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MVSU SSS DEBATE TEAM WINS FIRST PLACE IN MAEOPP DEBATE COMPETITION



Pictured from left are Jerresia Edwards, Jacqueline Reed, and Christopher Lewis.

This year, Mississippi Valley State University was the host site for the Mississippi Association of Educational Opportunity Program and Personnel (MAEOPP) Student Initiatives Training. MVSU students received first place honors in the Student Support Services (SSS)/McNair Statewide Debate Competition.

“Our debate team students are trained according to a quote from Desmond Tutu, said Martha Smith, director of SSS. “Don’t raise your voice, improve your argument. Students are encouraged to sharpen their skills in public speaking, research, writing, critical thinking, and engagement in the advocacy of issues of global concern.”

MVSU students will advance to the Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (SAEOPP) Student Initiative Conference on April 18, 2015 in Atlanta, Ga. The students will compete against SSS and McNair students from seven other Southeastern states.

Team members included Jerresia Edwards, Jacqueline Reed, and Christopher Lewis. And, their coaches were Jerome Petty, SSS academic advisor/professional tutor; Carol Cain, SSS academic counselor; and Candice Hunter, SSS interim tutorial coordinator.

The purpose of the Mississippi Association of Educational Opportunity Program and Personnel (MAEOPP) Student Initiative Training is to bring together into a work and student community those persons who have an active interest in or who are professionally involved in broadening accessibility to and success in formal postsecondary education.

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