

NATIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT
Ross K Smith TOP SPEAKER Award, 1948-2012



1947 Award not presented

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

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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)

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1st: Michel Milller, 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

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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

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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)

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

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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

1982

1st: Steve Mancuso, University of Kentucky
2nd: John Barrett, Georgetown University

1983

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2nd: Leonard Gail, Dartmouth College

1984

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2nd: Bill Brewster, Emory University

1985

1st: Danny Povinelli, University of Massachusetts
2nd: Doug Sigel, Northwestern University

1986

1st: Lyn Robbins, Baylor University
2nd: Scott Segal, Emory University

1987

1st: Lyn Robbins, Baylor University
2nd: John Culver, University of Kansas

1988

1st: Gloria Cabada, Wake Forest University
2nd: Barry Pickens, University of Kansas

1989

1st: Gordon Mtchell, Northwestern University
2nd: Daniel Plants, Baylor University

1990

1st: Marc Rubinstein, University of Redlands
2nd: David Hugin, University of Texas

1991

1st: T. A. McKinney, University of Kentucky
2nd: Marc Rubinstein, University of Redlands

1992

1st: Charles Smith, University of Iowa
2nd: Ryan Goodman, University of Texas

1993

1st: Matthew Shors, University of Michigan
2nd: Ara Lovitt, Dartmouth College

1994

1st: Paul Skiermont, University of Kentucky
2nd: Fred Karem, Harvard University

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2nd: Sean McCaffity, Northwestern University

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2nd: Chris LaVigne, Wayne State University

1997

1st: Corey Rayburn, University of Iowa
2nd: Scott Hessel, University of Michigan

1998

1st: Michael Gottlieb, Northwestern University
2nd: George Kouros, Emory University

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1st: Michael Gottlieb, Northwestern University
2nd: Ryan Sparacino, Northwestern University

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2nd: Steve Donald, Michigan State
3rd: Jarius Grove, Texas

2001

1st: Andy Ryan, University of Iowa
2nd: Wes Lotz, Wake Forest University
3rd: Jarrod Atchison, Wake Forest University

2002

1st: Alex Berger, Dartmouth College
2nd: Adrianna Mindence, University of Michigan

2003

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

2004

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

2005

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

2006

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

2007

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

2008

1st Martin Osborn, Missouri State University
2nd Julie Hoehn, Emory University
3rd Brett Bricker - Kansas University

2009

1st Kuntal Cholera, University of North Texas
2nd Brett Bricker, University of Kansas
3rd Davyon Love - Towson State University

2010

1st Stephen Weil, Emory University
2nd Eric Lanning, Michigan State University
3rd Speaker - Stephanie Spies - Northwestern University

2011

1st Stephanie Spies - Northwestern University
2nd Alex Parkinson, Harvard University
3rd Eli Jacobs - Harvard University

2012

1st Ryan Beiermeister - Northwestern University
2nd Layne Kirshon, Northwestern University
3rd James Mollison - Loyola Marymont University

2013

1st Andrew Arsht - Georgetown University
2nd Peyton Lee, Northwestern University
3rd Damiyr Davis - West Georgia University

2014

1st Rashid Campbell - Oklahoma Uniiversity
2nd Alex Miles, Northwestern University
3rd Arjun Vellayappan - Northwestern University

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