

# LAKELAND DISTRICT DEBATE TEAM NEWSLETTER

Fall 2005

## 2005-6 Debate Topic

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially decrease its authority either to detain without charge or to search without probable cause.

## Debaters Spend Summers Preparing

Many members of the district debate team spent 4-7 weeks of their summers preparing for the upcoming season. Six students attended debate workshops where they worked 12-16 hours a day for 3-4 weeks researching and practicing for the upcoming season:

- Jason Anton, Northwestern University
- Ben Faber, Northwestern University
- Pam Johnson, Michigan State University
- Jackie Maurno, Michigan University
- Joe Perrotto, Wake Forest University
- Joe Spanier, Northwestern University

All debaters then returned to school on August 15<sup>th</sup> for eight hour, five day a week work sessions that ran until school began.

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## Fall 2005 Awards & Honors

### Team (2 person) Awards

**Jason Anton/Jackie Maurno**

26<sup>th</sup>/93 University of Kentucky  
3<sup>rd</sup>/50 Bronx High School of Science

**Joe Perrotto/Joe Spanier**

13<sup>th</sup>/50 Bronx High School of Science

**Pam Johnson/Ben Faber**

7<sup>th</sup>/50 Bronx High School of Science

**Jackie Rapetti/Nupur Nanda**

1<sup>st</sup> (novice) Bronx High School of Science

**Jonathan Jacobino/Mackenzie Carroll**

6<sup>th</sup> (novice) Bronx High School of Science

**Ada Kozicz/Andrew Bocskosky**

3<sup>rd</sup> (novice) Hen Hud

**Adam Dishaw/Jason Wright**

16<sup>th</sup>/70 Glenbrooks  
1<sup>st</sup> Henrick Hudson

**Adam Dishaw/Taylor Roth**

23<sup>rd</sup>/68 Wake Forest

**Jason Anton/Taylor Roth**

3<sup>rd</sup> Hen Hud

**Joe Perrotto/Jason Wright**

1<sup>st</sup>/36 Regis

### Individual Speaker Awards

**Jason Anton**

15<sup>th</sup> speaker/384 Glenbrooks  
7<sup>th</sup>/100 Bronx High School of Science

**Pam Johnson**

2<sup>nd</sup>/100 Bronx High School of Science

**Andrew Bockosky**

1<sup>st</sup> (novice) Henrick Hudson

**Joe Perrotto**

1<sup>st</sup>/36 Regis High School

**Adam Dishaw**

4<sup>th</sup>/36 Regis

**Joe Spanier**

3<sup>rd</sup>/36 Regis

### Honors

Invitation to Michigan Juniors Round Robin  
12 students qualified for State Tournament

## Graduating Seniors

Ben Faber (06)

In June, 2005, the Lakeland District Debate team said goodbye to several students who graduated and are now attending college.

**Benjamin Cole** is attending George Washington.

**Caroline Harkins** is attending Dartmouth.

**Michael Kesselman** is attending Cornell.

**Matthew Mutino** is attending the University of Chicago.

**Jessica Spanier** is attending Northwestern.

## New District Debate Director

Mr. Stefan Bauschard started his service as Director of the Lakeland District Debate program in August of 2005. He moved here from Dallas, Texas, where he was Director of Debate at the St. Mark's School of Texas, to lead one of the nation's prominent debate programs. Before he directed at St. Mark's, he coached at Boston College (MA) and Cathedral Prep (PA). He is also currently the President of PlanetDebate.com, which is an instructional services website that Stefan co-founded with Harvard Debate. Stefan also serves on the editorial board of the National Federation of the Interscholastic Speech and Debate Association, as a researcher for the college Cross-Examination Debate Association Topic Committee, as co-editor of Wake Forest's Debater's Research Guide, and he is the Director of the National Debate Tournament scouting system. He spends most of his summer at the Wake Forest Debate Workshops, instructing students from around the US. Stefan lives in Peekskill with his wife and two year old son.

**Admissions could go to the quarter-final round at any of the top debate tournaments in the country and admit the students that were in that quarter final round. ... Put simply, the education the folks are getting in debate, if they're doing it at the highest level, and doing it for the right reasons, is unmatched.** - John Edward Sexton, fifteenth President of New York University

## Previous Director Heads for Chicago

Mr. Kevin Hamrick, Director of Debate for the District from 2003-5, has left to become a full-time debate coach at Northwestern University. Northwestern is the oldest continuous debate program in the U.S. and arguably the nation's most competitive, winning the National Debate Tournament (NDT) more than any school in the last ten years. Northwestern has claimed first place in 1994-5, 1997-99, 2000-3, and 2005. It was voted the college debate program of the decade in 2000. Mr. Hamrick's coaching talents will be missed. While in the district, he coached the team to sweep all the divisions of the State Debate Championships in 2004 and to a second place finish in 2005.

## Reflections of An Alum

Caroline Harkins (05)

I graduated from Walter Panas last June, and I am currently a freshman at Dartmouth College. I debated for the Lakeland District Debate Team throughout high school, and the skills I acquired in those four years continue to be critical as I continue with national intercollegiate debate.

My college experience so far is exciting. I work with the most successful debaters and dedicated coaching staff in the country. I have a regular travel schedule that enables me to compete against the most competitive university and college teams in the U.S. While much of my ability to debate against these teams stems from the pre-tournament preparation we do at Dartmouth, the experience and resources I acquired while at Lakeland have proven essential to my current level of competitiveness.

Lakeland debate enabled me to compete against the smartest and most skilled debaters on the national high school circuit, traveling across the country to compete against the strongest high school programs. In college debate, I find myself seeing many of the same faces I competed against in high school. The experience of national circuit high school debate has been a major factor in my ability to advance to the college level. Furthermore, I see that many of the same arguments, styles, and skills that I learned in high school are as effective as ever. While collegiate debate requires more in-depth preparation, nothing is as important as the fundamental lessons that I acquired while in the debate annex.

## Tournament Schedule

### September

Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC  
The Greenhill School, Dallas, TX

### October

Monticello, Monticello, NY  
Georgetown Day School, Washington, D.C.  
Bronx High School of Science, Bronx, NY  
St. Mark's School of Texas, Dallas, TX

### November

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI  
The Glenbrooks, Glenview, IL  
Henrick Hudson, NY

### December

University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY  
Regis High, New York, NY

### January

Ridge High School, NJ  
Lexington High School, Lexington MA

### February

Newark Science, Newark, NJ  
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

### March

\*Bishop Guertin, Nashua, NH  
District Qualifier, NY

### April

\*Woodward Academy, Atlanta, GA  
\*State Championships Albany, NY

### May

Tournament of Champions  
NCFL Grand Nationals  
\*Tentative

## District Hosts Fall Tournament

On October 28 & 29 the Lakeland District Debate Team hosted the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Westchester Classic. Over 150 competitors from 19 schools and school districts in 6 states attended the tournament. The competition served as a qualifying tournament to the prestigious Tournament of Champions at the semi-final level. Only 45 tournaments in the U.S. are selected for this honor and only 29 are selected for a semi-finals or greater qualification.

Many district debate alums returned to assist with the tournament, including **Rada Iyengyar** (98), Phd Economics, Yale, **Jim Wilson** (98), Phd Government, Princeton, Yale Law, **John Motten** (97), adjunct professor of National Security Studies at Georgetown and author of "THE ROOTS OF THE BUSH DOCTRINE: POWER, NATIONALISM, AND DEMOCRACY PROMOTION IN U.S. STRATEGY. *International Security*, Spring 2005, pp. 112 – 156," **Elaine Mahoney** (00), B.A. Fordham, **Scott Marks** (00), B.A. New Paltz, and **Mike Benz** (00), B.A. Albany/Mercy.

### Why Debate

Jason Wright (08)

The Lakeland District Debate Team is an ever-growing program that is always looking for talented individuals interested in joining. If you are interested in logical thinking, research, argumentation, and public speaking, debate might be for you. Regardless of your experience with debate or debate-related activities, consider joining the debate team:

- Debate improves public speaking abilities and can improve your communication skills in every aspect.
- Debate helps you think logically while formulating and responding to arguments.
- Debate can improve your writing and listening skills, which can help improve your grades in other subjects as well.
- In the Lakeland School District, you receive academic credit that benefits your average for each quarter you participate in debate.

## Lakeland District Debate History

Lakeland District Debate is directed by Mr. Stefan Bauschard. The District fields debaters as part of a joint Lakeland-Panas program. Stefan Bauschard also coordinates and teaches a Middle School debate program on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Formed in 1964 by William Vogel, Lakeland High School quickly moved into the upper echelon of programs both in New York and the nation. In the early 1970s, Walter Panas, under the direction of Ted Belch, quickly became one of the nation's premier teams. Greg Varley became the Director of Debate at Lakeland High School in 1982, and became the director of the Unified Lakeland District debate program in 1986. Peter Kruppenbacher, Tom Peters, and Kevin Hamrick directed the program from 1999-2005. This year we welcome our new Director, Stefan Bauschard.

## Competitive Program Highlights

- 2500+ Individual team and District awards
- 30 Trips to the NFL Championships
- 23 Trips to the Tournament of Champions
- 24 Trips to the NCFL National Championships
- 12 New York State Debate Championships (more than any other school or District in the state of New York)
- 3 National Championships
- 3 Emory University Gold Key Coaches
- Participation in over 100 different tournaments
- A member of the NFL Coaches Hall of Fame
- Over 700 students qualified to the NY State Debate Championships
- 18 NFL District Championships

### Assistant Debate Coaches

Mr. Pete Kruppenbacher (89)  
Mr. Alex Marcopoulos (00)  
Mr. Greg Varley

## 2005-6 District Debate Roster

Loren Alexander (10)	Pam Johnson (06)
Jason Anton (06)	Theodore Maulen (10)
Marina Babu (10)	Jackie Maurno (06)
Andrew Bocskosky (09)	Katie Murdock (10)
CJ Bonifanti (10)	Savannah Medlar (10)
Zach Boyd (10)	Napur Nanda (09)
Mackenzie Carroll (09)	Akhil Neti (10)
Jack Chang (10)	Nikhil Neti (10)
Patrick Cheung (10)	Ada Kozicz (08)
Erica Cullen (10)	Joe Perrotto (07)
Sabella Dela (10)	Laura Pizutto (10)
Andrew Dias (06)	Jackie Rapetti (09)
Adam Dishaw (08)	Taylor Roth (08)
Sam Dizon (10)	Chris Schiavetta (06)
Ben Faber (06)	Joe Spanier (07)
Chloe Fernandez (10)	Jenna Stewart (10)
Megan Gansfuss (10)	Eric Stone (08)
Chris Grossman (10)	Mark Tsao (10)
Alina Jamil (10)	Joanna Tsao (08)
Jonathan Jacobino (09)	Jason Wright (08)

## Middle School Program Running Strong

Each Tuesday and Thursday morning approximately 25 Copper Beach Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> graders gather to develop their debating skills. In the Fall, the students debated whether or not they should be allowed to bring water bottles to school and whether or not George Bush is a good President. In the Spring, the debaters will learn the 2006-7 high school topic and be taught the high school debating format in advanced preparation for the 2006-7 season.

## Website

The debate program is in the process of developing a website that will provide information on the Lakeland District Debate program for students, parents, administrators, and alums. One section will post the progress of our alums. If you are a alum of Lakeland District, please drop a note to SBauschard@lakelandschools.org and let us know what you have been up to. Look for the site in mid-March.

## Congratulations!

Jason Anton, Salutatorian  
Chris Schiavetta, Valedictorian

