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Dear AFA-NDT participants:

Welcome to Austin, Texas, and to the 2009 National Debate Tournament. I hope that the hard work you have invested in your craft over the past year through preparation, practice, and competition culminates in your most outstanding performance to date here at the national level. Best of luck to each of you.

I applaud your participation in this competition. The Credo of the tournament sponsor, the American Forensic Association, emphasizes the power of language, reason-giving, and advocacy to empower humans to shape the world. As president of a public institution of higher learning, and as a former dean of the UT Law School, I can attest to the wisdom of that credo. Modern society depends on the ability of the many voices within it to compete on equal footing – to have a constructive forum for disagreement. Language and reason are at the core of a civil society – and the better our ability to use those tools, the better our chances of creating for ourselves a secure and equitable life for all citizens. Your skill in forensics, and your willingness to put that skill into practice, helps build such a society.

Though I know that during your short time in Austin most of your energy will be focused on the tournament competition, I also hope that you are able to find at least a few hours during your stay to explore the UT Austin campus – known as the “Forty Acres” – and the many treasures it contains. I invite you to visit our many museums and libraries – including the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center, The Blanton Museum of Art, and the Texas Natural Science Center’s Texas Memorial Museum – or simply walk the campus, especially among the architecture designed by Cass Gilbert and Paul Cret around the famous UT Tower, and discover the unique character that defines UT Austin. We have a Texas-sized pride in what we have here, and in what we do. I think you’ll be impressed with what you find.

The University of Texas at Austin is proud to host this year’s National Debate Tournament. I thank you for the role you play in making our society’s discourse more civil, more precise, and more constructive. Your efforts result in a better world for all of us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Powers, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

William Powers, Jr.
President

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Dear NDT Participants,

Welcome to Austin, capital of Texas and home of the University of Texas. As a representative of the city and alumnus of the University, I wish each of you success in the upcoming competition.

Like you, I participated in speech and debate throughout high school and college. I still fondly remember rehearsing speeches and fine-tuning arguments during my years at the University of Texas.

As a former debater, I support the work of the American Forensics Association and believe debating prepares students for being successful leaders. I am confident your hard work will serve you well in the future.

Congratulations to the University of Texas for hosting this year's National Debate Tournament and to the National Debate Tournament Committee and its subsidiaries for their tireless work on this year's tournament. Best wishes to all of the contestants.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lloyd Doggett". The signature is stylized and cursive.
Lloyd Doggett



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March 12, 2009

Dear National Debate Tournament Participants:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to The University of Texas at Austin for the 2009 National Debate Tournament. U.T. has a rich history of achievement in competitive debate and so we're especially honored to be your host. The National Tournament represents the best of the best in collegiate forensics competition and the College of Communication is pleased to support this level of excellence.

As Dean of the College of Communication and a faculty member in Communication Studies, I have had many opportunities to witness the hard work and talent needed to qualify for this event. No matter how the cards may fall over the next several days, all of you should be proud of what you have achieved prior to coming to Austin.

The College of Communication at The University of Texas is committed to remaining on the cutting edge in studying and improving the art of human communication. Currently, the College is working to create the Belo Center for New Media, a building that will host research and teaching about the new forms of interaction among the communication outlets - television, news print, the Internet, etc. As the College moves toward the future, we see intercollegiate debate as central to a liberal arts education. The lessons you have learned through debate will last you a lifetime.

So welcome to Austin and The University of Texas. On behalf of the College of Communication, I wish you the best of luck for a successful tournament.

Sincerely,

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Roderick P. Hart
Dean



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March 26, 2009

Dear National Debate Tournament Participants:

On behalf of the students, faculty, staff, and debate champions in the Department of Communication Studies at the University of Texas, I welcome you all to the University of Texas at Austin. We are proud to help host the “NDT” and to welcome debaters and coaches to campus.

There is a UT t-shirt that says, in the best tradition of Texas self-satisfaction, “What Starts Here Changes the World.” While that’s true of the world class teaching and research conducted at Austin, I also think it’s true of what will happen as this tournament kicks off. As a former debater and coach, I know that involvement in debate changes those who compete. Debate is an activity that empowers people to emerge into the world as articulate, creative, and engaging change agents. So whether you win a trophy or not during this tournament, what you start is going to change your world and the worlds of those around you.

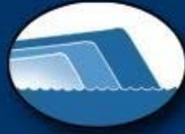
I want to thank our wonderful tournament host and Debate Coach, Dr. Joel Rollins, who has been ably assisted this year by, Sean Tiffée, Tiara Naputi, Kirk Evans, J. V. Reed, and Chris Thiele. Our office staff of Jennifer Betancourt, Deanna Matthews, and Margaret Surratt has offered crucial and invaluable help in organizing the tournament. Too many undergraduate and graduate students to name have given of their time and talents. The Debate program here is housed in our Department, but really it is a University of Texas prize possession, and so credit must go to all those around the university who have contributed to this great event.

Good luck and good speaking!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barry Brummett".

Barry Brummett
Charles Sapp Centennial Professor in Communication
Department of Communication Studies Chair



PALISADES ASSOCIATES, INC.

March 18, 2009

On behalf of Palisades Associates, we welcome you to the 63rd NDT and wish you an enjoyable and successful tournament. We believe that the value of participation in policy debate has never been higher. A number of new administration officials have policy debate backgrounds and we expect to see their debate experience influence public policy decision making. A recent magazine profile of Larry Summers, for example, devotes considerable coverage to his college debate career. We've often found it interesting to review past topics and see how debate cases have ultimately become actual policies. NDT debate likely played a key role in making that happen, by exposing future policy makers to issues, tested by competition, that otherwise might only receive attention in relatively obscure academic writings.

Further, the success of Urban Debate Leagues has been aided by the support of many officials who now hold influential positions in the federal government and we anticipate the continued spread of debating in inner city schools to be an important component of national education policy.

Though the impact of NDT debate can be seen on the national policy stage, we cannot overlook the immense value to the debaters of participation in intercollegiate policy debate. The skills developed, hours of hard work devoted and tough competition endured by NDT participants will forever be a part of each of you. Regardless of your record at this NDT, you will always be able to say that you participated in college debate's national championship competition.

As we reflect on the year since the last NDT, we note with sadness the passing of dedicated debate professionals, some of whom were our contemporaries in policy debate. Joe Jackson, Scott Nobles, Mike Pfau, Jim Unger and John Wallen will be missed, but we take solace in knowing that part of each of them lives on in the students they taught and the activity they loved.

With the assistance of Tom Rollins, we've gathered the contributions of many former NDT debaters to endow a new honor, in memory of Jim Unger, which will be given to the coach of the Copeland Award winner for the first time at this NDT. We are also pleased to announce that we have agreed with the NDT Board of Trustees to continue our support of this tournament for another five years, through 2015.

Congratulations and good luck.

Greg A. Rosenbaum
Charles E. Garvin

TENTATIVE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

2009 National Debate Tournament

Thursday, March 26

- 9:00-11:00 Registration (*DoubleTree Hotel, Robertson Room*)
12:30-2:30 NDT Board of Trustees Meeting (*DoubleTree Hotel, Robertson Room*)
1:00-4:00 NDT Committee Meeting (*DoubleTree Hotel, DeZavala Room*)
4:00-5:00 Late Registration (*DoubleTree Hotel, Robertson Room*)
8:00 Light Buffet Reception and Pre-Tournament Awards, *Sponsored by District III*
(*DoubleTree Hotel, Phoenix Ballrooms Central & North*)
Keynote Speaker, Jim Hightower

Friday, March 27

- 7:30 Continental Breakfast, sponsored by *Bracewell & Giuliani LLP*
(*DoubleTree Hotel, Phoenix Ballrooms Central & North*)
8:00 Announcement of Round I (*Phoenix Ballrooms Central & North*)
12:15 Start Time of Round II
2:00 Lunch (*DoubleTree Hotel, Phoenix Ballrooms Central & North*)
3:45 Announcement of Round III (*Phoenix Ballrooms Central & North*)

Saturday, March 28 – Tournament moves to UT Campus

- 8:00 Announcement of Round IV (*Texas Union Ballroom*)
11:30 **UT Law Luncheon and Panel** (*Texas Union Ballroom*)
Debate Skills in the Law Profession – UT Law School Panel
Derek Jinks, The Marrs McLean Professor in Law
Frank Cross, Herbert D. Kelleher Centennial Professor of Business Law
Russ Falconer, Third Year UT Law Student
J.T. Kittrell, First Year UT Law Student
12:30 Announcement of Round V (*Texas Union Ballroom*)
5:15 Announcement of Round VI (*Texas Union Ballroom*)

Sunday, March 29

- 8:00 Announcement of Round VII (*Texas Union Ballroom*)
11:15 Lunch (*Texas Union Ballroom*)
12:45 Announcement of Round VIII (*Texas Union Ballroom*)
5:00 Announcement of First Elimination Round (*Texas Union Ballroom*)
Tournament returns to the DoubleTree Hotel
9:45 Awards Banquet (*DoubleTree Hotel, Phoenix Ballroom*)

Monday, March 30 – Tournament continues at the DoubleTree Hotel

- 7:15 Drawing of Octofinal Judges (*Phoenix Ballrooms Central & North*)
7:30 Announcement of Octofinals (*Phoenix Ballrooms Central & North*)
8:30 Octafinal Round Begins
(Rounds continue throughout the day)

HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT

The National Debate Tournament began at the United States Military Academy in 1947. It was organized and conducted by the academy at West Point for its first twenty years. Initial tournament rules were determined by the West Point Administration in consultation with such debate coaches as A. Craig Baird of the University of Iowa, G. M. Musgrave of Des Moines, Alan Nichols of USC, E. R. Nichols of the University of Redlands, and Joseph O'Brien of Pennsylvania State University.

At the first tournament in 1947, twenty-nine colleges participated in five "seeding" rounds and four elimination rounds over a three day period. Some of the features of the tournament were that no school would meet a school within five hundred miles of itself during the seeding rounds and that no coach would judge a school from his or her own district. Many traditions were started at West Point that year, some of which still remain today: the "big board", oral announcement of round pairings, cadet escorts for each team, teams for each debate meeting under the banner of the affirmative team, and team signs in the rooms.

In 1967, the National Debate Tournament entered a new era as the American Forensic Association, the national professional organization of forensics educators, assumed responsibility for the tournament. The NDT was moved from West Point and has been hosted by a different school every year since, although three schools (State University of West Georgia, Miami University of Ohio, the University of Utah) have hosted it twice. Control of the tournament became the responsibility of a national committee elected by those schools supporting the tournament.

As debate has developed in recent years other refinements have been added to the tournament: the ten-minute preparation time rule, elaborate procedures for assigning judges, judge qualifications and published critiques of the final debate. Over the years, the tournament has expanded in size, with various procedures used for selecting the participants. In the early days, teams were chosen by district nominating committees. This method was replaced by some form of qualifying tournaments in most districts. For the first twenty years of NDT competition the tournament host and previous year's winner received automatic invitations. Post-district at-large bids were initiated in 1968 and pre-district bids in 1971. Since 1970, it has been possible for a school to qualify as many as two teams for the NDT. This year seventy-four teams participated in the NDT. Beginning in 1992, up to six schools can qualify a third team.

The National Debate Tournament is sponsored by the American Forensic Association. The NDT is also indebted to Mr. Sigurd S. Larmon (1891-1987) for donating the rotating Larmon Trophy, emblematic of the national debate championship; to Mr. and Mrs. George Walker for donating the rotating second-place Walker Memorial Trophy in memory of their son; to Mr. Robert Feldhake, top speaker in the 1976 NDT and now an attorney in Los Angeles for donating the Wayne Brockriede Top Speaker Award; to District IX for donating the rotating Top Speaker Trophy; the Copeland Family for donating the Rex Copeland First Team At Large Trophy, to Ovid R. Davis for donating the Ovid R. Davis/West Georgia College Championship Coach Award and to Lucy Keele for the funding to support the Lucy Keele Service award.

JIM HIGHTOWER
2009 National Debate Tournament
Keynote Speaker

National radio commentator, writer, public speaker, and author, *Swim Against The Current: Even A Dead Fish Can Go With The Flow*, Jim Hightower has spent three decades battling the Powers That Be on behalf of the Powers That Ought To Be - consumers, working families, environmentalists, small businesses, and just-plain-folks.

Twice elected Texas Agriculture Commissioner, Hightower believes that the true political spectrum is not right to left but top to bottom, and he has become a leading national voice for the 80 percent of the public who no longer find themselves within shouting distance of the Washington and Wall Street powers at the top. Hightower is a modern-day Johnny Appleseed, spreading the message of progressive populism all across the American grassroots. He broadcasts daily radio commentaries that are carried in more than 150 commercial and public stations, on the web, on Armed Forces Radio, and on Radio for Peace International. He also does a weekly video blog that is carried on many popular websites.

Each month, he publishes a populist political newsletter, "*The Hightower Lowdown*," which now has more than 135,000 subscribers and is the fastest growing political publication in America. The hardhitting Lowdown has received both the Alternative Press Award and the Independent Press Association Award for best national newsletter.

A popular public speaker who is fiery and funny, he is a populist road warrior who delivers more than 100 speeches a year to all kinds of groups.

He is a New York Times best-selling author, and has written seven books including, *Thieves In High Places: They've Stolen Our Country And It's Time To Take It Back*; *If the Gods Had Meant Us To Vote They Would Have Given Us Candidates*; and *There's Nothing In the Middle Of the Road But Yellow Stripes and Dead Armadillos*. His newspaper column is distributed nationally by Creators Syndicate

Hightower frequently appears on television and radio programs, bringing a hard-hitting populist viewpoint that rarely gets into the mass media. In addition, he works closely with the alternative media, and in all of his work he keeps his ever-ready Texas humor up front, practicing the credo of an old Yugoslavian proverb: "You can fight the gods and still have fun."

Hightower was raised in Denison, Texas, in a family of small business people, tenant farmers, and working folks. A graduate of the University of North Texas, he worked in Washington as legislative aide to Sen. Ralph Yarborough of Texas; he then co-founded the Agribusiness Accountability Project, a public interest project that focused on corporate power in the food economy; and he was national coordinator of the 1976 "Fred Harris for President" campaign. Hightower then returned to his home state, where he became editor of the feisty biweekly, *The Texas Observer*. He served as director of the Texas Consumer Association before running for statewide office and being elected to two terms as Texas Agriculture Commissioner (1983-1991).

During the 90's, Hightower became known as "America's most popular populist," developing his radio commentaries, hosting two radio talk shows, writing books, launching his newsletter, giving fiery speeches coast to coast, and otherwise speaking out for the American majority that's being locked out economically and politically by the elites. As political columnist Molly Ivins said, "If Will Rogers and Mother Jones had a baby, Jim Hightower would be that rambunctious child -- mad as hell, with a sense of humor."



REMEMBERING

DR. MICHAEL PFAU

March 14, 1945 - March 12, 2009



Michael Pfau's life and career expressed his passion for research, argumentation and teaching. After graduating from Bloomington HS, he served in the US Air Force, earned his BA and MA from the University of New Hampshire, and later obtained his PhD from the University of Arizona. His publication record was second to none, achieving a strong reputation in both the persuasion and political communication domains. He received numerous awards for his scholarship over the years and recently served as the editor of the *Journal of Communication*. He also served as the editor of *Argumentation & Advocacy* from 1992-1994. Dr. Pfau impacted the lives of countless students especially those he worked with at Alexander Ramsey HS in Roseville, MN (1971-1975); Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD (1975-1993); the University of Wisconsin in Madison (1993-2001); the University of Oklahoma, where he served as chair of the institution's Department of Communication (2001-2009); and a multitude of debate institutes and tournaments. Wherever he taught, he channeled his unflagging energy to motivate and inspire students to reach their goals.

THE LUCY KEELE AWARD

With age comes growing respect, and appreciation for those individuals who have devoted so much time and effort into making the forensic community a more enjoyable and productive experience for so many students. The first annual award for forensic contributors was initiated by the NDT Board of Trustees in 1996. The 50th NDT at Wake Forest was a festive event with many NDT alumni returning to see how the activity, that had so influenced their lives, had evolved. The Lucy Keel Award in honor of the former Director of Debate at CSU Fullerton and member of the Board of Trustees for many years, was created to recognize outstanding service to the Debate Community, the previous recipients have been:

1996 Donn Parson, University of Kansas

1997 Brett O'Donnell, Liberty University

1998 Melissa Wade & Bill Newnam, Emory University

1999 George Ziegelmuller, Wayne State University

2000 Bill Balthrop, University of North Carolina

2001 Rich Edwards, Baylor University

2002 Pat Ganer, Cypress College

2003 Frank Harrison, Trinity University

2004 Will Baker, New York University

2005 Allan Loudon, Wake Forest University

2006 David Zarefsky, Northwestern University

2007 - Stephan Bauschard, Lakeland Schools, NY

2008 - Bill Southworth, University of Redlands

THE GEORGE ZIEGELMUELLER AWARD

A second award was initiated at the 1999 NDT. Wayne State Alumni endowed an award in honor of their coach, George Ziegelmueller, for his over 30 years of excellent coaching, timeless commitment to the activity and numerous contributions to the forensics community---not the least of which was saving the NDT in 1966. Appropriately enough it is called *The George Ziegelmueller Award* and is presented to a faculty member who has distinguished himself or herself in the communication profession while coaching teams to competitive success at the NDT. Justifiably, George was himself the first recipient, others who have followed include:

1999

George Ziegelmueller, Wayne State University

2000

Allan Loudon, Wake Forest University

2001

Chester Gibson, State University of West Georgia; Ken Strange, Dartmouth College

2002

Herb James, Dartmouth College; Karla Leeper, Baylor University

2003

Donn Parson, University of Kansas; Tuna Snider, University of Vermont

2004

Cate Palczewski, University of Northern Iowa

2005

William Southworth, University of Redlands

2006

Scott Harris, University of Kansas

2007

Scott Deatherage, Northwestern University

2008

Sarah T. Partlow Lefevre, Idaho State University

THE REX COPELAND AWARD

On September 21, 1989 the life of Rex Copeland was brought to a sudden and tragic close. With its end Samford University lost an outstanding student, the forensic community lost an excellent debater and his many friends were deprived of the friendship and love of a fine individual person. Rex initiated his commitment to competitive debate during his years at Huffman High School in Birmingham. Each year saw ever greater growth, success and recognition. Indeed, by the conclusion of his junior collegiate season at Samford (1988-1989) there was no question that he had established himself as one of the finest debaters in the entire country. No doubt his senior year would have witnessed a distinguished culmination to an outstanding career. Many of us knew how much he eagerly anticipated it.

Word of his tragic death first reached many of the forensic community at the Northern Iowa University Tournament. That event, and many others subsequently conducted, were all marked by a sense of acute professional, and even greater personal, loss. For Rex was seen a respected foe and valued friend by many students and coaches alike on "the circuit."

It is in recognition of those rare professional and personal qualities which Rex offered that

Samford University together with his parents determined to endow a permanent award in his name. Therefore, with the agreement of the NDT Board of Trustees and the NDT National Committee, the Rex Copeland Memorial Award will be presented annually to the collegiate debate team ranked "Number One" in the First Round, At-Large team selections. A perpetual plaque will also be established and engraved with the names of all past recipients.

"Rex's legacy is his joy of life, his good nature and warm personality make us forever remember him. Family and friends brought him happiness. Debate competition brought him honor among his peers. "Few will have known Rex in a few years except through this Memorial Award. To those lucky enough to remember him, his love of life should be what we think of when his name is mentioned. To those who never knew him, know that his happiness came not from single-minded pursuits, but from a balance of hard work and play. Life is too short to forget those people and events that truly make a difference.

"The glory of humankind is to be well remembered. This award is for the few who achieve one of the highest honors in the debate community, so that they too will be well remembered."

2008

- 1st - University of California - Berkeley - Michael Burshteyn & Jacob Polin
- 2nd - Emory University - Julie Hoehn & Stephen Weil
- 3rd - Harvard University - Eli Anders & Jason Murray
- 4th - Dartmouth College - Josh Kernoff & Hade Olsen
- 5th - University of Kansas - Brett Bricker & Andrew Jennings

2007

- 1st - University of Georgia - Brent Culpepper & Kevin Rabinowitz
- 2nd - University of Oklahoma - Conor Cleary & Blake Johnson
- 3rd - University of Kansas - Brett Bricker & Andrew Jennings
- 4th - Dartmouth College - Karthryn Clark & Kade Olsen
- 5th - Wayne State University - Gabe Murillo & Andy Timmons

2006

- 1st - Harvard University - Michael Klinger & Nikhil Mirchandani
- 2nd - Cal Berkeley - Michael Burshteyn & Craig Wickersham
- 3rd - Michigan State - Ryan Burke & Casey Harrigan
- 4th - Northwestern - Noah Chestnut & Josh Branson
- 5th - Dartmouth - Kathryn Clark & Brian Smith

2005

- 1st Northwestern University - Tristen Morales & Josh Branson
- 2nd Harvard University - Michael Klinger & Elliott Tarloff
- 3rd University of California, Berkeley - Stacey Nathan & Craig Wickersham
- 4th Michigan State University - Aaron Hardy & Shaun Vanhorn
- 5th University of California, Berkeley - Gaurav Reddy & Reid Shannon)

2004

- 1st University of California, Berkeley - Dan Shalmon & Tejinder Singh
- 2nd - Michigan State - Greta Stahl & David Strauss
- 3rd - Emory University - Casey Wolmer & Scott Phillips
- 4th - Harvard University - Michael Klinger & Elliot Tarloff
- 5th - University of Georgia - Naveen Ramachandrappa & H. Watson

2003

- 1st Northwestern University - Geoff Garen & Tristen Morales
- 2nd - Emory University - Josh Lynn & Scott Phillips
- 3rd - University of California, Berkeley - Stacy Nathan & Dan Shalmon
- 4th - Michigan State Greta Stahl & David Strauss
- 5th - Whitman College Thad Blank & Charles Olney

2002

- 1st Dartmouth College - Alex Berger & Ben Thorpe
- 2nd Northwestern University - Jacob Foster & Jonathan Paul
- 3rd Michigan State University - Austin Carson & Calum Matheson
- 4th University of California, Berkeley - Stacy Nathan & Dan Shalmon
- 5th Whitman University - Thad Blank & Charles Olney

2001

- 1st University of California at Berkeley - Randy Luskey & Dan Shalmon
- 2nd Wake Forest University - Wesley Lotz & Jarrod Atchison
- 3rd University of Iowa - Andy Ryan and Andy Peterson
- 4th Dartmouth College - Alex Burger & Adam Garen
- 5th Emory University - Kamal Ghali & Stephen Bailey

2000 - Beginning in 2000 the top five teams were recognized

- 1st University of Iowa - Kristen Langwell & Andy Ryan
- 2nd Emory University - Kamal Ghali & Stephen Bailey
- 3rd Emory University - Larry Heftman & Jeff McNabb
- 4th Michigan State University - Steve Donald & Aaron Monick
- 5th University of Kansas - Mike Eber & Grant McKeehan

1999 - Northwestern University - Michael Gottlieb & Ryan Sparacino

1998 - Emory University - George Kouros and Anjan Sahn

1997 - University of Michigan - Scott Hessell and Corey Stoughton

1996 - Northwestern University - Sean McCaffity and Mason Miller

1995 - Wake Forest University - John Hughes & Adrienne Brovero

1994 - University of Kentucky - Paul Skiermont & Jason Patil

1993 - Dartmouth College Ara Lovitt & Steven Sklaver

1992 - Dartmouth College - Kenny Agran & Ara Lovette

1991 - University of Redlands - Roger Cole and Marc Rubenstein

1990 - Harvard University - David Coale & Alex Lennon

THE UNGER AWARD

James John Unger was a highly successful debate coach at Georgetown and American universities, served as past director of the National Forensics Institute, and was an innovative argument theorist. Mr. Unger was a national champion debater at Boston College, from which he graduated in 1964, and coached debaters while at Harvard Law School, where he received a degree in 1967. The next year, he became Georgetown's coach. His teams were ranked first in the national coaches' poll five times.



In a 1970s poll of leading intercollegiate coaches and debaters, he was named Outstanding Debate Coach and Outstanding Debate Judge of the decade. "He had a steel-trap mind, and he taught you strategies that guaranteed steel-trap success," said Thomas M. Rollins, a lawyer and former Georgetown debater who was a two-time National Debate Tournament Top Speaker.

Instantly recognizable on the Georgetown campus thanks to his usual three-piece suit, bow tie and walking cane, Mr. Unger was, in Rollins's words, "relentless in pushing an argument and in testing any position that you took."

In the late 1970s, Mr. Unger's "policymaking" approach to debate strategy became standard practice for debate teams at the high school and college levels. In 1985, Mr. Unger became director of forensics at American. He led its National Forensics Institute summer program, which brought thousands of high school students to Washington to study competitive speech. He retired from AU in 1996.

In a 1992 debate, he gave high marks to the studio audience. "The people are the winners," he said. "The quality of the ordinary folks asking relevant questions is superior to the politicians trying to answer them."

This year marks the inception of a new honor, in memory of Jim Unger, which will be given to the coach of the Copeland Award winner for the first time at the 2009 National Debate Tournament.

THE NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

- 1967 ***Anabel Haygood*** University of Alabama
- 1968 ***Herb James*** Dartmouth College
- 1969 ***George Ziegelmueller*** Wayne State University
- 1970 ***John Lynch*** St. Anselm's College
- 1971 ***James Unger*** Georgetown University
- 1972 ***David Zarefsky*** Northwestern University
- 1973 ***Thomas Kane*** University of Pittsburgh
- 1974 ***Daniel Bozik*** Augustana College
- 1975 ***Chester Gibson*** West Georgia College
- 1976 ***Bill Henderson*** Houston University
- 1977 ***Cully Clark*** University of Alabama
- 1978 ***No award protesting SCA moving onto the weekend***
- 1979 ***Tim Browning*** University of Arizona
- 1980 ***Donn Parson*** University of Kansas
- 1981 ***J. W. Patterson*** University of Kentucky
- 1982 ***Ken Strange*** Dartmouth College
- 1983 ***Tim Hynes*** University of Louisville
- 1984 ***Walter Ulrich*** Vanderbilt University
- 1985 ***Bill Balthrop*** University of North Carolina
- 1986 ***Robin Rowland & David Hingstman*** Baylor University
- 1987 ***Jeff Bile*** Southern Illinois University
- 1988 ***Allan Loudon*** Wake Forest University

1989 **Daryl Scott** Gonzaga University

1990 **Dallas Perkins** Harvard University

1991 **Melissa Wade** Emory University

1992 **Glen Strickland** Emporia State University

1993 **A. C. Snider** University of Vermont

1994 **David Berube** University of South Carolina

1995 **Todd Graham** Northwestern State University

1996 **Doug Duke** University of Central Oklahoma

1997 **Ross Smith** Wake Forest University

1998 **William E. Newnam** Emory University

1999 **Carrie Crenshaw** University of Alabama

2000 **Will Repko** Michigan State University

2001 **Joel Rollins** University of Texas-Austin

2002 **Scott Deatherage** Northwestern University

2003 **Jim Hanson** Whitman College

2004 **Jon Brushke** California State Univ.-Fullerton

2005 **Sherry Hall** Harvard University

2006 **Scott Harris** University of Kansas

2007 **Ed Panetta** University of Georgia

2008 **Eric Morris** Missouri State University

NATIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT: FINAL FOUR 1947-2008

1947 1st - Southeastern State College - W. Scott Nobles and Gerald Sanders, Coach: T.A. Houston
2nd - University of Southern California - Potter Kerfott and George Grover, Coach: Alan Nichols
3rd - United State Military Academy - John Lowrey and George Dell
3rd - Notre Dame - Frank Finn and Tim Kelley

1948 1st - North Texas State College - Keith Parks and David Cotton - Coach: S.B. McAlister
2nd - University of Florida - Alan Weston and Gerald Gordon - Coach: Wayne Eubank
3rd - Purdue University
3rd - University of Kansas - Ed Stollenwerck and Kenneth Beasley

1949 1st - University of Alabama - Oscar Newton and Mitchell Latoff, Coach: Annabel D. Hagood
2nd - Baylor University - Thomas Webb and Joseph Allbritton, Coach: Glenn Capp
3rd - Ottawa University - LaVerne Buffum and Robert Logan, Coach: Lloyd Stafford
3rd - University of Vermont - Tom Hayes and John B. Harrington, Coach: Robert B. Huber

1950 1st - University of Vermont - Richard O'Connell and Thomas Hayes - Coach: Robert B. Huber
2nd - Augustana College - Dorothy Koch and Charles Lindberg - Coach: Martin Holcomb
3rd - University of Florida - Jack Pesco and Walter Applebaum - Coach: D.C. Barnland
3rd - United States Military Academy - Walter McSherry and Robert Gard - Coach: Chester Johnson

1951 1st - University of Redlands - James Wilson and Holt Spicer - Coach: E.R. Nichols
2nd - Kansas State Teachers College - Robert Howard and Robert Kaiser - Coach: Charles Masten
3rd - De Pauw University - Payne and Arvedson
3rd - Baylor University - Ted Clevenger and Calvin Cannon - Coach: Glenn Capp

1952 1st - University of Redlands - James Q. Wilson and Holt Spicer - Coach: E.R. Nichols
2nd - Baylor University - John Claypool and Calvin Cannon - Coach: Glenn Capp
3rd - University of New Mexico - Brock & Woodman
3rd - United States Military Academy

1953 1st - University of Miami - Gerald Kogan and Lawrence Perlmutter - Coach: Donald Sprague
2nd - College of the Holy Cross - Michael McNulty and John O'Connor - Coach: Henry J. Murphy, S.J.
3rd - University of Alabama - Louis B. Lusk and Murray C. Havens - Coach: Annabel D. Hagood
3rd - University of Vermont - H. Robert Spero and Kevin E. Kearney - Coach: Charles Helgesen

1954 1st - University of Kansas - William Arnold and Hubert Bell - Coach: Kim Giffin
2nd - University of Florida - Robert Shevin and Larry Sands - Coach: Douglas Ehninger
3rd - Central State Oklahoma - Bill Henderson and Derrill Pearce - Coach: Joe C. Jackson
3rd - San Diego State - Lewis V. Accord and Joel J. Snyder - Coach: John W. Ackley

1955 1st - University of Alabama - Dennis Holt and Elis Storey - Coach: Annabel D. Hagood
2nd - Wilkes College - Harold Flannery and James Neveras - Coach: Arthur Kruger
3rd - Wake Forest College - Joe Hough & Carwile LeRoy - Coach: Franklin R. Shirley
3rd - Northwestern University - Max Nathan and Jerry Borden - Coach: Joe Laine

1956 1st - United States Military Academy - George Walker and James Murphy - Coach: Abbott Greenleaf
2nd - Saint Joseph's College - John Gough and J. Foley - Coach: Joseph Erhart, S.J.
3rd - Greenville College (OH) - Gary Cronkhite and Robert Werner - Coach: J. William Hunt
3rd - Augustana College - David Flemming and Phillip Hubbart - Coach: Martin Holcomb

1957 1st - Augustana College - Norman Lefstein and Phillip Hubbard - Coach: Martin Holcomb
2nd - United States Military Academy - James Murphy and George Walker - Coach: Abbott Greenleaf
3rd - University of Pittsburgh - Samuel J. Reich and - Richard M. Cromie - Coach: Robert Newman
3rd - Fordham University - Charles H. Connolly and Michael Lanzarone - Coach: Rev. F.V. Courneen,S.J.

1958 1st - Northwestern University - William Welsh and Richard Kirshberg - Coach: Russell R. Windes
2nd - Harvard University - David Bynum and James Kincaid - Coach: Robert O'Neill
3rd - University of Southern California - Mike Miller and Paul Sonnenberg - Coach: James H. McBath
3rd - Princeton University - John H. Lewis, Jr. and Joel Davidow - Coach: Clarence Angell

1959 1st - Northwestern University - William Welsh and Richard Kirshberg - Coach: Russell R. Windes
2nd - Wisconsin State University of Eau Claire - James Shafer and Charles Bush - Coach: Grace Walsh
3rd - University of Kansas - Ray Nichols and Don Bowen - Coach: Wil Linkugel
3rd - San Diego State College - John Raser and Korman (Korky) Ellis - Coach: John Ackley

1960 1st - Dartmouth College - Anthony Roisman and Saul Baernstein - Coach: Herbert L. James
2nd - San Diego State College - John Raser and Robert Arnhym - Coach: John Ackley
3rd - Baylor University - Michael Henke and George Schell - Coach: Glenn Capp
3rd - Northwestern University - Dennis R. Hunt and John C. Roberts - Coach: Frank Nelson

1961 1st - Harvard University - Laurence Tribe and Gene Clements - Coach: James Kincaid
2nd - King's College - Frank Harrison and Peter Smith - Coach: Robert Connelly
3rd - Baylor University - Michael Hanks and George Schell - Coach: Glenn Capp
3rd - Dartmouth College - Lawrence Wilson and Frank Mahady - Coach: Herbert James

1962 1st - Ohio State University - Dale Williams and Sarah Benson - Coach: Richard Rieke
2nd - Baylor University - Calvin Kent and Michael Henke - Coach: Glenn Capp
3rd - University of Miami - Neal Sonnett and Barry Richard - Coach: Donald Sprague
3rd - College of the Holy Cross - Kevin Keogh and Daniel Kolb - Coach: Rev. Paul McGrady

1963 1st - Dartmouth College - Frank Wohl and Stephen Kessler - Coach: Herbert L. James
2nd - University of Minnesota - Andre Zdrzil and David Krause - Coaches: Robert L. Scott
3rd - Boston College - James Unger and Joe McLaughlin - Coach: David Curtis
3rd - University of Alabama - Richard Bouldin and Robert E. Roberts - Coach: Annabel Hagood

1964 1st - University of the Pacific - Raoul Kennedy and Douglas Pipes - Coach: Paul Winters
2nd - Boston College - James J. Unger and Joseph McLaughlin - Coaches: John Lawton and Lee Huebner
3rd - Georgetown University - John Hempelmann and Robert Shrum - Coach: William Reynolds
3rd - United States Naval Academy - Rudi Milasich and Edwin Linz - Coach: Lieutenant Lawrence J. Flink

1965 1st - Carson-Newman College - John Wittig and Barnett Pearce - Coach: Forrest Conklin
2nd - Northeastern State College - David Johnson and Glen Strickland - Coach: Valgene Littlefield
3rd - University of Miami - Ron Sabo and Steve Mackauf - Coach: Frank Nelson
3rd - Georgetown University - John Koeltl and Robert Schrum - Coach: William Reynolds

1966 1st - Northwestern University - Bill Snyder and Mike Denger - Coach: Thomas B. McClain
2nd - Wayne State University - Douglas Frost and Kathleen McDonald - Coach: George Ziegelmueller
3rd - University of Alabama - Russel Drake and Fourier Gale - Coach: Anabel D. Hagood
3rd - University of Southern California - Ric Flam and David Kenner - Coach: James C. DeBross

1967 1st - Dartmouth College - Tom Brewer and John Isaacson - Coach: Herbert L. James
2nd - Wayne State University - Don Ritzenheim and Kathleen McDonald - Coach: George Ziegelmueller
3rd - University of Pittsburgh - Michael Smith and Harry Tuminello - Coach: Thomas Kane
3rd - Georgetown University - Michael Naylor and John Keoltl - Coach: William Reynolds

1968 1st - Wichita State University - Robert Shields and Lee Thompson, Coaches: Quincalee Stiegel & Marvin Cox
2nd - Butler University - Donald Kiefer and Carl Flanigan - Coach: Nicholas Cripe
3rd - Michigan State University - Richard Brautigam and Charles Humphreys - Coach: Ted Jackson
3rd - University of Southern California - Chet Actis and Bill Anderson - Coach: John De- Bross

1969 1st - Harvard University - Richard Lewis and Joel Perwin - Coach: Laurence Tribe
2nd - University of Houston - David Seikel and Michael Miller - Coach: William B. English
3rd - Loyola University of Los Angeles - John Tagg and Jim Caforio - Coach: George Schell
3rd - UCLA - Roy Schultz and Alec Wisner - Coach: Patricia Long

1970 1st - University of Kansas - Robert McCulloh and David Jeans - Coaches: Donn W. Parson and Jackson Harrell
2nd - Canisius College - David Goss and David Wagner - Coach: Bert Gross
3rd - University of Kansas - Daniel Beck and Robert Prentice - Coach: Donn W. Parson
3rd - University of Houston - Mike Miller and Paul Colby - Coach: William English

1971 1st - University of California, Los Angeles - Don Hornstein and Barrett McInerney - Coach: Patricia B. Long
2nd - Oberlin College - Scoot Lassar and Joe Misner - Coach: Larry E. Larmer
3rd - University of Georgia - Pam Martinson and Tom Martinson - Coach: Richard Huseman
3rd - University of Kansas - Dan Beck and Robert Prentice - Coach: Donn W. Parson

1972 1st - University of California, Santa Barbara - Mike Clough and Mike Fernandez - Coach: Kathy Corey
2nd - University of Southern California - Ron Palmieri and Dennis Winston - Coach: John C. DeBross
3rd - Brown University - Tuna Snider and Hotep X - Coach: Barbara Tannenbaum
3rd - University of Southern California - Geoff Goodman and King Schofield - Coach: Barbara O'Connor

1973 1st - Northwestern University - Elliot Minberg and Ron Marmer - Coach: David Zarefsky
2nd - Georgetown University - Bradley Ziff and Stewart Jay - Coach: James J. Unger
3rd - Southwest Missouri State University - Tom Black and Jon Jackson - Coach: Donal J. Stanton
3rd - University of Kansas - William Russell and William Hensley - Coach: Donn W. Parson

1974 1st - Harvard University - Greg A. Rosenbaum and Charles E. Garvin - Coach: Mark Arnold
2nd - Augustana College - Bob Feldhake and Rick Godfrey - Coach: Dan Bozik
3rd - University of Kentucky - Ben Jones and Jim Flegle - Coach: J. W. Patterson
3rd - University of Southern California - Thomas Hozduk and Michael Higelin - Coach: John DeBross

1975 1st - Baylor University - Jay Hurst and David Kent - Coach: Lee Polk
2nd - University of Redlands - Greg Ballard and Bill Smelko - Coach: William Southworth
3rd - Boston College - Michael Health & Ted Olson - Coach: Kay Hodge
3rd - University of Kentucky - Mary Thompson and Gil Skillman - Coach: J. W. Patterson

1976 1st - University of Kansas - Robin Rowland and Frank Cross - Coaches: Donn W. Parson & Bill Balthrop
2nd - Georgetown University - Charles Chafer and David Ottoson - Coach: James J. Unger
3rd - Augustana College - Robert Feldhake and Rick Godfrey - Coaches: Dan Bozik and Ken Strange
3rd - University of Southern California - Michael Devlin and Lawrence B. Solum - Coach: John DeBross

1977 1st - Georgetown University - John Walker and David Ottoson - Coach: James J. Unger
2nd - University of Southern California - Leslie Sherman and Steven Combs - Coaches: John C. DeBross
3rd - Redlands University - Mark Fabiani and Paul McNamara - Coach: William Southworth
3rd - University of Kansas - Robin Rowland and Frank Cross - Coach: Donn W. Parson

1978 1st - Northwestern University - Mark Cotham and Stuart Singer - Coach: G. Thomas Goodnight
2nd - University of Southern California - Steven Combs and Jon Cassanelli - Coaches: John C. DeBross & Lee Garrison
3rd - University of Redlands - Mark Fabiani and Mark Warfel - Coach: William Southworth
3rd - Georgetown University - David Ottoson and Thomas Rollins - Coach: James J. Unger

1979 1st - Harvard University - Michael B. King and John M. Bredehoft - Coaches: Charles E. Garvin and Greg A. Rosenbaum

2nd - Northwestern University - Don Dripps and Mark Cotham - Coach: G. Thomas Goodnight

3rd - West Georgia College - Paul E. Weathington and Randy J. Evans - Coach: Chester Gibson

3rd - University of Kansas - Steve Griffin and Fowler - Coach: Donn W. Parson

1980 1st - Northwestern University - Don Dripps and Tom Fulkerson - Coach: G. Thomas Goodnight

2nd - Harvard University - John M. Bredehoft and William C. Foutz - Coaches: Dallas Perkins and L. Jeffrey Pash

3rd - Samford University - LeBlanc and McWhorter - Coach; Skip Coulter

3rd - Dartmouth College - Stephen Meagher and Tom Issacson - Coach: Ken Strange

1981 1st - University of Pittsburgh - Michael Alberty and Stephen Marzen - Coach: Thomas Kane

2nd - Dartmouth College - Cy Smith and Mark Weinhardt - Coaches: Herb James and Ken Strange

3rd - University of Kentucky - Jeff Jones and Steve Mancuso - Coach: J.W. Patterson and Roger Solt

3rd - University of Louisville - Dan Sutherland and Dave Sutherland - Coach: Tim Hynes

1982 1st - University of Louisville - Dave Sutherland and Dan Sutherland - Coach: Tim Hynes

2nd - University of Redlands - Bill Isaacson and Jeff Wagner - Coach: William Southworth

3rd - Dartmouth College - Robin Jacobohn and Mark Weinhardt - Coach: Ken Strange

3rd - University of Kentucky - Steve Mancuso and Condon McGlothlen - Coach: J.W. Patterson

1983 1st - University of Kansas - Mark Gidley and Rodger Payne - Coach: Donn W. Parson

2nd - Dartmouth College - Robin Jacobsohn and Tom Lyon - Coaches: Herbert L. James, Ken Strange, and Steve Mancuso

3rd - Dartmouth College - Lenny Gail and Koulogeorge - Coach: Ken Strange

3rd - Samford University - Melanie Gardner and Erik Walker - Coach: Skip Coulter

1984 1st - Dartmouth College - Lenny Gail and Mark Koulogeorge - Coaches: Herbert L. James, Ken Strange, and Tom Lyon

2nd - University of Louisville - Cindy Leiferman and Mark Whitehead - Coach: Tim Hynes

3rd - Harvard University - Jonathan Massey and Jonathan Weiner - Coach: Dallas Perkins

3rd - Northwestern University - Easton and Doug Sigel - Coach: G. Thomas Goodnight

1985 1st - Harvard University - Jonathan Massey and Ed Swaine - Coaches: Dallas Perkins & Jonathan Wiener

2nd - University of Iowa - Robert Garman and Karla Leeper - Coaches: Robert Kemp, Dale Herbeck Greg Phelps, and John Katsulas

3rd - Dartmouth College - Eric Jaffe and Karen McGaffey - Coaches: Ken Strange, Herb James, David Cheshier

3rd - Loyola Marymount - John Doran and Peter Ferguson - Coach: Jay Busse

1986 1st - University of Kentucky - David Brownell and Ouita Papka - Coaches: J.W. Patterson and Roger Solt

2nd - Georgetown University - Michael Mazarr and Stuart Rabin - Coach: Greg Mastel

3rd - Baylor University - Mark Dyer and Lyn Robbins - Coach: Robin Rowland

3rd - Northwestern University - Les Lynn and Catherine Palczewski - Coaches: Charles Kaufman, Scott Harris, Cori Dauber, Michelle Howard, Eric Gander, and Shelley Clubb

1987 1st - Baylor University - Lyn Robbins and Griffin Vincent - Coaches: Robert Rowland, David Hingstman, Cary Voss, Bob Gilmore, and Mark Dyer

2nd - Dartmouth College - Craig Budner and Chrissy Mahoney - Coaches: Herbert L. James, Ken Strange, David Rhaesa, and Erik Jaffe

3rd - University of Nebraska, Lincoln - John Fritch and Bradley Walker - Coaches: Jack Kay and Matt Sobnosky

3rd - Dartmouth College - Shaun Martin and Rob Wick - Coach: Ken Strange

1988 1st - Dartmouth College - Shaun Martin and Rob Wick - Coaches: Ken Strange, John Culver, Jeff Leon, Eric Jaffe, and Lenny Gail
2nd - Baylor University - Daniel Plants and Martin Loeber - Coaches: Cary Voss and Erik Walker
3rd - Loyola-Marymount - Todd Flaming and Madison Laird - Coach: Jay Busse
3rd - University of Michigan - Michael Green and Andrew Schrank - Coach: Steve Mancuso

1989 1st - Baylor University - Daniel Plants and Martin Loeber - Coach: Cary Voss, Lyn Robbins, David Guardina, and Griffin Vincent
2nd - University of Michigan - Andrew Schrank and Joe Thompson - Coach: Steve Mancuso
3rd - Emory University - Frank Lowrey and Gus Puryear - Coaches: Melissa Wade and Bill Newnam
3rd - University of Kentucky - T.A. McKinney and Rocky Rockefeller - Coaches: J.W. Patterson and Roger Solt

1990 1st - Harvard University - David Coale and Alex Lennon - Coaches: Sherry Hall and Dallas Perkins
2nd - University of Redlands - Rodger Cole and Marc Rubenstein - Coach: William Southworth
3rd - Dartmouth College - Scott Groussman and Neal Katyal - Coaches: Ken Strange, Frank LaSalle, and Shaun Martin
3rd - Dartmouth College - Kenneth Agran and Young - Coaches: Ken Strange, Frank LaSalle, and Shaun Martin

1991 1st - University of Redlands - Rodger Cole and Marc Rubenstein - Coach: William Southworth and Judd Kimball
2nd - University of Michigan - Colin Kahl and Matt Shors - Coaches: Steve Mancuso, Ken Schuler, Jeff Mondak
3rd - Dartmouth College - Kenneth Agran and Katyal - Coaches: Ken Strange, Shawn Martin, Ernie Young, Rob Wick, Sherry Hall, and Lynn Coyne
3rd - University of Iowa - Nathan Coco and Charles Smith - Coaches: David Hingstman Michael Janas, David Cheshier, and Shawn Shearer

1992 1st - Georgetown University - Kevin Kuswa and Ahilan Arulanantham - Coaches: Jeff Parcher and Laura Tuell-Parcher
2nd - Harvard University - Rebecca Tushnet and Fred Karem - Coaches: Sherry Hall and Dallas Perkins
3rd - Dartmouth College - Kenny Agran and Lovitt - Coaches: Ken Strange, Sherry Hall, Ernie Young, Neal Katyal, and Lynn Coyne
3rd - University of Redlands - Paul Derby and Tessier - Coaches: William Southworth and Judd Kimball

1993 1st - Dartmouth College - Steven Sklaver and Ara Lovitt - Coaches: Ken Strange, Bill Russell, Kevin Kuswa
2nd - Georgetown University - Ahilan Arulanantham and Eric Truett - Coach: Jeff Parcher McDonald, Jeff Jarman, Cary Voss, and Heather Aldridge
3rd - Wayne State University - Toby Arquette and Derek Gaffrey - Coaches: George Ziegelmueller, Ede Warner, McDonald, Jeff Jarman, Cary Voss, and Heather Aldridge
3rd - Wake Forest University - Mark Grant and Rich Fledderman - Coaches: Allan Louden, Ross Smith, Sue Pester, Alan Coverstone, Joe Bellon, Marc Rubenstein

1994 1st - Northwestern University - Sean McCaffity and Jody Terry - Coach: Scott Deatherage, Steve Anderson, Gordon Mitchell, Kevin Hamrick
2nd - Harvard University - Stephen Andrews and Fred Karem - Coaches: Dallas Perkins and Sherry Hall
3rd - University of Kansas - Ryan Boyd and Josh Zive - Coaches: Scott Harris, Rod Phares, Ben Voth, Kelly McDonald, Jeff Jarman, Cary Voss, and Heather Aldridge
3rd - Wake Forest University - Adrienne Brovero and Marcia Tiersky - Coaches: Ross Smith, Allan Louden, J.P. Lacy, Melanie Henson, Mark Grant, Tim O'Donnell

1995 1st - Northwestern University - Sean McCaffity and Jody Terry - Coach: Scott Deatherage, Gordon Mitchell, Nate Smith

2nd - Harvard University - Stephen Andrews and Rebecca Tushnet - Coaches: Dallas Perkins and Sherry Hall

3rd - Wake Forest University - Adrienne Brovero and John Hughes - Coaches: Ross Smith, Allan Louden, Mark Grant, Stefan Bauschard, Tim O'Donnell, Shannon Redmond

3rd - University of Texas - Jonathan Brody and Eric Emerson - Coach: Joel Rollins, Brian McBride, Kevin Kuswa, James Martin, Aaron Timmons

1996 1st - Emory University - Kate Shuster and David Heidt - Coaches: Bill Newnam, Melissa Wade, Brian Lain, Jamie McKown, Charlie Henn

2nd - University of Iowa - Chris Mutel and Corey Rayburn - Coaches: David Hingstman, Heidi Hamilton, Nathan Coco, Ernest Wagner, Omar Guevera

3rd - Baylor University - Charles Blanchard and Kelly Dunbar - Coaches: Karla Leeper, Jon Burschke, Ryan Gallowy, Josh Zive

3rd - University of Michigan - Michael Dickler and Scott Hessell - Coaches: Steve Mancuso, Judd Kimball, Matt Shors

1997 1st - Wake Forest University - Daveed Gartenstein-Ross and Brian Prestes - Coaches: Ross Smith, Allan Louden, Adrienne Brovero, Patrick McMullen, Maxwell Schnurer, Jason Jarvis, Eric Truett

2nd - University of Georgia - Paul Barsness and Daniel Davis - Coaches: Edward Panetta, Joe Bellon, Len Neighbors, Catherine Shuster, Doyle Srader, Gordon Stables

3rd - University of Michigan - Scott Hessell and Corey Stoughton - Coaches: Steve Mancuso, Nate Smith, Mike Dickler

3rd - University of Georgia - Michael Cates and Christopher Macintosh - Coaches: Edward Panetta, Joe Bellon, Len Neighbors, Catherine Shuster

1998 1st - Northwestern University - Michael Gottlieb & Ryan Sparacino - Coaches: Scott Deatherage, Greg Blankenship, Nate Smith

2nd - Emory University - George Kouros and Anjan Sahni - Coaches: Melissa Wade, Bill Newnam, Chris Lindberg, David Heidt, Jamie McKown

3rd - Michigan State University - Erik Cornelier and John Sullivan - Coaches: James Roper, Will Repko, Biza Repko, Jason Trice, Terry Johnson, Jason Russell

3rd - University of Michigan - Corey Stoughton & Lesley Wexler - Coaches: Steve Mancuso, Adrienne Brovero

1999 1st - Northwestern University - Michael Gottlieb & Ryan Sparacino - coaches: Scott Deatherage, Brian McBride, Adrienne Brovero, Nate Smith, Toby Arquett

2nd - Emory University - Stephen Bailey & Kamal Ghali - Coaches: Melissa Wade, Bill Newman, Dan Fitzmeier, Cate Schuster, David Heidt, Stephen Heidt, Chris Lundberg

3rd - University of Kansas, Mike Eber & Grant McKeenan - Coaches: Scott Harris, Sarah Patlow, Stacey Sowards, Val Renegar, Jeff VanCleave, Hajir Ardebili

3rd - Emory University - Larry Heftman & Jeff McNabb - Coaches: Melissa Wade, Bill Newman, Dan Fitzmeier, Cate Schuster, David Heidt, Stephen Heidt, Chris Lundberg

2000 1st - Emory University; Jon Paul Lupo & Michael Horowitz - Coaches: Melissa Wade, Bill Newman, David Heidt, Jennifer Alme, Chris Lindberg, Shanara Reid, Dan Fitzmeier, Russ Falconer

2nd - Michigan State University - Coaches: James Roper, Will Repko, John Sullivan, Jason Trice, Jason Russell, Erik Slusher

3rd - Emory University, Stephen Bailey & Kamal Ghali - Coaches: Melissa Wade, Bill Newnam, David Heidt, Jennifer Alme, Chris Lindberg, Shannara Reid, Dan Fitzmeier, Russ Falconer

3rd - Texas, Kirk Evans & Jairus Grove - Coaches: Joel Rollins, David Breshears, Eric Emerson, Eric Jenkins, Kevin Kuswa

2001 1st - University of Iowa - Andy Peterson & Andy Ryan - Coaches: David Hingstman, Paul Bellus, Andy Geppert, Kristin Langwell
2nd - Emory University, Stephen Bailey & Kamal Ghali - Coaches: Melissa Wade, Bill Newnam, Chris Lundberg, Jon Paul Lupo
3rd - Michigan State University - Austin Carson & Calum Matheson - Coaches: Will Repko, Jason Trice
3rd - Dartmouth College - Alex Burger & Adam Garen - Coaches: Ken Strange, Bill Russell, Kivan Garen, Ryan Sparacino

2002 1st - Northwestern University - Jake Foster & Jonathan Paul - Coaches: Scott Deatherage, Adrienne Brovero, Dan Fitzmier, Jarius Grove, Judd Kimball, and Brian McBride
2nd - University of Kentucky - Russ Hubbard and Mike Tetlaff - Coaches: J.W. Patterson, Roger Solt, Aaron Kall, and Trevor Wells
3rd - State University of West Georgia - Rashad Evans & Sarah Holbrook - Coaches: Michale Hester, Daniel Davis, Paul Barsness, Kenda Cunningham, and Randy Luskey
3rd - Michigan State University - Greta Stahl & David Strauss - Coaches: Jason Trice, William Repko, Alison Woidan, and Michael Eber

2003 1st - Northwestern University - Geoff Garen & Tristen Morales - Coaches: Scott Deatherage, Adriene Brovero, Brian McBride, Dan Fitzmier, Judd Kimball, Jonathan Paul
2nd - Dartmouth College - Brain Smith & Ben Thorpe - Coaches: Ken Strange, Adam Garen, Bill Russell
3rd - Whitman College - Thad Blank & Charles Olney - Coaches: Jim Hanson, Brian Simmonds, & Jessica Clark
3rd - Michigan State University - Calum Matheson & Joe Siegmann - Coaches: Will Repko, Mike Eber

2004 1st - Michigan State University - Greta Stahl & David Strauss - Coach Mike Eber, Will Repko
2nd - Univ. of California Berkeley - TejinderSingh & Dan Shalmon - Coach Dave Arnett
3rd - Northwestern - Tristen Morales & Jim Lux - Coach Scott Deatherage, Adriene Brovero, Judd Kimball, Dan Fitzmier, Chris Lundberg
3rd - Michigan State University - Sean Van Horn & Hardy - Coach Mike Eber, Will Repko

2005 1st - Northwestern - Tristen Morales & Josh Branson, Coach Scott Deatherage
2nd - Univ. of California Berkeley - Stacey Nathan & Craig Wickersham, Coach Dave Arnett, Greg Achten
3rd - Univ. of Texas - Austin - Sara Apel & Alex More, Coach Joel Rollins, David Breshears
3rd - Harvard University - Dan Luxemburg & Christine Malumphy, Coach Sherry Hall & Dallas Perkins

2006 1st - Michigan State - Casey Harrigan & Ryan Burke, Coaches Mike Eber, Will Repko, Dave Strauss, Josh Gonzalez
2nd - Wake Forest - Brad Hall & Jamie Carroll, Coaches, Ross Smith, JP Lacy, RJ Green, Blake Abbott, Sarah Spring, Joe Packer, Paul Johnson, Allan Loudon
3rd - Emory - Scott Phillip & Cyrus Ghavi, Coaches Bill Newnam, Melissa Wade
3rd - Wayne State - Matt Farmer & Gabe Murrillo, Coaches Kelly Young, Ron Stevenson, George Ziegelmueller

2007- 1st Emory University - Aimi Hamraie & Julie Hoehn, Coaches, Melissa Wade, Bill Newnam, Ed Lee, Roy Levkovitz, Cyrus Ghavi, David Heidt
2nd Univ of Missouri- Kansas City - Amy Foster & Malcolm Gordon, Coaches: Linda M. Collier, Matthew Vega, Coach
3rd - Wayne State University - Gabe Murillo & Andy Timmons, Coaches: Kelly Young, Ron Stevenson, Neil Butt, Donny Peters
3rd - Univ. of Oklahoma - Conor Cleary & Blake Johnson, Coaches: Jackie Massey, Jason Russell

2008-1st Wake Forest University - Alex Lamballe & Seth Gannon. Coaches: Ross Smith, JP Lacy, Brad Hall, Andrea Reed, Sean Luchtefeld, Casey Harrigan, Brian DeLong, Taylor Hahn
2nd Dartmouth College - Josh Kernoff & Kade Olsen. Coaches: Ken Strange, John Turner, Charles Olney, Jonah Feldman, Kathryn Clark
3rd Missouri State University - Martin Osborn & Clay Webb, Coaches: Eric Morris, Heather Walters, Louie Petit, Thad Blank
3rd University of Michigan - Adam Farra & Dylan Keenan Coaches: Josh Hoe, Aaron Kall, Whit Whitmore

NATIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT TOP SPEAKERS, 1948-2008

2008

1st Martin T. Osborn, Missouri State University
2nd Julie Hoehn, Emory University

2007

1st Gabe Murillo, Wayne State University
2nd Jessica Yeats, Idaho State University

2006

1st Josh Branson, Northwestern University
2nd Michael Klinger, Harvard

2005

1st Michael Klinger, Harvard University
2nd Tristan Morales, Northwestern

2004

1st Tejinder Singh, University of California, Berkeley
2nd Naveen Ramachandrappa, University of Georgia

2003

1st Charles Olney, Whitman College
2nd Calum Matheson, Michigan State University

Top Speakers 1948-2002:

1948

1st: Potter Kerfoot, University of Southern California
2nd : Alec MacKenzie, United States Military Academy

1949

1st: Robert Sayre, Willamette University
2nd: Ed Stoollenwerck, University of Kansas

1950

1st: William Carey, Notre Dame
2nd: Lee ruffe, Southern Methodist

1951

1st: Holt Spicer, University of Redlands
2nd: James Q. Wilson, University of Redlands

1952

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2nd: Holt Spicer, University of Redlands

1953

1st: Robert L. Anderson, Augustana College
2nd: Joan Reidy, Univ. of Wisconsin at Eau Claire

1954

1st: Herzl Spiro, University of Vermont
2nd: James A. Robinson, George Washington University

1955

1st: Huber Bell, University of Kansas
2nd: Maynard, Southwest Missouri State College

1956

1st: Phillip Hubbart, Augustana College (IL)
2nd: Henry Ruf, Macalester College

1957

1st: Patricia Stallings, University of Houston
2nd: Phillip Hubbart, Augustana College (IL)

1958

1st: Michel Miller, University of Southern California
2nd: Phillip Hubbart, Augustana College (IL)

1959

1st: James Ray, United States Military Academy
2nd: Ray Nichols, University of Kansas

1960

1st: Don Herrick, William Jewell College
2nd: George Schell, Baylor University

1961

1st: George Schell, Baylor University
2nd: Laurence Tribe, Harvard University

1962

1st Tie: Lee Huebner, Northwestern University
1st Tie: Harold Lawson, Kansas State Teachers College

1963

1st: Daniel Kolb, College of the Holy Cross
2nd: Robert Roberts, University of Alabama

1964

1st: Robert Roberts, University of Alabama
2nd: John Hempelmann, Georgetown University

1965

1st: Robert Shrum, Georgetown University
2nd: Douglas Pipes, University of the Pacific

1966

1st: William Snyder, Northwestern University
2nd: John Holcomb, Augustana College (IL)

1967

1st: Rick Flam, University of Southern California
2nd: Thomas Brewer, Dartmouth College

1968

1st: David Zarefsky, Northwestern University
2nd: Richard Brautigam, Michigan State University

1969

1st: David Seikel, University of Houston
2nd: Joel Perwin, Harvard University

1970

1st: Mike Miller, University of Houston
2nd Tie: Jim Caforio, Loyola University (LA)
2nd Tie: David Goss, Canisius College

1971

1st: Joe Loveland, University of North Carolina
2nd: Joseph Angland, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

1972

1st: Terry McNight, Canisius College
2nd: Ron Palmieri, University of Southern California

1973

1st: Elliot Mincberg, Northwestern University
2nd: Frank Kimball, University of California at Los Angeles

1974

1st: Michael Higelin, University of Southern California
2nd: Marvin Isgur, University of Houston

1975

1st: Thomas Rollins, Georgetown University
2nd: Robert Feldhake, Augustana College (IL)

1976

1st: Robert Feldhake, Augustana College (IL)
2nd: Thomas Rollins, Georgetown University

1977

1st: Gilbert Skillman, University of Kentucky
2nd: John Walker, Georgetown University

1978

1st: Thomas Rollins, Georgetown University
2nd: Stuart Singer, Northwestern University

1979

1st: Mark Fabiani, University of Redlands
2nd: Michael B. King, Harvard University

1980

1st: Steven Meagher, Dartmouth College
2nd: Don Dripps, Northwestern University

1981

1st: Jeff Jones, University of Kentucky
2nd Tie: Paul Weathington, West Georgia College
2nd Tie: Scott Harris, Wayne State University

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1st: Steve Mancuso, University of Kentucky
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