

# LAKELAND DISTRICT DEBATE TEAM NEWSLETTER

Spring 2006

## Graduating Seniors

In June, 2006, the Lakeland District Debate team will say goodbye to several students who will graduate

- **Jason Anton**, Princeton
- **Andrew Diaz**, Wisconsin
- **Ben Faber**, Harvard
- **Pam Johnson**, Notre Dame
- **Jackie Maurno**, Delaware
- **Chris Schiavetta**, Penn

## Debaters to Spend Summers Preparing

Many members of the district debate team will spend four weeks of their summer preparing for the upcoming season. Six students will attend debate workshops where they will work 12-16 hours a day for 4 weeks researching and practicing for the upcoming season:

- Joe Perotto, Wake Forest
- Joe Spanier, Northwestern
- Adam Dishaw, Wake Forest
- Taylor Roth, Michigan
- Jason Wright, Michigan
- Joanna Tsao, Wake Forest

LDD Director will be teaching at Wake Forest.

All debaters will return to school in the middle of August for eight hour, five day a week work sessions.

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## Spring 2006 Awards & Honors

### Team (2 person) Awards

#### Jason Anton/Jackie Maurno

26<sup>th</sup>/110 Lexington High School  
52/230 Harvard

#### Joe Perotto/Joe Spanier

Semi-Finalist, State Tournament  
Quarterfinalist, Newark

#### Pam Johnson/Ben Faber

53/230 Harvard  
31/110 Lexington

#### Jason Anton/Ben Faber

Semi-finalist, Newark

#### Adam Dishaw/Jason Wright

Quarterfinalist, State Tournament

### Individual Speaker Awards

#### Jason Anton

7<sup>th</sup>, State Tournament  
3<sup>rd</sup>, Newark

#### Andrew Bocskocsky

16<sup>th</sup> Lexington HS  
9<sup>th</sup>, Newark

#### Joe Perotto

8<sup>th</sup>, Newark

#### Ben Faber

4<sup>th</sup>, Newark

#### Joe Spanier

5<sup>th</sup>, Newark

### Students Who Qualified for the State Tournament

#### Pam Johnson/Jackie Maurno

#### Napur Nanda/Jackie Rapetti

#### Taylor Roth/Adam Dishaw/Jason Wright

#### Joe Perotto/Joe Spanier

#### Ben Faber/Jason Anton

#### Andrew Bocskocsky

#### Mackenzie Carroll

## Lakeland @ Harvard

This year LHS Senior Ben Faber will be following in the footsteps of LDD alum James Wilson and attending Harvard in the Fall of 2006.

This year the LDD enjoyed success at the Harvard Invitational. Seniors Jason Anton & Jackie Maurano, seniors Ben Faber and Pam Johnson, and sophomores Jason Wright and Joanna Tsao all finished with 5-3 records. Out of 230 teams representing 57 schools and school districts from 27 states, Jason and Jackie finished 52nd, Ben and Pam finished 53rd, and Jason and Joanna finished 65th. Only one other sophomore team in the tournament (Greenhill, TX) finished higher than Jason and Joanna. Sophomores Adam Dishaw and Taylor Roth finished with a 4-4 record and in the top 100. Juniors Joe Perotto and Joe Spanier were also 4-4. Freshmen Andrew Bocosky and Mackenzie Carroll, who competed almost over their heads in the varsity division of the tournament, finished with an impressive 3-5 record.

LDD Director Stefan Bauschard and James Wilson (98) directed the policy debate tabulation room. Jim and Stefan have been directing the tournament tabulation since 1999. Radha Iyengar (98) co-directed the Lincoln-Douglas tabulation room. Radha debated at MIT after leaving the LDD.

## District Debate Website

A new district debate team website (URL below) has been developed to provide information about our program to alums, teachers, administrators, parents, and other supporters. Our site is updated weekly with new information about scheduling, competition, and alumnae developments.

## Debate Team Growth

This year we have to say goodbye to a number of very able Seniors, but we are excited about the future of our team. Twenty-four incoming freshman have already signed-up to be a part of our program!

## National Forensic League Awards

### Jason Anton

Degree of Superior Distinction

### Andrew Bocosky

Award of Honor

### Mackenzie Carroll

Award of Honor

### Adam Dishaw

Degree of Distinction

### Ben Faber

Degree of Superior Distinction

### Ada Kozicz

Award of Merit

### Jackie Maurno

Degree of Superior Distinction

### Napur Nanda

Award of Merit

### Joe Perotto

Degree of Special Distinction

### Jackie Rapetti

Award of Merit

### Taylor Roth

Degree of Distinction

### Joe Spanier

Degree of Special Distinction

### Joanna Tsao

Degree of Distinction

### Jason Wright

Degree of Distinction

## Reflections of An Alum

**Peter Beadle (89)**

I debated for Lakeland from 1985 to 1989. Our head coach then was Greg Varley. I joined the team my freshman year, after being recruited from Copper Beach Middle School the spring before. The debate team became the first thing I ever really committed myself to. Before then I had no allegiances and not much in the way of responsibilities or obligations.

Perhaps more importantly, the team gave me a place where I belonged and where I did well. In my Senior year, my partner Phil Ruedi and I won Lexington, and with Jeremy Bailenson and David Kantor we closed out States. Along the way, we competed at just about every major tournament east of the Mississippi and traveled and competed as far away as Colorado. Though I had traveled a lot as a kid with my parents, those trips were golden - simply the best experiences I had at the time.

When I graduated from Lakeland, I went to Binghamton. The plan was to go pre-med and on to medical school. Chemistry class put a stop to that aspiration, as I not only failed to emerge from the curve, but I also managed to break just about every piece of lab equipment I got my hands on. My years in debate offered an obvious alternative--one that suited my interests and abilities. I turned to the Political Science Department with my eyes set on Law School.

Thanks largely to my years on the debate team, I am now a successful attorney doing civil litigation in Manhattan and volunteering as a Small Claims Arbitrator.

While in Binghamton, I also became involved with the Binghamton Speech and Debate Team ("BSDT"). They did not have anyone with significant debate experience, and I was elected to be the Head Coach of Debate. Binghamton's program was, and still is, one of the only student run teams on the College circuit. It was a rough start at first. The team had no library of evidence to draw on and few people at Binghamton had high school debate experience of any type. So we were starting basically from scratch. Fortunately, I had been through Mr. Varley's program.

Slowly but surely, the team came together and we started winning more and more of our rounds. I remember the first time one of my teams broke into elimination rounds. It was at Cornell. I was thrilled. The following year we qualified for Novice nationals, and the rest is, as they say, history.

The skills I learned from Debate have never stopped helping me. Rhetorical and research skills, together with experience helping to run tournaments, were essential when I served as President of the University at Buffalo's International Moot Court Board. Today, as an attorney, I continue to use those same skills every day.

My thanks to Mr. Varley and all my teammates. It would not be overstating it to say that my four years on the Lakeland Debate Team were some of the most important years of my life.

**Lakeland Debate Alumnae Updates**  
**James L. Wilson (98)**

**Joshua Monten**, WPHS '93, is currently a dancer in *Bern Ballett*, based at the Stadttheater (municipal theater) of Bern, Switzerland. His most recent role there was as a swan in a contemporary version of *Swan Lake*, choreographed by Stijn Celis. He is presently working on his own choreography (a piece about the election of Pope Benedict XVI, with the performers dressed as elderly cardinals in golf clothing), which will have its premiere in Bern in June 2006. He has danced professionally for companies in Heidelberg (Germany), Amsterdam, and Thessaloniki (Greece). Mr. Monten hold degrees from Duke University (in Literature and Cultural Anthropology) and the Ohio State University (in Dance Performance and Dance History), and studied on a Rotary Scholarship at the Teatro San Martin in Buenos Aires. He is the author of "The Sermons of Francisco De Avila: Translation, Annotation and Commentary" (Duke University, 1999), "Fuehlst du, was ich fuehle? Taenzer beim Darstellen von Gefuehlen" in the *Jahrbuch der Gesellschaft fuer Tanzforschung 2006* (forthcoming), and an article in *The Body Eclectic: Emerging Practices of Dance Training* (forthcoming, Indiana University Press). Mr. Monten competed in policy debate on the Lakeland District Debate Team from 1989 to 1993.

**Joshua Eisenman**, LHS '96, is a fellow in Asia studies at the American Foreign Policy Council, and will be starting a Ph.D. program in Political Science at UCLA in the fall of 2006. Mr. Eisenman has published articles in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Newsday*, and *The Baltimore Sun*. He is also the co-editor of the forthcoming book, *China and the Developing World: Beijing's Strategy for the 21st Century*, to be published by M.E. Sharpe in 2006. Mr. Eisenman competed in Lincoln-Douglas debate on the Lakeland District Debate Team from 1992 to 1996.

**Brian Maloney**, WPHS '97, is currently a litigation associate at Seward & Kissel LLP in New York City, practicing primarily in commercial and securities litigation. Mr. Maloney earned a J.D. from Boston College Law School in 2005, and an A.B. from Dartmouth College in 2001. He competed in policy debate on the Lakeland District Debate Team from 1993 to 1997.

**Jonathan Monten**, WPHS '97, is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Government at Georgetown University. He has published a number of articles in scholarly journals on topics ranging from American foreign policy to Greek classics. He will be starting a research fellowship at Princeton University in the fall of 2006. He competed in policy debate on the Lakeland District Debate Team from 1993 to 1997.

**Radha Iyengar**, LHS '98 is currently a visiting scholar at the Centre for Economic Performance at the London School of Economics. In September, she will move the Harvard School of Public Health as a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Scholar. Dr. Iyengar is also an affiliated research fellow for the National Network to End Domestic Violence, helping provide research support for the public policy team. She serves on several government committees advising policy measures for domestic violence service providers. In the past year, she has also provided policy research support for Ben Shuldiner, a candidate for U.S. Congress in the Hudson Valley (New York 19th Congressional District). She earned her Ph.D. in Economics from Princeton University in 2006, and graduated with a B.S. in Economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2002. Dr. Iyengar competed in policy debate on the Lakeland District Debate Team from 1994 to 1998.

**James Lindley Wilson**, WPHS '98, is a J.D. candidate at Yale Law School, where he expects to graduate in 2007. He serves as Articles & Essays Editor on *The Yale Law Journal*, and has represented applicants for political asylum in immigration courts in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Mr. Wilson is also a Ph.D. candidate in Politics at Princeton University, where he earned an M.A. in 2005. He graduated from Harvard College in 2002, earning an A.B., *summa cum laude* in Social Studies. Mr. Wilson competed in policy debate on the Lakeland District Debate Team from 1994 to 1998.