



1st row left to right: Terri Easley (debate coach), Faryal Ijaz (Leawood), Brandie Shepherd (Shawnee), Dalton Lawson (Tonganoxie), Caitlin Breslin (Leawood), Emily Umphrey (Lenexa), Ben Cuellar (Kansas City, Kan).

2nd row: Zachary Hartkopp (Andover), Justin Stanley (assistant debate coach), Darnell Wallace (Overland Park), Tyler Kowalewski (Overland Park), Keith Alexander-Arceneaux (Bel Aire, Kansas), Travis Steele (Lawrence), Kristin Brandt (Lansing).

The JCCC debate team was ranked 16th in the nation in rankings by the Cross-Examination Debate Association and number one among community colleges.

Debate coach Terri Easley said this is the first time JCCC has been ranked in the top 20 in the past 10 years and may be the first time in the past 10 years a community college has been ranked in the top 20.

The 16th ranking puts JCCC ahead of such area schools as

Missouri State University, Wichita State University, Kansas State University, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City Kansas Community College and Emporia State University and ahead of Harvard, University of Texas and University of Southern California.

During the fall semester, the team traveled to five tournaments, made five final-round appearances and earned three tournament championship titles at The Vegas Invitational, KCKCC and Emporia State University tournaments. **I**