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## Campolindo's Debate Team Ranked No. 2 in the Nation for Parliamentary Debate

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From left (with national ranking): Peter Moore (6th), Kevin Deng, Austen Li (25th), Kaveh Boostanpour (7th), Conor Hanvey (6th), Ming Qian, Thomas Liao (7th) and Richard Gong (25th) Photo Fay Lin

Campo the sweepstakes award at the prestigious National Parliamentary Debate Institute Invitational at Berkeley. For a full list of rankings, visit <http://www.parli.org/2015-2016-club-rankings>.

Campolindo Debate was founded in 2012 by three Joaquin Moraga Middle School students who wanted to continue pursuing their passion for Parliamentary debate in high school. They were initially inspired by JM's Debate teacher Don Read, Moraga School District's 2015 Teacher of the Year. "We started the club at Campo because we really enjoyed JM's debate class but we did not know so many students felt the same way," said Peter Moore and Thomas Liao, the co-founders of the club. "The debaters are very dedicated, attending year round practices two to four times a week."

The success of Campo Debate has been infectious; it is already the largest academic club at the high school, with over 60 members and is ranked the No. 2 high school parliamentary debate team in the nation. The ranking is based on points scored by the team's varsity duos at invitationals held at local high schools and universities. Campolindo's junior varsity teams have also competed very well, consistently finishing with strong records and speaker points, and earning

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