrence Foster became the first debater in PCCC history to win Best Overall Speaker in the Extemporaneous Division. Terrence and Jasmine H. Bodie also won the Second Place team award in the Extemporaneous Division, a form of competition that is a research-based policy debate.

“This is the highest finish ever for a PCCC team,” said Professor Brian Lorio, PCCC’s Debate Team advisor who promoted his students to the challenging Extemporaneous contest for the first time last spring, a result of their strong development in argumentation skills.

Held at Fairleigh-Dickinson University in Hackensack, NJ, the October 28 debate was the second in a series of three events sponsored by the PFD League. Seven area colleges argued the (pre-Election Day) topic: *Resolved: “Re-Electing Barack Obama as President of the United States Would Be More Beneficial to the Country Than Electing Mitt Romney.”*

A post-election version of the topic was debated again at the final competition held November 18 at SUNY Rockland Community College in Suffern, New York. In the Extemporaneous Division, Terrence took First Place Overall in the team contest and Second Place Overall Speaker.

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PCCC debaters also competed in the Impromptu Division, where students have just 10 minutes to prepare their arguments.

Princess Obong and Earl Grant competed in this division in November while Bianka P. Marte and Daniela Huertas, participating for the first time, did so in October.

“In the three semesters that PCCC has actively participated in the Public Forum Debate League, our team has steadily improved its performance over each previous debate,” said Professor Lorio.

“The amount of time that these students spend on their activity is a testament to their work ethic and the support of the PCCC academic community. “



Terrence Foster (with trophies) Earl Grant, and Princess Obong at the final debate of the semester, November 18, 2012.

Members of the PCCC Debate Team at the Public Forum Debate League Competition, October 28, 2012.

(clockwise from bottom left)
Ashley Fisher, Jasmine Bodie, Bianka Marte, Terrence Foster, Daniela Huertas, Earl Grant.

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