

# National Debate Tournament

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Despite the lingering COVID pandemic, the 76th National Debate Tournament (NDT) happened on-site at James Madison University (with approximately 70% of participants in-person) with a hybrid option for those unable to attend in-person.

Everyone attending the tournament was required to submit a negative COVID test result and wear masks in all public areas.

This issue reports on all of the results from the 76th NDT, including the announcement of the award recipients for the coaching, service, and distinguished alumni awards for 2022.

The newsletter also includes eleven memorials to celebrate the lives of prominent NDT alumni that we lost during 2021.

Finally, continuing with past issues, the newsletter celebrates NDT history by recounting the 1962 final round debate where Ohio State defeated Baylor University and crowned Sarah Jane Benson as the first female NDT champion.

NDT Alumni Committee  
Adrienne Brovero, University of Mary Washington  
Dale Herbeck, Northeastern University  
John Katsulas, Boston College  
Mikaela Malsin, Emory University

## Upcoming Tournament

**77th NDT — March 31 to April 3, 2023**

Hosted by Wake Forest University  
and held at the Westfield Marriott Hotel  
located in Chantilly, Virginia (10 minutes from Dulles Airport)

## Contacting the NDT

Information about the NDT, including future tournaments and the posting of the alumni newsletter, can be found at our website at this link:  
<https://nationaldebatetournament.org/>

Facebook users can follow the NDT at this link:  
<https://www.facebook.com/National-Debate-Tournament-NDT-162782223799263/>

Alumni are encouraged to register their information to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter, along with other announcements about the NDT and related events. Please submit your information using this google document:  
<https://forms.gle/hw7SCJsCm9i4TpZq5>

Ideas for future stories for the alumni newsletter can be emailed to John Katsulas at: [katsulas@bc.edu](mailto:katsulas@bc.edu)

# Dartmouth Repeats as NDT Champs

*Shankar & Vergho defeat the University of Michigan on a 4-3 decision*

The Dartmouth College team of Arvind Shankar '23 & Tyler Vergho '23 defeated the University of Michigan to win the 76th National Debate Tournament hosted by James Madison University in hybrid form during April 1-4, 2022.

During the preliminary rounds, Shankar & Vergho (debating online) compiled a 6-2 record with 17 ballots. Their two losses were to Harvard BH and Berkeley EE, both in split decisions.

To reach the final round, Dartmouth defeated four teams: Michigan HM in the double octo-finals (4-1 decision), Harvard AF in the octo-finals (3-2 decision), Minnesota PR in the quarter-finals (4-1 decision), and Southern California KS in the semi-finals (3-2 decision).

Last year's finalists, Giorgio Rabbini '23 & Rafael Pierry '23 of the University of Michigan (also debating online), were 8-0 during the preliminary debates winning 21 of 24 ballots. As the top seed, they received a bye in the double-octos.

Michigan reached the finals in dominating fashion by defeating three teams in unanimous decisions: the University of Texas DK in the octo-finals, the University of California, Berkeley EE in the quarter-

finals, and the University of Kansas MS in the semi-finals.

The final round set up a re-match of last year with half of the Dartmouth team (Tyler Vergho) debating against the same two Michigan debaters. Dartmouth won the coin flip and chose to debate on the affirmative.

Like last year, Dartmouth read a new affirmative plan: The United States federal government should limit antitrust immunities for airline alliances that fail to demonstrate periodic consumer welfare benefits.

In response, Michigan read seven off-case arguments, including two Ks, three conditional counter-plans (adding two new planks to their counterplan in the second negative constructive), two disadvantages, and numerous global warming good impact turns against Dartmouth's green aviation advantage.

Rafael Pierry, the second negative from Michigan, devoted the majority of his constructive speech extending the warming good impact turns (warming boosts Siberian agriculture; warming revitalizes Canada's economy, preventing Quebec

secession; and warming unlocks rare earth minerals from Greenland). He also made defensive arguments responding to Dartmouth's warming bad impacts.

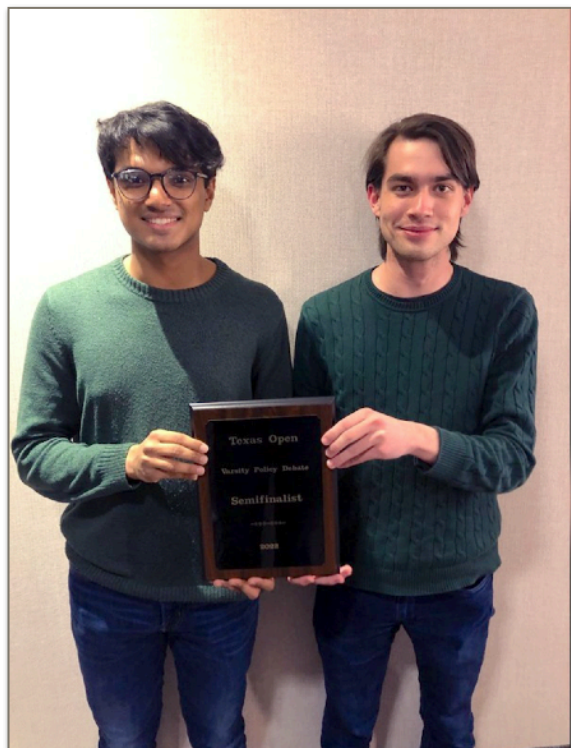
The debate came down to whether Michigan won their global warming good impact turns. In a 4-3 decision, the judges voted for Dartmouth.

The victory earned Dartmouth its 8th NDT victory, passing Harvard for second place. Northwestern still maintains a wide lead with 15 NDT wins.

Dartmouth also became the sixth school to win consecutive championships. This feat was previously achieved by Redlands (1951 & 1952) and Northwestern (1958-1959, 1994-1995, 1998-1999, 2002-2003).

However, Dartmouth's accomplishment is unique in that it is the first time that a school has repeated as an NDT Champion without having both of its debaters returning. Last year, Tyler Vergho won the NDT debating with Raam Tambe.

As the winning NDT team coach, John Turner of Dartmouth College receives the 2022 James J. Unger award.



*Arvind Shankar & Tyler Vergho with a trophy won at the Texas Open*



*Arvind Shankar & Tyler Vergho learn that they won the 2022 NDT*

# 76th National Debate Tournament

## First-Round At-Large Recipients

There are three ways to qualify for the NDT. At the end of the “regular season,” the National Committee extends an invitation to the top sixteen teams. Another forty-six teams are selected through district qualifying tournaments. To fill out the field, sixteen teams that have not qualified received “second round” bids. The teams receiving first rounds for the 2022 NDT included:

1. University of Michigan (Rafael Pierry & Giorgio Rabbini)
2. Northwestern University (Nina Fridman & Timothy Wegener)
3. Emory University (Eugenia Giampetruzzi & Grace Kessler)
4. University of Southern California (Julian Kuffour & Kevin Sun)
5. Harvard University (Aden Barton & Julian Habermann)
6. Dartmouth College (Arvind Shankar & Tyler Vergho)
7. Harvard University (Kenji Aoki & Anna Farronay)
8. University of Kansas (Mickey McMahon & Michael Scott)
9. Liberty University (Kat Cazeau & Natalie Robinson)
10. George Mason University (Eliza Buckner & Noah Graham)
11. Dartmouth College (Holland Bald & Gabriel Chang-Deutsch)
12. University of Michigan (Kelly Phil & Brandon Stras)
13. University of Kentucky (Jordan Di & David Griffith)
14. University of Texas, Austin (Het Desai & Arnav Kashyap)
15. University of California, Berkeley (Mark Eusterman & Michael Eusterman)
16. Wake Forest University (Ari Davidson & Rylie Torguson)

## Rex Copeland Award

### ABOUT THE COPELAND AWARD

*The Rex Copeland Award is presented to the top ranked team in the first-round at-large balloting. Rex Copeland, an outstanding debater at Huffnan High School and Samford University, was murdered in 1989.*



*Aaron Kall (Director of Debate) with Rafael Pierry and Giorgio Rabbini receiving the Rex Copeland Award for 2022*

The 2021-2022 Copeland Award winner is the team of Rafael Pierry & Giorgio Rabbini of the University of Michigan. They received first-place votes from all twelve members of the NDT Committee.

Pierry & Rabbini achieved consistent excellence throughout the year by winning three tournaments (the Kentucky Round Robin, the JW Patterson Debates at Kentucky, and the Shirley at Wake Forest, and placing second at two tournaments (Northwestern Season Opener & Texas). Their “worst” finish was a semi-final at Harvard.

Michigan also achieved a unique accomplishment for a Copeland winner—they never lost a preliminary debate during the entire year. Including the NDT, Pierry & Rabbini won 40 preliminary debates without a single loss.

Since the Copeland Award was established in 1990, there have been 31 recipients besides Michigan. Of these, twenty-four of them lost at least one preliminary debate at the NDT, which disqualifies them as having won all of their preliminary rounds for the season.

In 2020, when the NDT was cancelled, California Berkeley FG also did not go undefeated (they lost two preliminary debates).

That leaves only six possibilities for teams having won all of their preliminary debates—the six Copeland recipients who went undefeated during the preliminary rounds of the NDT.

Tabroom.com results confirmed that Kentucky BT (Dan Bannister & Anthony Trufanov) lost seven preliminary debates in 2019, and Georgetown AM (Andrew Arshnt & Andrew Markoff) lost two preliminary debates in 2013.

Paper results sheets confirmed that the other four undefeated NDT Copeland teams experienced at least one loss prior to the NDT: Northwestern BK (Ryan Beirmeister & Layne Kirshon) in 2012 lost to Georgia (Lacy & Layton) at Kentucky, Northwestern BM (Josh Branson & Tristan Morales) in 2005 lost to Harvard (Tarloff & Klinger) at Kentucky, Northwestern GS (Michael Gottlieb & Ryan Sparacino) in 1999 lost to Emory (Bailey & Ghali) at Harvard and Dartmouth LS (Ara Lovitt & Steven Sklaver) in 1993 lost to Georgetown (Arulanantham & Truett) at Wake Forest.

So, Pierry & Rabbini of the University of Michigan became the first Copeland recipient to win all of their preliminary debates for an entire debate year.

Congratulations to the Michigan debaters and their coaches (Aaron Kall, Kurt Fifelski, Kevin Hirn, Val McIntosh, and Dustin Meyers-Levy) for winning the Copeland Award.

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## District Qualifiers and Second-Rounds

Baylor University (Lawson Hudson & Chase Laibe)  
Baylor University (Ciarra McClinton & Katlin Nguyen)  
Binghamton University (Harrison Picallo & Eli T. Louis)  
Binghamton University (Kate Martin & Jeremy Santora)  
Boston College (Sophia Carter & Christopher Cheek)  
California State University, Fullerton (Vontrez White & Brayon Loayza)  
Emory University (Margaret Hecht & Henry Mitchell)  
Emory University (Andrew Pak & Shreyas Rajagopal)  
Emporia State University (Brett Krambeer & Savana Reed-Valizan)  
George Mason University (Mary Beth Armstrong & Nicholas Loew)  
Georgetown University (Ethan Greer & Kieran Lawless)  
Georgetown University (Adam White & Zidao Wang)  
Gonzaga University (Molly Martin & Avalyn Renee)  
Harvard University (Oge Ogbogu & Lynn Yeboah)  
Indiana University (Aneka Fish & Hattie Hoham)  
Indiana University (Aryan Jasani & Kyler Logan)  
James Madison University (Matthew Conway & Dannise Brown)  
Johnson County Community College (Thomas Babcock & Travis Babcock)  
Kansas State University (Sarah Spond & Trevor Turner)  
Liberty University (Jordan Ramsey & Justice Wallenmeyer)  
Liberty University (Rachel Solsman & Addison Wagner)  
Michigan State University (Nathan Glancy & David Koster)  
Michigan State University (Piper Meloche & Anthony Miklovis)  
Missouri State University (Zach Kauffman & Samuel Cade)  
Missouri State University (Brenden Lucas & Peyton Reeves)  
New School (Katrina Butler & Noor Lima Boudakian)  
Northwestern University (Jack Landgraff & Timothy Wegener)  
Purdue University (Jonathan Sumita & Rohil Senapati)  
Rutgers University, Newark (Temitope Ogundare & Christal St.Clair)  
Samford University (Sawyer Emerson & Joey Tarnowski)  
Samford University (Aaron Gill & T.J. Riggs)  
Trinity University (Kenneth Nelson & Jack Moore)  
Tufts University (Rohith Raman & Matthew Stinson)  
United States Naval Academy (Andrzej Korlacki & Kathleen Rock)  
University of Central Oklahoma (Zach Huffman & Kyle Wendland)  
University of Georgia (Jack Mruz & Roman Vale)

University of Houston (Patrick Fox & Gabby Lea)  
University of Houston (Spiro Hoxha & Kiran Khan)  
University of Iowa (Ryan Cavanaugh & Subbi Namakula)  
University of Iowa/Grinnell College (Elizabeth Bennett & Ellis Chen)  
University of Kansas (Jimin Park & Jet Semrick)  
University of Kansas (Graham Revare & Ryan Snow)  
University of Kentucky (Adam & Kiihnl)  
University of Mary Washington (Avery Dover & Andrew Hudgins)  
University of Michigan (Joshua Harrington & Ben McGraw)  
University of Minnesota (Abbie Amundsen & Jordan Frese)  
University of Minnesota (Nolan Johnson & Kevin Sun)  
University of Minnesota (Owen Phoenix-Flood & Bryce Rao)  
University of Pittsburgh (Maxine Adams & Rehan Manjila)  
University of Pittsburgh (Alex Reznik & Parth Shah)  
University of Texas, Austin (Samantha Healey & Ben Noriega)  
University of Texas, Dallas (Dustyn Beutelspacher & Hasan Mubarak)  
University of Texas, Dallas (Storm Lasseter & Solomon Watson)  
University of Wyoming (Kaitlyn Campbell & Joshua Mitchell)  
University of Wyoming (Sarah Cole & Ec Powers)  
University of Wyoming (Lorilei Lassen & Kiana Radcliffe)  
Wake Forest University (Silma Bathily & Dimarvin Puerto)  
Wake Forest University (Ana Bittner & Tajai Robinson)  
Wayne State University (Brandon Reynolds & Irshad Reza Husain)  
Weber State University (Hannah Phelps & Jordan Stephens)  
Western Washington University (Lydia Hainfield & Keagan King)  
Wichita State University (Alec Hinecker & Bobby Phillips)

NOTE: Two teams were added to the field to replace teams that dropped out during the tournament:

Emory University (Manny Navarrete & Jacob Palmer) substituted for Missouri State University (Brenden Lucas & Peyton Reeves)

Harvard University/Amherst College (Chris Gilmer-Hill & Rishi Mukherjee) substituted for Binghamton University (Kate Martin & Jeremy Santora)

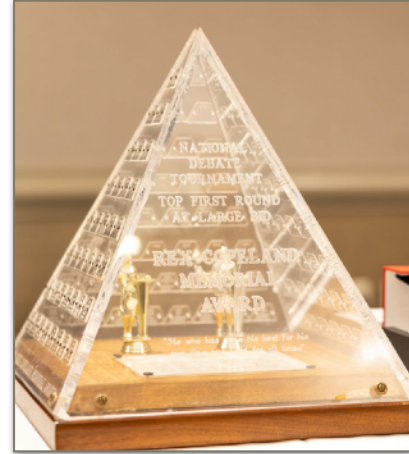


*Participant awards and trophies presented at the 2022 National Debate Tournament.*

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## Elimination Round Seeding

1. Michigan PR (Pierry & Rabbini)	8-0	21 ballots
2. Emory GK (Giampetruzzi & Kessler)	7-1	21 ballots
3. Northwestern DF (Deo & Fridman)	7-1	18 ballots
4. Kansas MS (McMahon & Scott)	7-1	17 ballots
5. Harvard BH (Barton & Habermann)	6-2	19 ballots
6. Southern California KS (Kuffour & Sun)	6-2	17 ballots
7. Dartmouth SV (Shankar & Vergho)	6-2	17 ballots
8. UC Berkeley EE (Eusterman & Eusterman)	6-2	17 ballots
9. Dartmouth BC (Bald & Chang-Deutsch)	6-2	17 ballots
10. Harvard AF (Aoki & Farronay)	6-2	17 ballots
11. George Mason BG (Buckner & Graham)	6-2	16 ballots
12. Liberty CR (Cazeau & Robinson)	6-2	15 ballots
13. Michigan PS (Phil & Skoulikaris)	6-2	15 ballots
14. Harvard OY (Ogbogu & Yeboah)	5-3	17 ballots
15. Michigan State GK (Glancy & Koster)	5-3	17 ballots
16. Texas DK (Desai & Kashyap)	5-3	16 ballots
17. Emory PR (Pak & Rajagopal)	5-3	16 ballots
18. Minnesota PR (Phoenix-Flood & Rao)	5-3	16 ballots
19. Georgetown (White & Wang)	5-3	16 ballots
20. Kansas PS (Park & Semrick)	5-3	16 ballots
21. Emory HM (Hecht & Mitchell)	5-3	16 ballots
22. Wichita State HP (Hinecker & Phillips)	5-3	16 ballots
23. Wake Forest DT (Davidson & Torguson)	5-3	15 ballots
24. Wake Forest BR (Bittner & Robinson)	5-3	15 ballots
25. Kentucky GD (Griffith & Di)	5-3	15 ballots
26. Michigan HM (Harrington & McGraw)	5-3	15 ballots
27. Georgetown GL (Greer & Lawless)	5-3	15 ballots
28. Iowa CN (Cavanaugh & Namakula)	5-3	14 ballots
29. Michigan State MM (Meloche & Miklovis)	5-3	13 ballots
30. Johnson County CC (Babcock & Babcock)	5-3	13 ballots
31. Kansas RS (Revare & Snow)	5-3	12 ballots



*The Rex Copeland Award is presented to the top ranked team in the first round at-large balloting*

## Speaker Awards

1. Eugenia Giampetruzzi, Emory University
2. Nina Fridman, Northwestern University
3. Natalie Robinson, Liberty University
4. Aden Barton, Harvard University
5. Tyler Vergho, Dartmouth College
6. Rafael Pierry, University of Michigan
7. Eliza Buckner, George Mason University
8. Giorgio Rabbini, University of Michigan
9. Grace Kessler, Emory University
10. Julian Habermann, Harvard University
11. Kevin Sun, University of Southern California
12. Kat Cazeau, Liberty University
13. Ari Davidson, Wake Forest University
14. Noah Graham, George Mason University
15. Michael Scott, University of Kansas
16. Julian Kuffour, University of Southern California
17. Mickey McMahon, University of Kansas
18. Arvind Shankar, Dartmouth College
19. Het Desai, University of Texas, Austin
20. Shreyas Rajagopal, Emory University
21. Kenji Aoki, Harvard University
22. Ana Bittner, Wake Forest University
23. Mark Eusterman, University of California, Berkeley
24. Akash Deo, Northwestern University
25. Oge Ogbogu, Harvard University



*The Ross K. Smith Award is presented to the top speaker at the National Debate Tournament*

## LAURENCE TRIBE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

*The Laurence H. Tribe Distinguished Alumni Award was established in 2019 by the Board of Trustees, to honor NDT alumni with extraordinary career accomplishments, and named after Laurence Tribe, who was the first recipient.*



*Laurence Tribe*



*Shannon Richey presents the Tribe Award for 2022 to David Sutherland*



*Tim Hynes, the Sutherland's debate coach at the University of Louisville, attended the presentation*

## David Sutherland receives the Tribe Distinguished Alumni Award for 2022

The 2022 recipient of the Laurence Tribe Distinguished Alumni Award is David Sutherland.

Dr. Karla Leeper, a member of the NDT Board of Trustees and an Executive Vice President for Operations at Augusta University (Georgia), gave the introductory speech.

Leeper noted that David Sutherland debated with his brother, Dan Sutherland, at the University of Louisville from the Fall of 1978 to the Spring of 1982.

The Sutherland brothers enjoyed a spectacular debate career: They reached the elimination rounds in all four years and they were awarded first-round at-large bids in 1980, 1981, and 1982.

In 1982, the Sutherlands won the NDT by defeating Redlands (Bill Isaacson & Jeff Wagner). David Sutherland received 7th place speaker honors.

After graduating from Louisville with a degree in Accounting, David Sutherland began working at Arthur Andersen & Co as a senior tax accountant.

After receiving his Master's in Taxation from American University, Sutherland worked as a Tax Associate, specializing in international taxation, at several firms.

Sutherland then attended law school at the University of Virginia, receiving his J.D. in 1997.

For the next 16 years, Sutherland worked as an executive at Morgan Stanley. From 1997 to 2009, Sutherland served as the Managing Director and Head of the Asia Tax Division, and from 2009 to 2013, he became the Chief Financial Officer of Morgan Stanley (Asia).

In accepting the distinguished alumni award, David Sutherland gave an inspirational speech about his charity work with International Care Ministries (ICM).

Since 1999, Sutherland grew ICM from a small start-up charity to a \$10 million operation. ICM provides a variety of programs to reduce abject poverty in the Philippines.

By partnering with local churches, ICM has reached one-third of a million ultra-poor individuals residing in Visayas and Mindanao, with life-changing training, resources, and community-based holistic education.

### PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE LAURENCE TRIBE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

- 2019 Laurence Tribe, Harvard Law School
- 2020 Ouita Michel, award winning chef and restaurateur
- 2021 Erwin Chemerinsky, University of California (Berkeley) Law School

## LUCY M. KEELE SERVICE AWARD

*The Lucy M. Keele Service Award was established in 1996 by the NDT Board of Trustees in honor of the former Director of Debate at CSU Fullerton and a long-time member of the Board of Trustees, to recognize an individual for outstanding service to the debate community.*



Lucy M. Keele



Sherry Hall and David Cram Helwich

## David Cram Helwich receives the Keele Award for 2020

Dr. David Cram Helwich is a Senior Lecturer and the Director of Forensics at the University of Minnesota.

Sherry Hall, a member of the Board of Trustees and a Harvard Debate Coach, made the presentation speech. In her remarks, Hall praised Dr. Helwich for serving the debate community in various roles.

First, Hall mentioned Helwich's contributions to the NDT Committee, where he has been a member for well over a decade. Helwich has provided sage advice to the conduct and appeals committees. He currently serves as the Chair of the appeals committee.

Second, Hall expressed gratitude to Helwich for hosting college debate tournaments. In particular, she thanked him for being a gracious host of the 73rd NDT on the campus of the University of Minnesota in 2019. Minnesota also co-hosted the 2021 ADA National Tournament online in March 2021. And for several years, Minnesota has held a splendid annual tournament in late January.

Third, Helwich was also recognized for his enormous contributions to advancing debate pedagogy and practices. In June 2021, Helwich was a co-host and organizer (along with AFA President Kelly Young) of The Fourth National Debate Development Conference, "Reimagining the Future of Intercollegiate Debate: Pedagogy, Practice, and Sustainability."

This conference produced many recommendations for promoting the sustainability of debate while also developing valuable teaching materials for educators.

Finally, Helwich has actively participated as a member of the topic committee by contributing research and providing informed suggestions on formulating resolutions for the ballot.

### PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE LUCY M. KEELE SERVICE AWARD

- 1996 Donn Parson, University of Kansas
- 1997 Brett O'Donnell, Liberty University
- 1998 Melissa Wade, Emory University & Bill Newnam, Emory University
- 1999 George Ziegelmueller, 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 Stefan Bauschard, Lakeland Schools, NY
- 2008 Bill Southworth, University of Redlands
- 2009 Jon Bruschke, California State University, Fullerton
- 2010 Jim Hanson & Aaron Hardy, Whitman College
- 2011 Dallas Perkins, Harvard University
- 2012 Gary Larson, Wheaton College
- 2013 Tim O'Donnell, Mary Washington University
- 2014 Sarah Partlow Lefevre, Idaho State University
- 2015 John Fritch, Missouri State University
- 2016 David Hingstman, University of Iowa
- 2017 Michael Davis, James Madison University
- 2018 Arnie Madsen, University of Northern Iowa & Cate Palczewski, University of Northern Iowa
- 2019 Adrienne Brovero, Mary Washington University
- 2020 John Katsulas, Boston College
- 2021 Matthew Vega, University of Missouri, Kansas City

## GEORGE ZIEGELMUELLER AWARD

*The George W. Ziegelmueller Award was established in 1999 by the Wayne State alumni in honor of their beloved and immensely successful Director of Debate (1957 to 2006), who made countless contributions to the forensics community, including serving as the AFA president and the editor of their journal.*



*George Ziegelmueller*



*Shanara Reid-Brinkley presented the Ziegelmueller Award for 2022 to Amber Kelsie*

## Amber Kelsie receives the Ziegelmueller Award for 2022

Amber Kelsie is an Assistant Professor of the Practice of Communication and Associate Debate Coach at Wake Forest University.

Dr. Shanara Reid-Brinkley, a member of the NDT Board of Trustees and the Director of Debate at California State (Fullerton), delivered the presentation speech.

In her remarks, Reid-Brinkley praised Kelsie as a successful and gifted teacher. In particular, she applauded Kelsie for teaching students how to win debates by employing critical theories like Afro-Pessimism and Anti-Blackness.

In 2014, while the debate coach at Towson University, Kelsie guided Ameena Ruffin & Korey Johnson to become the first female black team to win the Cross-Examination Debate National Championship.

Since being hired by Wake Forest in the Fall of 2017, Kelsie has amassed a track record of continued coaching excellence. Over the past four years, her teams have been awarded seven first-round at-large bids, and she has qualified eleven teams to the NDT.

Not counting 2020, when the NDT was cancelled, seven of the eight Wake Forest teams who qualified for the NDT advanced to the elimination rounds. At the 2019 NDT, Nae Edwards & Roberto Fernandez reached the semi-finals.

As the Director of the Wake Forest Summer Debate Workshop, Kelsie revitalized the curriculum to improve the overall teaching experience of the students. Instead of segregating students into permanent labs, Kelsie implemented a plan whereby students are rotated every week into different groups. This ensures that students receive instruction from everyone on the faculty.

### PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE GEORGE ZIEGELMUELLER AWARD

- 1999 George Ziegelmueller, Wayne State University
- 2000 Allan Loudon, Wake Forest University
- 2001 Chester Gibson, 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 Partlow Lefevre, Idaho State University
- 2009 Ross Smith, Wake Forest University
- 2010 Tim O'Donnell, University of Mary Washington
- 2011 Gordon Stables, University of Southern California
- 2012 Glen Frappier, Gonzaga University
- 2013 Ryan Galloway, Samford University
- 2014 Mike Davis, James Madison University
- 2015 Jarrod Atchison, Wake Forest University
- 2016 William Mosley Jensen, Trinity University
- 2017 Michael Hester, University of West Georgia
- 2018 Jacob Thompson, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- 2019 Joe Schatz, Binghamton University
- 2020 Allison Harper, Emory University
- 2021 Eric Morris, Missouri State University



## ROSS K. SMITH COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

*The first Coach of the Year Award was presented by Emory University in 1967; afterward it moved to the University of South Carolina and then to Wake Forest University. In 2021, the NDT assumed responsibility for the award and it was named after Ross K. Smith, a successful coach at Wake Forest University who passed away in 2009.*



Ross K. Smith



John Turner



*David Hung (Dartmouth debater from 1995-1998 and NDT Trustee) recounting debate stories with John Turner*

## John Turner receives the Ross K. Smith Coach of the Year Award for 2022

The National Coach of the Year Award is named after Ross K. Smith, who was the two-time national champion head coach and director of debate at Wake Forest.

Annabel Hagood, who was also a two-time NDT champion debate coach (1949 & 1955) from the University of Alabama, was the first recipient of the national coach of the year award.

For the longest time, Hagood was the only coach to have won two NDTs. She was also an outstanding debate judge and she used her tournament to promote new debate practices.

Hagood was so highly regarded that she was hired to coach John F. Kennedy in his presidential debates against Richard Nixon.

In many ways, Ross Kennedy Smith emulated the career of Annabel Hagood by becoming one of the most successful, admired, and influential leaders in debate.

From 1988-2009, Smith's Wake Forest teams won two NDTs (1997 & 2008), reached the finals twice (2006 & 2009), advanced to the semi-finals three times (1993, 1993, & 1995), and made the quarter-finals five times (1990, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2005).

During that twenty-year span, Wake Forest received 26 First-Round at-Large bids, including receiving the Copeland Award in 1995 (Adrienne Brovero & John Hughes).

Like Hagood, Smith was a highly respected debate judge and used the Wake Forest Tournament as a laboratory for trying out new debate ideas like expanding the rebuttal speeches to six minutes.

This year's recipient of the Ross K. Smith Coaching Award is John C. Turner, the Director of Debate at Dartmouth College. Like Hagood and Smith, Turner is an exceptional judge and a fabulously successful debate coach.

Kathleen Rock, a U.S. Naval Academy debater and the undergraduate representative to the NDT Board of Trustees, made the presentation speech. In her remarks, Rock applauded Turner for returning Dartmouth to the glory days when it was a debate powerhouse under Ken Strange.

For the past two years, Dartmouth has achieved an extraordinary level of excellence. In both years, Dartmouth qualified three teams to the NDT. In 2020, Joseph Estrada & RaamTambe received a first-round at-large bid and were ranked as the 6th best team.

The following year, Dartmouth hit the jackpot. Raam Tambe & Tyler Vergho not only won the Copeland Award, but also won the NDT. And the two other Dartmouth teams advanced to the double octo-finals.

Of course, Turner and Dartmouth followed that up by winning the NDT again in 2022. So, Turner joins Hagood and Smith as a two-time NDT champion coach.

## PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE ROSS K. SMITH COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD



*Annabel Hagood*  
1967 Coach of the Year



*Herb James*  
1968 Coach of the Year



*George Ziegemeueller*  
1969 Coach of the Year



*James Unger*  
1971 Coach of the Year

- 1967 Annabel Hagood, University of Alabama
- 1968 Herbert James, Dartmouth College
- 1969 George Ziegemeueller, Wayne State University
- 1970 John Lynch, Saint Anselm's College
- 1971 James Unger, Georgetown University
- 1972 David Zarefsky, Northwestern University
- 1973 Thomas Kane, University of Pittsburgh
- 1974 Daniel Bozik, Augustana College (Illinois)
- 1975 Chester Gibson, College of West Georgia
- 1976 Bill Henderson, University of Northern Iowa
- 1977 Cully Clark, University of Alabama
- 1978 No award
- 1979 Tim Browning, University of Arizona
- 1980 Donn Parson, University of Kansas
- 1981 J.W. Patterson, University of Kentucky
- 1982 Ken Strange, Dartmouth
- 1983 Tim Hynes, University of Louisville
- 1984 Walter Ulrich, Vanderbilt University
- 1985 William Balthrop, University of North Carolina
- 1986 Robin Rowland, Baylor University  
& David Hingstman, Baylor University
- 1987 Jeff Bile, Southern Illinois University
- 1988 Allan Loudon, Wake Forest University
- 1989 Daryl Scott, Gonzaga University
- 1990 Dallas Perkins, Jr., Harvard University
- 1991 Melissa Wade, Emory University
- 1992 Glen Strickland, Emporia State University
- 1993 Alfred Snider, University of Vermont
- 1994 David Berube, University of South Carolina
- 1995 Todd Graham, Northwestern State
- 1996 Doug Duke, University of Central Oklahoma
- 1997 Ross Smith, Wake Forest University
- 1998 Bill Newman, 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 Brusckke, California State University, Fullerton
- 2005 Sherry Hall, Harvard University
- 2006 Scott Harris, University of Kansas
- 2007 Edward Panetta, University of Georgia
- 2008 Eric Morris, Missouri State University
- 2009 Dave Arnett, University of California, Berkeley
- 2010 Roger Solt, University of Kentucky
- 2011 Adrienne Brovero, University of Mary Washington
- 2012 Daniel Fitzmier, Northwestern University
- 2013 Sam Maurer, Emporia State University
- 2014 David Heidt, University of Michigan
- 2015 Ed Lee, Emory University
- 2016 Jonathan Paul, Georgetown University
- 2017 Michael Hester, University of West Georgia
- 2018 David Cram Helwich, University of Minnesota
- 2019 No award
- 2020 No award
- 2021 Jacob Thompson, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

# Top Speaker and NDT Service Award



Eugenia Giampetruzzi of Emory University with the Ross K. Smith Top Speaker Award

## Giampetruzzi Named Top Speaker

Eugenia Giampetruzzi, a junior and Woodruff Debate Scholar at Emory University, won top individual speaker honors at the 76th NDT. Nina Fridman from Northwestern placed second.

She became only the second Emory debater to win top speaker honors at the NDT. Stephen Weil was the first to do so in 2010.

Giampetruzzi, and her partner, Grace Kessler (the 9th speaker), were the second seed after going 7-1 with 21 ballots. They lost in the octo-finals in a 3-2 decision to Minnesota PR (Owen Phoenix-Flood & Bryce Rao)

Over the course of the 2021-2022 season, Giampetruzzi earned five top-ten speaker awards: 7th, Northwestern Season Opener; 6th, JW Patterson debates at Kentucky; 4th, Kentucky Round Robin; 4th, Harvard; 2nd, Dartmouth Round Robin.

Giampetruzzi & Kessler enjoyed tremendous success this year. They earned a first-round at-large bid to the NDT (ranked as the 3rd best team). Giampetruzzi & Kessler won the Dartmouth Round Robin, placed second at Harvard, and advanced to the semi-finals at Wake Forest and the University of Kentucky.

In 2020, Giampetruzzi was recognized as a recipient of a Summa Cum Laude CEDA National Debate Scholars Award.

Giampetruzzi arrived at Emory after enjoying a highly successful high school debate career at Gulliver Prep in Miami, Florida.

Giampetruzzi & Kessler are coached by Dr. Mikaela Malsin, Dr. Allison Harper, Brian Klarman, and Dr. Becca Steiner.



Shannon Richey of the Board of Trustees presents the NDT Service Award to tournament host Michael Davis of James Madison University

## Mike Davis Receives NDT Service Award

Dr. Michael K. Davis, the Chief of Staff to James Madison University President Jon Alger, received a special recognition award.

Shannon Richey, a member of the NDT Board of Trustees, a former Wayne State debater, and the Vice President and General Manager of Detroit Operations at Asterand Bioscience, made the presentation speech.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Richey expressed their appreciation for Davis's financial and administrative support, which allowed hosting a first-class tournament at James Madison.

Before becoming Chief of Staff, Davis served (from 2006 until 2017) as the Director of Debate at James Madison. So, he understood how to host a fabulous NDT.

Davis maintained a constant presence throughout the tournament to answer questions and perform trouble-shooting. When the internet failed in one of the classroom buildings, Davis took swift action to restore the internet within 30 minutes.

Davis also restored the "Big Board" to its former grandeur. The "Big Board" displays the pairings for the NDT, usually on a wall. In recent years, hosts have either done away with it or produced name placards made of paper (which few participants took home as mementos).

This year, Davis came up with an ingenious idea. He instructed his Art Department to make team name placards out of wood. These wooden placards were secured with magnets to a wooden "Big Board." Debaters were thrilled to take home their team nameplate as a souvenir of their NDT experience.



The "Big Board" from the 2022 NDT

# In Memoriam



## Jeff H. Bess

Jeff Harley Bess, an NDT debater from Missouri State, died on September 14, 2021, at the age of 30.

Bess competed for 4 years as a member of the Spicer Debate Forum of the Missouri State debate team, and achieved considerable competitive success, including qualifying for the NDT three times (2012, 2013 & 2014).

During his sophomore year (2011-2012), Bess debated with Joel Reed. They qualified for the NDT by receiving a third team bid during the rankings for the second round at-large bids. Because Missouri State had already qualified two teams to the NDT (Jordan Foley & Wes Rumbaugh and Katie Frederick & Jace Gilmore), Bess & Reed's only way to qualify for the NDT was to receive one of the six slots reserved for third teams. This marked the first and only time that Missouri State qualified three teams to the NDT.

For the next two years, Bess debated with Wes Rumbaugh. During his junior year (2012-2013), they reached the elimination rounds of the most competitive tournaments including advancing to the double-octos of Northwestern, USC, and Fullerton, along with an octo-finals at Wake Forest. Jeff Bess also won 5th speaker honors at UMKC, where they reached the quarter-finals.

That year, Bess qualified to the NDT for a second time (debating with Rumbaugh) and advanced to the octo-finals of CEDA Nationals.

During his senior year (2013-2014), Bess & Rumbaugh advanced to the double octo-finals of Georgia State, University of Kentucky, Wake Forest, the University of Texas, and CEDA Nationals.

Bess qualified for the NDT for a third time by receiving a second round at-large bid. Unfortunately, Bess became ill on Friday of the tournament and Bess & Rumbaugh were forced to drop out before round 4 on Saturday.

In addition to achieving competitive success, Jeff Bess was also recognized for his academic excellence by being named a National Debate Scholar in 2012, 2013, and 2014 by CEDA.

After graduating from Missouri State University, Jeff Bess earned his J.D. from the University of Washington in 2017. He planned to pursue an M.A. in Communication and begin his own firm to help others navigate their way through life's challenges.



## Nicholas F. Burnett

Nicholas F. Burnett, an NDT debater for the University of Massachusetts (Amherst) and a long-time Director of Debate and a faculty member at California State (Sacramento), passed away on December 1, 2021, at the age of 65.

Nick Burnett debated at UMass from 1974 to 1978. He enjoyed his greatest success debating with Alan Rosenbloom, who affectionately gave him the nickname of the "Chuck Roast."

As sophomores, Burnett & Rosenbloom burst onto the national stage when they reached the semi-finals of the 1976 DSR-TKA National Tournament, a highly prestigious tournament held prior to the NDT.

In the octo-finals, Burnett & Rosenbloom scored a huge upset by defeating the Wake Forest team of Mary McLean and Todd Woodbury who were a first-round at-large team that year. Then in the quarter-finals, they defeated a Pittsburgh team that advanced to the elimination rounds of the 1976 NDT.

Burnett (debating with Rosenbloom) qualified twice to the NDT in 1977 and 1978.

After completing his undergraduate studies, Burnett stayed at UMass to earn his Master's in Communication, while serving as a debate teaching assistant.

From 1980 to 1983, Burnett was hired by Emerson College as their Director of Debate, and he revitalized the debate program and fielded teams that competed at NDT tournaments. Burnett left Emerson to enroll in graduate studies at the University of Pittsburgh, where he earned his Ph.D. in Communication.

From 1987 to 1996, Burnett served as the Director of Forensics at Sacramento State where his teams competed at CEDA tournaments. After retiring from debate, Burnett performed many roles at Sacramento State, including being a professor, Department Chair, and Associate Dean.

For enjoyment, Burnett learned to raise orchids and became an accredited orchid judge with the American Orchid Society and a certified UC Master Gardener. He served on the board of the Sacramento Orchid Society for many years and was twice elected President.



## Craig W. Cutbirth

Craig W. Cutbirth, an Augustana (Illinois) debater and a debate and speech coach at several colleges, passed away on March 23, 2022, at his home in Champaign at the age of 73.

From 1966 to 1970, Craig was a highly successful debater at Augustana College. During his freshmen year, he achieved a 7-1 record and reached the quarter-finals (debating with Randy Mott) at the Novice Nationals Tournament hosted by Northwestern.

During his sophomore year (debating with Gene Balof), Cutbirth placed second at both Northern Illinois and Illinois State.

In his junior year, debating with Frank Chadwick, Cutbirth won tournaments at Bowling Green and Purdue, where he also won top speaker honors.

As a senior, Cutbirth qualified for the NDT (debating with Balof) by reaching the finals of the Emporia State Tournament. Cutbirth also reached the octo-finals at two highly competitive tournaments held at Oberlin (debating with Chadwick) and Northwestern (debating with Balof).

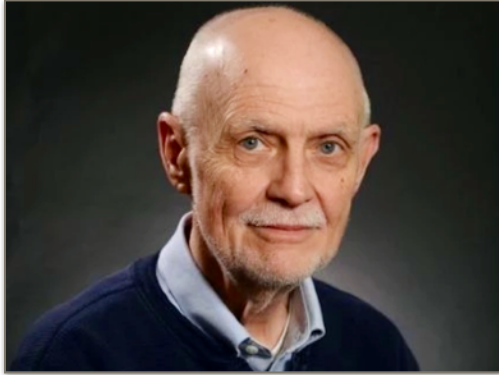
After graduating from Augustana, Cutbirth earned his Master's from Western Illinois University, and his Ph.D. from Bowling Green State University.

From 1973 to 1978, Cutbirth taught speech communication at the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh, where he also coached the debate team. Then he taught and coached the speech team at Bradley University for two years.

In 1980, Illinois State hired him as their Director of Forensics, and he later served as the Director of Graduate Studies until his retirement in 2008. Cutbirth also taught at numerous speech and debate workshops from Wisconsin to Georgia.

Cutbirth was a respected scholar of political communication and communication criticism. His publications included two textbooks and numerous journal articles and papers presented at academic conferences. He served as editor of the *Journal of the Illinois Speech and Theater Association* and later received the association's award for Outstanding Contribution to the Discipline.

# In Memoriam continued



## John B. Greg

John B. Greg, an NDT debater and professor of speech and rhetoric at St. John's College, passed away on May 29, 2021, at the age of 80.

Greg qualified for the NDT in 1962 and advanced to the octo-finals (debating with John Fleming). For more details on his debating, see the 1962 NDT finals story.

After graduating from St. John's with a Bachelor's in English, Greg attended Wayne State University where he earned his Master's in Public Speaking and Communication in 1963. He began his teaching career at Wayne State, where he taught communication classes and served as an Assistant Director of Forensics to George Ziegelmueller. During his five-year tenure as a debate coach, Wayne State experienced tremendous competitive success, including reaching the finals of the NDT in 1966 (Douglas Frost & Kathleen McDonald) and 1967 (Kathy Ling & Donald Ritzenhein).

It took Greg almost nine years to complete his Ph.D. because he enjoyed teaching and coaching so much that he delayed defending his dissertation. After receiving his doctorate in 1972, Greg turned down numerous full-time teaching positions to return to St. John's as the Assistant Director of Forensics.

At St. John's, he taught various Speech and Rhetoric courses, most notably Argumentation, Persuasive Speaking, and Decision-Making. He was promoted to Associate Director of Forensics and coached countless students to become better speakers, thinkers, readers, writers, performers, and people. Greg taught in the Honors Program, and devoted his time and talent to many departmental and University-wide committees that shaped the direction of St. John's University.

For years, Greg taught courses to inmates at the Arthur Kill Correctional Facility on Staten Island, NY. He was active in the work of the Vincentian Service Corps. He also served as a Board member of St. John's Bread and Life, working to provide food and support to the hungry and needy and those at the New Horizons Adult Education Center.

Greg won many accolades over the years, including being named St. John's College Teacher of the Year Award in 1992 and 1996 and receiving the Andrew J. Bartilluci Award for fostering academic excellence in 2006. In 2012, he was honored at the Faculty Convocation for 40 years of service. In 2020, he retired after devoting 48 years to teaching at the undergraduate level.



## Dean E. Hewes

Dean E. Hewes, a debater at the College of William & Mary and a prominent communication professor at several schools, passed away on December 16, 2021, after a brief battle with cancer.

From 1965 to 1969, Hewes played a vital role in restoring the competitiveness of the policy debate program at William & Mary.

Debating with John Morello, Hewes qualified to attend the NDT in 1968 and 1969. William & Mary had only qualified once previously, and that was in 1956.

Hewes & Morello achieved numerous distinctions at tournaments, including 2nd place finishes at St. Joseph's, Ohio State, and the 1969 District VII qualifying tournament. They also won the Middle Atlantic Debate Tournament at the Hampton Institute, reached the semi-finals at Emporia, and the octo-finals at Northwestern.

John Morello observed that "Dean had a sharp mind and was quick at coming up with counter arguments and finding weaknesses and logical flaws in opposing arguments. He really enjoyed debating the negative and was quite accomplished at it."

After graduating with a physics degree, Hewes enrolled in graduate school in Communication at Florida State. He coached the FSU debate team for two years as a graduate assistant and then for two years as an assistant coach to the Director, Marilyn Young.

The FSU alumni who were coached by Hewes, Marilyn Young remarked, remember him "as a caring coach, helpful, extremely bright, a lot of fun, who could be intense in coaching them between rounds."

After receiving his Ph.D. from Florida State, Hewes held faculty positions at Arizona State, the University of Wisconsin (Madison), the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign), and the University of Minnesota (Twin Cities). He retired in 2020.

Dean Hewes produced ground-breaking scholarship in interpersonal communication and small group communication.

In 2016, he was honored with the NCA Lifetime Achievement Award in Group Communication and he received the NCA's Charles Woolbert Award for an article that has stood the test of time.



## Steve B. Hunt

Steve B. Hunt, Director of Debate and Communication Professor at Lewis & Clark, died on June 27, 2021, at the age of 74.

Hunt attended the University of Denver and graduated in 1968 with a double major in history and speech. He went on to earn an M.A. in Communication at the University of Houston and a Ph.D. in speech communication from the University of Kansas.

In 1973, Hunt joined Lewis & Clark as a faculty member in the communication department. His teaching and research focused on rhetoric and argumentation theory, debate, and political and legal communication. In 1984, he completed a J.D. at Lewis & Clark Law School.

Hunt chaired the communication department several times throughout the 1970s and '80s and was head of the Social Science Division from 1985 to 1987.

From 1973 until his retirement in 2009, Hunt coached Lewis & Clark's speech and debate team. He qualified teams to the NDT seven times: 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1980, 1999, and 2000.

For many years, Hunt served on the District II Committee, and he was also a member of the NDT Committee from 1976 to 1979.

Two of Hunt's best debaters were John Bourhis and Mike Allen. Both qualified for the NDT twice and debated together in 1978.

Bourhis coached debate at Concordia College (Minnesota) before earning his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. He served as a professor for many years at Missouri State.

Mike Allen received his Ph.D. from Michigan State and is a professor of Communication at the University of Wisconsin (Milwaukee).

In 1999, Hunt and Allen co-authored (with Allan Loudon and Sandra Berkowitz) an important article on the impact of communication education on critical thinking that was published in *Communication Education*.

Bruce Suttmeier, Dean of the undergraduate college at Lewis & Clark, said Hunt, "had an acerbic wit, a big heart, and kept a meticulous archive of the speech and debate team and stayed in touch with his speakers and debaters long after they graduated."

# In Memoriam continued



## Larry S. Richardson

Larry S. Richardson, Director of Debate and Communication Professor at Western Washington, passed away from complications of dementia on Nov. 22, 2021, at the age of 86.

Richardson attended Edmonds High School in Edmonds, Washington where he played the drums and participated as a member of the debate team for four years.

A gifted musician, he received a music scholarship to attend the University of Washington, where he was a drummer in the Husky marching band. He was also offered a full-time, paid position as a percussionist with the Seattle Symphony.

However, after two quarters, Richardson gave up his scholarship and opportunities with the Seattle symphony to be with his high school sweetheart (his future wife, Marilyn) who was attending Western Washington. To pay for his college tuition, Richardson played drums in a jazz trio. He graduated in 1956 with a music degree and a minor in speech communication.

Richards earned an M.A. in music education from Eastern Washington State and a Ph.D. in speech communication from Washington State University.

In 1970, he joined the faculty at Western Washington, where he became an influential debate coach and forensics director for over 25 years. He chaired the Department of Communication Studies for 20 years.

Under Richardson, Western Washington qualified teams to the NDT in seven years: 1974, 1978, 1980, 1981, 1983, 1985, 1986.

In 1978, one of the members of his first team to qualify for the NDT was Michael Bartanen, who later became the debate coach at Pacific Lutheran.

Jeff Parcher was Richardson's most successful debater. He qualified three times (1983, 1985, 1986) to the NDT. Parcher went on to become a highly successful debate coach at Georgetown (winning the NDT in 1992 and 2nd place in 1993).

Richardson served for many years on the District II committee and held a position on the NDT Committee from 1980 to 1983.



## Donal J. Stanton

Donal J. Stanton, a prominent debate coach and professor at Southwest Missouri State (SMS), died of congestive heart failure on November 9, 2021 at the age of 80.

Holt Spicer recruited Stanton to the debate team when he was a freshmen in his public speaking class. Dr. Spicer thought Stanton had potential as a debater; so he invited him to attend the next debate meeting. That encounter forever changed Don Stanton's life. Debate became his passion.

In 1965, Holt Spicer hired Stanton to be his assistant debate coach. While coaching debate, Stanton earned his M.A. in communication from the University of Arkansas. When Spicer became department head in 1968, Stanton was elevated to be the head coach and Director of Debate.

As the Director of Debate at SMS, Stanton's teams qualified every year for the NDT and reached the elimination rounds in three consecutive years (1973-1975).

In 1973, SMS reached the semi-finals of the NDT. The team of Jon Jackson & Tom Black were 5-3 with 15 ballots and the 12th seed. They defeated USC in the octo-finals and Pittsburgh in the quarter-finals. In the semi-finals, Jackson & Black lost in a 3-2 decision to the eventual NDT champion from Northwestern (Ron Marmer and Elliot Minceberg).

During the next two NDTs, SMS reached the octo-finals. In 1974, Jon Jackson & Marcus Hurn lost in octo-finals to the top seed from Kentucky (Ben Jones & Jim Flegle). In 1975, Jon Jackson & Mike Franks lost in octo-finals to the eventual NDT winner from Baylor (Jay Hurst & David Kent).

Stanton took a one-year sabbatical from SMS in 1970 to pursue graduate studies at Ohio State. He received his Ph.D. in 1972.

After coaching for seven years, Stanton retired from debate to pursue other interests. He provided communication advice to Joe Teasdale who was running for governor of Missouri. Teasdale was elected Governor and Stanton took a two year's absence from SMS to head the Governor's Office of Communication.

Stanton was the recipient of numerous teaching awards, including the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. In 2014, he received a coveted spot on the University's Wall of Fame.



## Rennard J. Strickland

Rennard J. Strickland, an NDT debater for Northeast Oklahoma State (NEO) and a distinguished law professor and scholar of Federal Indian Law, died January 5, 2021, at the age of 80.

Before attending NEO, Strickland was an outstanding high school debater. In 1959, debating for Central High School in Muskogee, Oklahoma, Strickland (with partner Paula Alexander) reached the semi-finals of the National Forensic Association's (NFL) National Debate Tournament. At NFL Nationals, Strickland also won first place in extemporaneous speaking.

In his senior year (debating with Glen Strickland), Rennard advanced to the quarter-finals of the 1962 NDT and won 15th place speaker honors. A complete recap of Strickland's debate awards appears in the story about the 1962 NDT final round.

After graduating from NEO, Strickland earned his Master's from the University of Arkansas and both his law degree and his doctorate in juridical science from the University of Virginia. Strickland served as the Dean at four law schools, including the University of Tulsa, Southern Illinois University, Oklahoma City University, and the University of Oregon.

In 1990, Strickland became a law professor and the Founding Director of the Center for the Study of American Law and Policy at the University of Oklahoma.

Strickland is widely considered to be the foremost scholar of Native American law, and he wrote or edited more than 47 books and 208 essays on Indian law, history, and culture. He served as editor-in-chief of Felix S. Cohen's, *Handbook of Federal Indian Law*, considered the Bible of Indian law.

Numerous honors awarded to Strickland include his election in 1997 to the American Law Institute. In 2012, he received the Robert Kutakes' Award presented by the American Bar Association in recognition of his substantial contribution to the understanding between legal education and the active practice of law.

At the time of his death, Strickland was a Senior Scholar in Residence at the Center for the Study of American Indian Law and Policy at the University of Oklahoma Law School.

# In Memoriam concluded



## Joseph W. Wenzel

Joseph W. Wenzel, an NDT debater and distinguished scholar of argumentation at the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign), passed away on Dec. 30, 2021 from complications following a stroke. He was 88.

Debating for the University of Illinois, Wenzel qualified for the NDT in 1956 and 1957. His best performance occurred in 1956 debating with Bernard Baum. In the preliminary rounds, Wenzel & Baum won 5 debates with 15 ballots. They were defeated in the octo-finals by St. Joseph's who lost in the NDT final round to West Point.

After graduating with a B.S. from the University of Illinois, Wenzel earned an M.S. from Northwestern and a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in 1963.

After three years at Hunter College, Wenzel returned to the University of Illinois as an assistant professor, where he continued to coach debate. In 1993, he was promoted to full professor and also served as the director of graduate studies.

Wenzel had a profound influence on argumentation theory in several ways. As the editor of *Argumentation and Advocacy* from 1983 to 1986, he promoted the internationalization of the U.S. argumentation community by publishing the works of Frans van Eemeren and Rob Grootendorst.

In 1987, he served as the conference director of the 5th argumentation conference held at Alta and co-edited the conference proceedings.

Wenzel's own scholarship (over 30 articles and book chapters) also had a major influence. His seminal contribution came in a 1979 article, "Jurgen Habermas and the Dialectical Perspective on Argumentation" in the *Journal of the American Forensic Association*. In this article, Wenzel theorized that arguments can usefully be seen from three different perspectives: as rhetorical, as logical, and as dialectical.

Many of Wenzel's students became prominent argumentation scholars. They included Brant Burleson, Dale Hample, Sally Jackson, Scott Jacobs, Daniel J. O'Keefe, Susan Kline, and Charles Arthur Willard.

Dale Hample, in praising Wenzel's teaching, remarked, "Joe Wenzel was a most extraordinary teacher, a thing hard to document but unmistakable in person. Few professors could even organize a course with the breadth of Wenzel's, and even fewer could have genuinely stimulated so many lines of thought at once."



## Charles A. Willard

Charles A. Willard, an outstanding NDT debater from Kansas State Teacher's College (renamed Emporia State) and a prominent argumentation scholar, died on November 16, 2021, at the age of 76.

Willard won numerous college tournaments. As a sophomore, he won the Redlands tournament (debating with Charles White). He won the prestigious USC tournament twice, in 1966 & 1967 (debating with Dan Hayes), and was recognized as the top speaker in 1967.

Willard qualified twice for the NDT: in 1965 (debating with Charles White) and in 1966 (debating with Thomas Thornbrugh).

At the 1966 NDT, Willard & Thornbrugh compiled a record of 6-2 with 15 ballots. In the octo-finals, they defeated Case Western Reserve and lost to USC in the quarter-finals. Willard was named the 10th best speaker.

Willard then served as a debate coach and graduate assistant at the University of Illinois (Champaign-Urbana), under the leadership of Joseph Wenzel, where he received his M.A and Ph.D. in Communication.

He briefly taught at Slippery Rock State before being hired as the co-Director of Debate at Dartmouth College, where he served from 1974 to 1980. In his last year at Dartmouth, he coached Stephen Meagher & Thomas Isaacson to the semi-finals of the NDT.

After leaving Dartmouth, he taught rhetorical and argumentation theory at the University of Pittsburgh and then at the University of Louisville.

Willard wrote three influential scholarly books: *Argumentation and the Social Grounds of Knowledge* (University of Alabama Press, 1983), *A Theory of Argumentation* (University of Alabama Press, 1989), and *Liberalism and the Problem of Knowledge: A New Rhetoric for Modern Democracy* (University of Chicago Press, 1996).

Tim Hynes, who knew Willard for over 40 years as a friend and colleague, eloquently explained how Willard's involvement in debate influenced his study of argumentation. Hynes observed: "His work in debate was foundational for his lifelong study of argumentation and argument. This early work (and significant interactions with debaters and debate coach colleagues) advanced a lifetime perspective of the paradoxical elements of argumentation and debate--argument has at its heart disagreement. It simultaneously carried a requirement for participants to agree to engage others in both the substance and form of that disagreement."

# The 16th National Debate Tournament

At the 16th annual National Debate Tournament (NDT), occurring over April 26-28, Ohio State defeated Baylor University to become the debate champion for 1962.

Ohio State's victory had unique historical significance: Sarah Jane Benson became the first female to win the NDT!

Thirty-eight teams competed in the tournament, with thirty-six selected via district tournaments held by the eight districts. As per tradition, the previous NDT year's winner (Harvard) and the host school (West Point) received automatic invitations.

The preliminary rounds were held on Thursday, April 26, and Friday, April 27, with four rounds taking place each day. Sixteen teams qualified for the elimination rounds which began on Saturday, April 28.

The debate topic for 1962 was "Resolved: That labor organizations should be under the jurisdiction of anti-trust legislation."

During the preliminary contests, the Ohio State team of Sarah J. Benson & Dale E. Williams won 7 debates with 17 ballots. That record earned Ohio State the top seed. No other team won 7 debates. The second seed, Northwestern (Lee Huebner & David Copus) won 6 debates with 17 ballots.

After the preliminary debates, the tournament banquet was held during Friday evening. Dr. Nicholas Cripes, Professor and Chair of the Speech Department at Butler and the President of the American Forensic Association (AFA), delivered the principal address.

At the banquet, the schools of the top 16 teams advancing to the elimination rounds were announced, along with the names of the top twenty individual speaker award winners.

There was a tie for the top speaker for the first and only time in NDT history. Lee Huebner of Northwestern and Harold Lawson of Kansas State Teacher's College (Emporia) received 1031 speaker

points. Apparently, the NDT in 1962 had no tie-breaking procedures.

Therefore, Major General William C. Westmoreland, Superintendent of the United States Military Academy, presented two Hamilton Electric Wristwatches to Lee Huebner and Harold Lawson.

## The Road to the NDT Finals: The Elimination Rounds

The following Saturday morning, the elimination debates began. To reach the finals of the NDT, Ohio State defeated the 16th, 8th, and 3rd seeds.

In the octo-finals, Ohio State debated the 16th seed from St. John's. John Fleming, a junior, and John Greg, a senior, of St. Johns won 4 debates with 14 ballots during the preliminary rounds.

While the bottom seed, the "two Johns" of St. John's were no pushover. In February 1962, Fleming (debating with Dan Farinacci) won the prestigious Dartmouth tournament. At the Harvard tournament, both St. John's debaters earned high speaker awards (Fleming, 3rd speaker, and Greg, 5th speaker). Fleming & Greg finished third at the District VIII qualifying tournament by winning 11 of 16 possible ballots.

Debating on the affirmative, Ohio State defeated St. John's in a 2-1 decision and advanced to the quarter-finals to meet the 8th seed from Northeast Oklahoma State (NEO), who defeated Purdue in a 2-1 decision in the octo-finals.

Rennard Strickland, a senior, and Glen Strickland, a freshman from NEO won 5 debates with 14 ballots. Strickland & Strickland (same last name but not related) were a dominant regional team that year. They won two tournaments at Southeastern State College and Northwest Louisiana State Tournament; they finished in second place at four tournaments (Central State College, Kansas State Teacher's College at Pittsburg, Abilene Christian College, and the District Qualifying tournament at Oklahoma City University). They also advanced to the semi-

finals at the very competitive United States Air Force Tournament.

In the quarter-finals, Ohio State (debating on the affirmative) defeated NEO in a 4-1 decision, setting up a semi-final debate against the Crusaders from Holy Cross, the 3rd seed.

The Holy Cross debate team, made up of two juniors, Kevin Keogh & Dan Kolb, was a formidable team. At the NDT, they were 6-2 with 17 ballots, and they demolished Georgetown in the quarter-finals in a 5-0 decision. Both debaters earned high speaker awards (Kolb, 5th and Keogh, 7th) at the NDT.

Coming into the NDT, Keogh & Kolb were the best team from the Northeast. They were the top seed at the District VIII tournament (winning 14 of 16 ballots) and a semi-finalist at Harvard. They won the Rochester tournament and finished second at Tufts. Debating with other partners, Kolb won the Rosemont tournament, and Keogh won the Brown tournament.

But, in the semi-finals, by the smallest of margins, Ohio State (debating on the negative) defeated Holy Cross in a 3-2 decision and claimed a spot in the finals against Baylor.

The Baylor team of Mike Henke, a senior, and Calvin Kent, a junior, won 5 debates with 12 ballots during the preliminary rounds. That record made them the 13th seed.

To reach the final round, Baylor had to defeat three higher seeded teams. In each of these debates, Baylor was a clear underdog.

In the octo-finals, Baylor met John Swaney & Ann Hodges of North Texas State, who were the 4th seed, having a record of 6 wins with 17 ballots.

In 1962, Swaney & Hodges were one of the favorites to win the NDT. Swaney & Hodges were the top seed at the District III tournament, and they won three other tournaments held at Northwestern, Baylor, and the Southwestern tournament in Kansas.



From left to right: Trophies presented at the 1962 NDT; Sarah J. Benson and Dale E. Williams from Ohio State University were top seed and tournament champion; Mike Henke and Calvin Kent from Baylor University finished in second place



# 1962 NDT continued

Debating on the affirmative, the Baylor Bears upset North Texas State in a 2-1 decision, which advanced them to the quarter-finals to face the 5th seed from the Kansas State Teacher's College (Emporia).

Harold Lawson & Gary Sherrer of Kansas State Teacher's were also an outstanding team. At the NDT, Harold Lawson tied for top speaker (with Lee Huebner), and Sherrer was third speaker.

Before the NDT, Lawson & Sherrer earned the top seed at the District IV qualifying tournament. They also reached the finals at the Heart of America Tournament. Debating with other partners, Lawson won the Texas Christian Tournament (defeating Northwestern in finals). And Sherrer won the Pittsburgh State (Kansas) Tournament (defeating NEO in finals).

Debating on the negative, Baylor toppled Kansas State in a 3-2 decision, advancing them to the semi-finals to debate the 7th seed from the University of Miami (Florida), who achieved a record of 5 wins with 15 ballots.

In the other quarter-final debate, Neal Sonnett & Barry Richard, both sophomores of the University of Miami, staged a colossal upset of the 2nd seed from Northwestern in a 4-1 decision. The Northwestern team of Huebner & Cotus was one of the heavy favorites that year to win the NDT, having won the Harvard, Purdue, and Notre Dame tournaments.

Preceding the NDT, Sonnett and Richard achieved success by winning the District VI qualifying tournament at Emory and going undefeated at the University of Kentucky Tournament held in October 1961.

Yet, in the semi-finals, Baylor debating on the negative scored another upset by defeating the Miami Hurricanes in a 3-2 decision and earning a spot in the finals against Ohio State.

That Ohio State and Baylor reached the final round of the NDT in 1962 was not unexpected.

An exceptional debater headed the Baylor team. Mike Henke had a stellar record of debating at the NDT, having reached the semi-finals (debating with George Schell) in 1960 and 1961. So, his reaching the finals in 1962, is not that surprising.

And throughout the year, Baylor competed in regional tournaments against outstanding teams. District III, where Baylor debated, cleared all four of its teams to the elimination rounds. And the adjoining District IV, where Baylor also frequently competed, advanced three teams into the elimination rounds.

The Ohio State team reaching the final round and earning the top seed was no fluke. Like, Henke, Dale Williams earned competitive success during the prior year. In 1961, Williams (debating with

Allen Rule) reached the quarter-finals of the NDT. That year, Williams & Rule also finished second at Northwestern and advanced to the semi-finals at Harvard.

During the 1961-1962 season, Dale Williams continued to achieve excellence debating with Sarah Benson. Williams & Benson won the University of Pittsburgh tournament in December 1961. Benson & Williams were undefeated at the tough District V tournament held at Purdue University in March 1962. And at the Notre Dame tournament in April 1962, Williams & Benson reached the quarter-finals (losing to Huebner & Copus of Northwestern).

Williams won four top speaker awards during that season, and Benson earned two top speaker awards.

Somewhat surprising is that Dale Williams did not exclusively debate with Sarah Benson that year. At several tournaments, Williams debated with Edward McGlone. And that partnership resulted in winning the Georgetown tournament and advancing to the semi-finals of the Heart of America tournament.

So, the 1962 NDT final round had two outstanding teams debating for the championship.

## The 1962 NDT Final Round: Ohio State v. Baylor

The Ohio State debaters competing in the final round were both Buckeyes. Sarah J. Benson, a junior, came from Akron, and Dale E. Williams, a senior, hailed from Port Clinton.

Only one of the Baylor debaters was a Texan. Michael J. Henke, a senior, resided in Waco and Calvin A. Kent, a junior, came from Springfield, Missouri.

The debate coaches for the two teams were Richard Rieke for Ohio State and Glenn Capp for Baylor.

In the 1962 NDT final round, Baylor debated on the affirmative. Calvin Kent delivered the first affirmative speech. To support the affirmative side, he presented four main arguments to justify applying anti-trust legislation to labor organizations.

First, he argued that immunity from anti-trust law allowed unions to perpetuate "make-work" and "featherbedding" practices (paying for unnecessary work or employing workers who are not needed) which harmed the economy by raising prices and reducing productivity. Baylor gave three examples of "featherbedding."

In the railroad industry, Calvin claimed, union rules requiring a crew member to ride in the cab of a train increased transportation costs by \$500 million per year. In the construction industry, Calvin observed, union rules prohibited workers from laying more

than 500 bricks per day, which elevated the costs of housing construction. In the entertainment industry, he claimed, union rules required the hiring of superfluous stagehands, electricians and musicians which raised the ticket prices of live theatre shows like "Carnival."

Second, Calvin maintained that unions demanded higher wages, which harmed companies. He gave the example of a union forcing the Adams Dairy company to pay a higher salary to its drivers than its competitor, the St. Louis Dairy company, paid to its drivers. This forced Adams Dairy to raise its dairy prices and made it non-competitive.

Third, Calvin argued unions interfered in the operation of companies. He gave the example of a union prohibiting any member of the California Sportswear and Dress Association from doing business with non-union firms. This was in retaliation for the Davis Pleating and Button Company defeating an attempt at unionization.

Fourth, Calvin claimed unions forced companies to go out of business. He gave the example of a plasterers' union in Chicago that withdrew its support of a business owned by Charles Weir. When the union told its plasterers not to work in any jobs using the quick-work plastering process invented by Weir, his company went bankrupt.

The first negative speaker from Ohio State, Dale E. Williams, directly refuted each of the four alleged harms claimed in the first affirmative speech.

As for "featherbedding" practices in the railroads, he quoted the President of the Erie Railroad saying that the practice was exaggerated and virtually non-existent. Williams also quoted evidence from Sumner Schlichter, an economist, who indicated featherbedding was not a problem in the construction, plastering, railroads or trucking industries. As for higher ticket prices in the theatre, Williams dismissed this as an issue, citing that the show "Carnival" was sold-out.

Williams also pointed out that Senator Taft expressly opposed including provisions against featherbedding in the Taft-Hartley Act because of the difficulty in implementing and adjudicating thousands of such provisions across numerous industries.

As for the Adams Dairy case, Williams said it involved negotiating over wages and did not constitute illegal price-fixing. Nor was there any price-fixing or illegal conduct in the Davis Pleating and Button Company dispute. Williams quoted the conclusion of the Court, which held there was no collusion between the union and the sportswear company. In the Weir case, Williams said the Court held there was a total absence of proof that any restraint of trade existed.

# 1962 NDT concluded

In summation, Williams concluded the affirmative had failed to substantiate any need for the affirmative plan.

In the second affirmative speech, Michael Henke of Baylor outlined the affirmative side's specific plan. He advocated amending Section 6 of the Clayton Act to extend anti-trust coverage to labor unions when those activities were acting contrary to the public interest.

For the remainder of his speech, Henke responded to the first negative's harm take-outs by introducing more supporting evidence to substantiate the harms of the case.

Henke said the railroad industry costs were not exaggerated, citing evidence from the Interstate Commerce Commission, which calculated railroad workers were paid for only 57% of the hours for which they actually worked.

Henke also asserted that union rules limiting the amount of work done by electricians and bricklayers inflated housing construction costs by 20%.

Finally, Henke argued that even if unions had legitimate labor concerns, these should be evaluated under anti-trust laws to ensure that the interests of the public were also taken into consideration.

The second negative constructive speaker, Sarah J. Benson, advanced a total of ten plan objections. Her most effective arguments were challenging the workability of the plan.

She argued that the plan did not develop any criteria to define when featherbedding became an illegal restraint of trade. She pointed out that the Senate Committee on Labor concluded it would be impossible to enforce rules on featherbedding. She claimed there was no evidence that third parties or the courts would make better decisions or lead to better outcomes than collective bargaining.

She asked what criteria would be used to determine when wage-fixing became price-fixing? In the Adams Dairy case, for example, she asked if a three cent increase in the price of a quart of milk constituted price-fixing?

Benson also suggested that implementing the affirmative plan would increase unemployment because union practices supporting make-work practices created jobs.

She observed that there was no evidence of economic instability in the industries cited by the affirmative—railroads, entertainment, construction. Therefore, she claimed the affirmative failed to demonstrate any significant need for its plan.

Finally, Benson concluded that the affirmative had an untested theory rather than a workable plan. She observed that in all of the examples cited by the affirmative, the courts held there was no evidence of

an unreasonable restraint of trade. Therefore, she said the affirmative had not proven that its plan would solve any of the alleged harms.

In the first negative rebuttal, Dale Williams hammered the same points as from his constructive speech about the absence of harms. He brought up one new piece of evidence from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicating that labor productivity had increased by 65% in the railroad industry. He claimed this proved the industry was not bogged down by unneeded workers.

In the first affirmative rebuttal, Calvin Kent opened his speech by quoting a line from Henry Adams' book, *The Education of a Women*, where Adams said words from a pretty mouth are hard to refute. Kent said, his task in the debate was doubled because there were so many pretty words that he had to refute in a limited amount of time.

Ouch! A blatantly, sexist and condescending remark to begin the 1AR.

On the substantive points, Kent glossed over most of the workability problems by asserting the criteria for make-work rules could be developed on a case-by-case basis. Neither he nor the second affirmative backed up this argument with any evidence.

Kent was more effective in refuting other points. For example, he pointed out that Sumner Schlichter, the negative's source, did not support their argument that making-work rules increased employment.

Finally, Kent made a valid argument in pointing out that the lack of any finding by the courts of a restraint of trade in *Davis Pleating and Button v. California Sportswear and Dress Association* or *Weir v. Chicago Plasterers Institute*, did not prove that the plan was ineffective; the holdings in these cases were assuming existing precedents, and not the affirmative plan.

In the second negative rebuttal speech, Sarah Benson immediately pounced on the sexist opening by Kent and delivered a perfect response. She stated, "I'm rather sorry that the last speaker paid so much attention to my lips. He didn't pay a great deal of attention to the points I made."

Benson argued the affirmative never proved that the courts were qualified to determine whether work practices were reasonable. For instance, she claimed courts lacked expertise in music and were incapable of deciding disputes about how many musicians were needed in an orchestra. She also reiterated that the affirmative failed to identify any criteria for adjudicating work-practice disputes.

Next, Benson addressed the lack of significant harm shown by the affirmative. She cited Schlichter again to support her argument that there was not a widespread problem with make-work practices. In fact, she claimed Schlichter concluded that these

practices spurred technological innovation, which benefited the economy.

Finally, Benson responded to the affirmative's specific case examples. In the Adams Dairy case, she said, there was no evidence that a three-cent increase in the price of milk was unreasonable or that it caused any harm. She argued it was illogical to assume that the union intended to put the dairy company out of business, as that would cause union workers to lose their jobs.

In both the *Davis* and *Weir* cases, she argued, the courts concluded there was no proof of unreasonable restraint of trade. Therefore, she concluded, the affirmative had a theory with no cases to prosecute.

Michael Henke delivered a brilliant and persuasive speech in the second affirmative rebuttal. He effectively responded to all of the negative's arguments. However, some of his major points were brand-spanking-new.

For example, for the first time in the debate, he responded to the negative's objection that the affirmative lacked criteria to settle featherbedding disputes. To answer this argument, he read a new piece of evidence from the *Labor Law Journal* indicating that the courts could develop standards for resolving featherbedding disputes.

He gave a concise and crisp summation of the costs of featherbedding: 500 million per year in higher railroad costs and 260 million in higher construction costs. He also shamelessly introduced new evidence from *U.S. News*, saying the five hour-work day negotiated by electricians in New York City would raise costs by \$25 million.

Henke also explained (for the first time) why a three-cent increase in the price of milk translated into significant costs. If the three cents were multiplied by a million volumes (which is the annual volume sold in St. Louis), he calculated the cost to be \$30,000 dollars.

Finally, Henke reiterated that the courts did not find an unreasonable restraint in the *Davis* and *Weir* cases because they were following the existing precedent. Because the plan required unions to justify their work practices according to a public interest standard, Henke said the plan would lead to different outcomes.

In a 4-3 decision, the judges voted for the negative side in favor of Ohio State. It is possible that the three dissenting judges accepted the new evidence and explanations provided by Henke, while the four judges in the majority dismissed the new arguments and voted negative on the workability objections, which were not effectively answered until the last speech.

## Sarah Jane Benson: First Female NDT Champion

At the 1962 NDT, Sarah Benson was one of only eight female debaters who competed at the tournament. With 76 participants in total, females represented about 10% of the participants.

Two females received top twenty speaker honors. Sarah Benson earned 16th place, and Reba Keele of Brigham Young finished in 20th place.

Benson as the first female to win the NDT, received prominent coverage in all of the news stories on the 1962 NDT. Yet, somehow over the years, her accomplishment became lost among the debate community.

In fact, during the final round of the 1986 NDT, Ouita Papka (debating for the University of Kentucky), in her second negative rebuttal remarked, "Now that was just my last debate speech, and this has been a dream I've had for four years. And when I first came to Kentucky, Roger (Solt) and I said I wanted to be the first woman to win the NDT."

Remarkably, two of the five judges (Marty Sadler of Houston Baptist and Michael Bryant of Eastern Illinois), in their written judge critiques congratulated Ouita Papka for becoming the first female NDT champion.

John Boaz, the editor of the NDT final round transcript, inserted three footnotes correcting the mistaken claims that Papka, and not Benson, was the first female to win the NDT.

Papka (debating with David Brownell) became the second woman to win the NDT in 1986, which is a tremendous accomplishment. But, she was not the first; Benson beat her to it.

However, Benson was not the first female to reach the NDT final round. That honor belongs to Dorothy Ann Koch of Augustana (Illinois). In 1950, debating with Charles Lindbergh, Koch lost in the finals to the University of Vermont (Richard O'Connell & Thomas Hayes).

In 1962, Benson earned yet another debate championship. Benson and Edward McGlone won the Grand "Counter-Point" television debating championship conducted by KDKA-TV in Pittsburgh the week following the NDT.

Ohio State won the University division of the contest, and Harvard won the collegiate division of the contest. The Harvard debaters were Laurence Tribe and Gene Clements, the 1961 NDT champions. In the finals, Ohio State defeated Harvard and took home a silver bowl for a trophy.

While not equaling the success achieved during her junior year, Benson had some more triumphs and accomplished excellence again at the NDT.

In October 1962, Benson & McGlone won the Kansas State Teacher's College (Emporia) Tournament, defeating the Dartmouth team (Steven Kessler & Frank Wohl) that would win the 1963 NDT. In April 1963, Ohio State won the Xavier tournament (defeating Notre Dame). They also advanced to the elimination rounds at Butler and Northwestern.

As the defending NDT champion, Ohio State received an automatic bid to the 1963 NDT. During the preliminary rounds of the NDT, Benson & McGlone won 6 debates with 13 ballots, making them the 6th seed.

In the octo-finals, Ohio State on the negative, defeated Northeast Oklahoma State (Glen Strickland & David Johnson) in a 3-0 decision. Benson & McGlone (on the affirmative) were defeated in the quarter-finals by Boston College (James Unger & Joseph McLaughlin) in a 4-1 decision.

Both Ohio State debaters earned speaker awards. Sarah Benson tied for 13th speaker (with Glen Strickland), and Edward McGlone received 14th place speaker honors.



PRESIDENT FAWCETT displays trophy accompanying championship won in West Point national debate tournament by Dale Williams (left) and Sarah Benson.

### RESOLVED:

## That Ohio State is National Champion of Debate

DEBATE CHAMPIONS of the KDKA-TV competition were Sarah Benson and (right) Edward McGlone. In center is Al McDowell, KDKA moderator for the event.



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## 1962 NDT Finalists: Professional Careers After Debate

Sarah Benson pursued a career in teaching and education. After graduating from Ohio State with a degree in English (with Phi Beta Kappa honors), she earned a Master's in English at Cornell on a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship. Then, she returned to Ohio State to earn another Master's in social work on a grant from the National Institutes of Mental Health.

After doing some social work at the Training Institute of Central Ohio, Benson decided that teaching was more to her liking. Through her contacts with the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Intern Program, she obtained a teaching position at Johnson C. Smith University, a historically black college in Charlotte, North Carolina.

At Johnson C. Smith University, Benson taught English and founded a literary magazine called, *The Treewell*. The inspiration for establishing the magazine was to give student-athletes an outlet for publishing their writings. *The Treewell* continues to this day.

Benson also started a debate team at Johnson C. Smith. In a 2016 interview, Dr. Phil Jeter (Professor and Chair at Winston-Salem State University) remarked that Sarah Benson was one of his most influential teachers. Jeter credited her for encouraging him to join the debate team. He said this allowed him to compete at tournaments in multiple states. He remarked that although they performed badly at first, they gradually improved, and he learned valuable skills.

While teaching at Johnson C. Smith, she completed her doctoral coursework in English at the University of North Carolina (Greensboro).

In 1971, Benson married William P. McCullough and relocated to Yellow Springs, Ohio. For a time, she taught English and Literature at Central States University, another historically black college.

She retired from teaching to raise three children, and served for seven years as a volunteer for the Yellow Springs school system, where she coordinated foreign language and arts enrichment programs. In 1985, she was elected as a member of the Board of Education for Yellow Springs, and served for several years. Sarah Jane Benson McCullough died in September 2001 at the age of 60.

Benson's debate partner, Dale E. Williams, became a prominent attorney. After graduating with Phi Beta Kappa honors, Williams enrolled in law school at Ohio State and earned his J.D. in 1965.

For 57 years, Williams has practiced real estate law in Pittsburgh, PA, where he is a Partner in the law firm Eckert Seamans Cherin and Mellott.

The Baylor debaters from the NDT final round enjoyed successful careers as an economist and a lawyer.

After graduating from Baylor, Calvin A. Kent earned a Master's and a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Missouri.

Kent served as a professor of economics at the University of South Dakota. He then returned to Baylor as the Herman W. Lay Professor of Private Enterprise and director of the Center for Private Enterprise. He stayed in that role for 12 years.

Under the administration of President George H.W. Bush, Kent served as the Administrator of the Energy Information Administration (EIA) at the Department of Energy. After serving as EIA head, Kent was hired by Marshall University in West Virginia. He worked at Marshall for 26 years in various roles, including as Dean of the College of Business (1993-2003), Vice President for Business and Economic Research, and Director of the BBT Center for American Capitalism. He retired in 2019.

Michael J. Henke graduated summa cum laude from Baylor with a degree in chemistry, and pursued a career in the law. He attended Baylor law school and received an LL.B. degree in 1965 and a LL.M. degree from New York University in 1966.

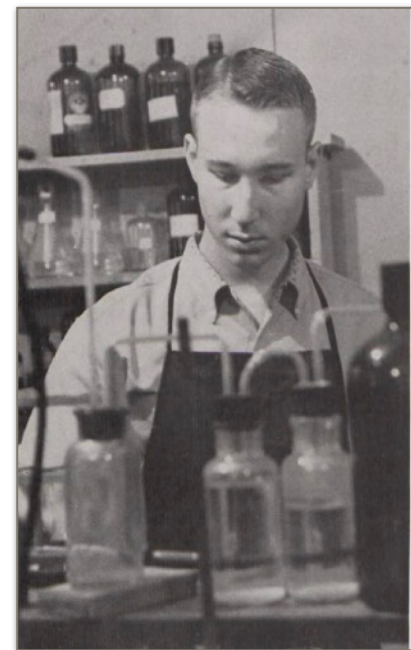
From 1965-1973, Henke was an Associate at Covington & Burling in Washington, DC. He joined the D.C. law firm of Vinson & Elkins in 1974 as an Associate and became a Partner in 1976. He specializes in litigation with an emphasis on energy and anti-trust cases.

Since 1986, Henke has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, in the Business Litigation category.

Henke also teaches classes as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Virginia Law School.



*Dale Williams with first place trophy from Georgetown's Cherry Blossom Debate Tournament*



*Michael Henke in a chemistry lab at Baylor University*