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FULTON DEBATING SOCIETY

Spring 2017

Sean MacDonald wins his 3rd Fulton Medal, May 2, 2017

Sean MacDonald '17, an economics and history major from Scituate, Massachusetts, won the Fulton Medal at the 125th annual Fulton Prize Debate held on April 29th in Gasson 305.

The topic for the debate was "Resolved: That the United States should abolish the Electoral College."

Serving as the judges for this year's debate were 16 Fulton debate alumni who returned for a reunion to celebrate the 125th holding of the Fulton Prize Debate.

Debating on the affirmative with Sean MacDonald (second affirmative speaker) was Connor Coles '20 (first affirmative speaker) a political science major from Oklahoma. Debating on the negative was Jenna Bilak '19 (first negative speaker) an English major from Chicago, Illinois, and Fisher Pressman '17 (second negative speaker) a management major from Glen Mills, Pennsylvania.

The affirmative side argued the Electoral College should be abolished for three reasons. First, it claimed the Electoral College violates the principle of 1 person, 1 vote because the candidate winning the most popular votes may lose the election. This happened in five elections--1824, 1876, 1888, 2000, and 2016.

Second, the affirmative maintained that the Electoral College suppressed voting in reliably blue and red states because the candidates campaign exclusively in battleground states.

Third, the affirmative warned that the Electoral College risked having a contingent election whereby the House of Representatives selected the president and the Senate selected the vice-president. This frightful scenario could occur if there was a tie in the Electoral college vote or no candidate received 270 electoral votes.

In response, the negative side brought up several arguments in defense of the Electoral College. First, it argued the Electoral College promoted broader campaigning as compared to a direct popular election, where the candidates would campaign exclusively in big cities and ignore the states in the middle of the country.

Second, the negative argued that direct popular election without runoffs had never been successfully implemented anywhere. In elections with multiple candidates running, it is conceivable that somebody could be elected president by receiving less than 30% of the popular vote.

Third, the negative dismissed the risk of a contingent election, noting that it had not happened since 1824.

By a decisive margin, the judges voted for the affirmative side and named Sean MacDonald (the second affirmative speaker) as the top speaker and the recipient of the gold Fulton Medal. Fisher Pressman (the second negative speaker) won second place speaker honors and received the silver Gargan Medal.

Boston College places 3rd in the ACC debate tournament, April 10, 2017

The third annual Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) debate tournament was hosted by the University of Miami during March 31-April 2, 2017 in Coral Gables, Florida.

The topic for the tournament was, "Resolved: That the United States Electoral College should be abolished."

Competing for Boston College in the ACC tournament was Fisher Pressman '17 and Sean MacDonald '17.

Along with Boston College, nine other schools competed in the ACC tournament including Clemson, Duke, Florida State, Georgia Tech, University of Miami, University of Notre Dame, University of North Carolina, University of Pittsburgh, and Wake Forest University.

During the four preliminary debates, the colleges were grouped into two divisions: the Atlantic and Coastal. The top seed from each division advanced to debate in the final round.

Boston College compiled a 3-1 record during the preliminary rounds defeating Clemson, Florida State, and Notre Dame. BC's only loss was to Wake Forest in a very close debate. Boston College finished in third place overall because no school in the Coastal Division won more than 2 debates.

In the final round, Wake Forest (4-0) defeated the University of Miami (4-0) in a 3-0 decision.

Fulton Debate reaches quarter-finals at ADA Nationals, March 16, 2017

Boston College reached the quarter-finals in the novice division at the 30th annual American Debate Association's national tournament hosted by George Mason University during March 11-13, 2017.

A partial list of schools competing at ADA nationals included Emory, Georgetown, Harvard, Navy, Northwestern, University of Georgia, University of Miami, University of Minnesota, and Wake Forest.

Debating in novice for Boston College was Nicholas Wong '20 and Claire Wortsman '20. After the preliminary round competition, Wong & Wortsman were the 9th seeded team. In the octa-finals, Wong & Wortsman debating on the affirmative defeated Liberty in a split decision.

In the quarter-finals, Wong & Wortsman were defeated in a unanimous decision by George Mason, who was the top seeded team.

In a very strong novice division, Claire Wortsman received third place speaker honors.

Fulton Debate reaches quarter-finals at CEDA East Regionals, February 20, 2017

Boston College reached the quarter-finals in novice at the Cross-Examination Debate Association's (CEDA) East regional championship tournament held at Binghamton University in Vestal, New York during February 17-19, 2017.

A partial list of teams competing included Binghamton, Cornell, The New School, New York University, the University of Rochester, University of Vermont, and the United States Military Academy.

Claire Wortsman '20 and Jane Wu '20 debating for Boston College at the CEDA East regionals compiled a 4-2 record during the preliminary debates defeating teams from Liberty (twice), New York University, and Army.

Worstman and Wu received a bye into the quarter-finals where they were locked on the affirmative side against Army. In a 3-0 decision, Army defeated BC and went on to win the tournament by defeating Cornell in finals.

Claire Wortsman received 10th place speaker honors.

Fulton Debate wins Cornell Tournament; Coles top speaker! February 13, 2107

Boston College won the Junior Varsity division of the Cornell University Debate Tournament held in Ithaca, New York during February 11-12, 2017.

Debating in JV for Boston College was Conner Coles, '20 and Jenna Bilak, '19. During the preliminary debates, Coles & Bilak compiled a record of 5-1, defeating teams from Cornell, New York University, Rutgers, Wilkes, and Binghamton. Coles & Bilak were the top seeded team entering the elimination rounds.

In the semi-finals, BC debating on the negative side defeated New School in a 3-0 decision. This set up a final round between the two top seeded teams, BC and NYU. BC was locked negative because the two teams met during the preliminary rounds. Debating on the negative, NYU handed BC their only loss during the preliminary debates.

In the final round, BC avenged their loss to NYU by defeating them in a fast, and decisive 3-0 decision. Previous Fultonians in recent years who were JV champions at Cornell include Michael Holland & Alexander Tingle (2012) and Brendan Benedict and Sean O'Hara (2009).

In the novice division, Nicholas Wong, '20 & Daniel Moyer, '20 also turned in a strong performance. They defeated Rutgers in the octa finals and were defeated in the quarter finals by George Mason, who went on to win the tournament.

Fultonians also won individual speaker awards at Cornell. Connor Coles was named the top speaker in Junior Varsity and Jenna Bilak won 5th place speaker honors.

Fall 2016

Norfolk Inmates defeat Fulton Debate, December 5, 2016

The Norfolk Prison Debating Society defeated Fulton Debate in a Toastmasters style debate competition held at MCI-Norfolk on December 3, 2016. This debate was historic in two respects. It marked the first time that Fulton Debate has competed against inmates and it was the first debate competition for the Norfolk inmates versus a college debate team since 1963.

Like Fulton Debate, the Norfolk Debating Society has a long and distinguished history. The debating team was established in 1933 when the prison was called the Norfolk Prison Colony. Norfolk prison's most famous debater is Malcolm X who served time for committing a robbery during the late 1940s. Malcom X credits his participation in the debating society for developing his public speaking skills.

From the 1940s to the early 1960s, the Norfolk Prison debate team compiled a record of 144 wins and 8 losses, including victories over Yale, Princeton, West Point Oxford, MIT and Harvard.

To revitalize the tradition of debating other colleges, Daniel Throop, the Norfolk Team Captain, wrote a letter this summer inviting Boston College to participate in a debate. The Fulton accepted and agreed to debate them on the topic, "Resolved: The United States should impose a carbon tax on greenhouse gas emissions." Norfolk elected to debate on the pros side in favor of imposing a carbon tax and Boston College argued the con side against the carbon tax.

The five members of the Fulton Debating Society competing in the Norfolk prison debate were Kelvin Lin, '19, Jenna Bilak, '19, Sean MacDonald, '17, Naveen Senthilkumar, '17, and Harrison Kenner, '18.

The debate was held in an auditorium with a large audience of inmates who enthusiastically cheered on their prison debate team. A team of reporters from WBUR audio-taped the debate and interviewed the participants.

The Toastmasters format consists of five debaters on each side, with all the participants giving one speech. Each side gives two constructive speeches (8 to 10 minutes), two rebuttal speeches (4 to 6 minutes), and two closing speeches (30 to 90 seconds).

Judges award points to each individual speaker on a scale of 1 to 5. Any speech that violates the times limits by 30 seconds, either over or under time, receives zero points.

The judges for the Norfolk prison debate were George Manoogian (Toastmasters International), Dr. Gary Donato (Bentley College) and Dr. Kaia Stern (Harvard University). By a score of 86.8 to 86.2, the judges awarded the debate to the Norfolk inmates.

For additional information about the debate program, contact John Katsulas at X2-4298 or by e-mail at katsulas@bc.edu.

Fulton Debate defeats Notre Dame to reclaim University Club Championship, 11-14-16

Boston College defeated the University of Notre Dame in the 13th annual Percy. S. Douglas Memorial Debate held on November 9th at the University Club in New York City. Four members of the Fulton Debating Society participated in the debate: Fisher Pressman, Naveen Senthilkumar, Sean MacDonald, and Harrison Kenner.

The University Debates utilizes a parliamentary style of debating, where speakers are allowed to interrupt during their opponents' constructive speeches by raising points of information. Each side is represented by 4 debaters. The first six speeches are seven minutes in length with each side giving a five minute rebuttal.

The motion for the debate was, "Resolved: This house believes that the legal drinking age should be lowered to 18 years of age." A month prior to the debate, a coin flip determined the sides for the debate. Boston College was assigned the role of the Opposition, meaning it opposed the lowering of the legal drinking age to 18; the University of Notre Dame acted as the Government and advocated for lowering the drinking age.

The debate was moderated by the Hon. Andrew P. Napolitano, who is a senior judicial analyst for Fox News and a distinguished visiting professor at [Brooklyn Law School](#). Previously, Napolitano served on the New Jersey bench and was the state's youngest then-sitting Superior Court judge.

Boston College was invited to compete in the Percy. S. Douglas Memorial Debate by Michael Devlin who is a 1988 graduate of Boston College as well as a member of the Boston College Board of Trustees.

To support the Government side, Notre Dame argued that the minimum legal drinking age of 21 violated the rights of 18 to 20 year olds and promoted binge drinking in secretive locations. Boston College responded by citing empirical studies proving that the 21 year old legal drinking age substantially reduced the rate of binge drinking and the number of fatal car accidents involving 18 to 20 year olds.

The judges for the debate were the members of the University Club, who by a vote of 97 to 4, resoundingly declared Boston College the winner of the debate. This also marked the first time that a college became a repeat winner.

After the debate, the University Club treated all the participants to a spectacular lobster dinner and a tour of the opulent library and meeting spaces of the University Club building.

As the champion of the University Debates, Boston College will have their name etched on a large sterling silver trophy that is housed at the club and be invited back next year to compete against a new opponent.

Fulton Debate reaches semi-finals at ADA Fall Championship! November 20, 2016

Fulton Debate reached the semi-finals in the open division of the American Debate Association's Fall Championship tournament held at Clarion University in Clarion Pennsylvania during November 18-20, 2016.

Debating for Boston College at Clarion was Jenna Bilak, '19 and Connor Coles, '20. During the preliminary rounds, Bilak & Coles were 4-2 defeating teams from the University of Miami, University of Minnesota, University of Mary Washington, and the United States Naval Academy.

As the third seed, Boston College received a bye into the semi-finals, where they met the University of Minnesota. Debating on the affirmative side, the University of Minnesota defeated Bilak & Coles in a unanimous decision. In the finals, Minnesota defeated the University of Mary Washington.

Fultonians also won individual speaker awards at Clarion. Connor Coles was named the 3rd best speaker in open and Claire Wortsman, debating in her first tournament, was named 3rd best speaker in the novice division.

Fulton Debate reaches quarter-finals in Junior Varsity at Liberty! November 8, 2016

Fulton Debate advanced two teams to the quarter-finals in the junior varsity division of the Liberty University Debate tournament held in Lynchburg, Virginia during November 4-6, 2016.

A partial listing of schools competing at Liberty included Army, Dartmouth, Georgetown, New York University, Vanderbilt, Navy, the University of Georgia, the University of Pittsburgh, and Wake Forest.

Debating for Boston College at Clarion was Jenna Bilak, '19 and Connor Coles, '20. During the preliminary rounds, Bilak & Coles were 5-1 defeating teams from the University of West Virginia, Liberty, the United States Military Academy, Wayne State, and George Mason.

In the quarter-finals, Bilak & Coles met the University of Florida. Debating on the negative side, the University of Florida defeated Bilak & Coles in a split decision.

Myles Casey & William Nouse also reached the quarter finals in junior varsity. During the preliminary rounds, Casey & Nouse were 4-2, defeating teams from George Mason, the University of Mary Washington, the University of Miami, and Binghamton.

In the quarter-finals, Casey & Nouse debating on the affirmative, were defeated by George Mason in a unanimous decision.

Fultonians receiving speaker awards at Liberty included Connor Coles (2nd speaker), Jenna Bilak (11th speaker) and Myles Casey (13th speaker).

Fulton Debate wins West Point Tournament; Sabre returns to the Heights! 10/10/2016

Boston College began its 2016-2017 debate season in spectacular fashion by winning the varsity division of the 50th annual West Point Debate Tournament held during 7-9 October 2016 at the United States Military Academy in Highland Falls, New York.

Harrison Kenner, '18 & Fisher Pressman, '17 won the West Point tournament, despite losing their first two preliminary debates. The first two rounds of the tournament were randomly paired and the computer matched Kenner & Pressman against a Rutgers team who went 6-0 and a Liberty team who was 5-1 and reached the finals. With their backs against the wall, Kenner & Pressman rallied to defeat two teams from New York University and the University of Rochester to qualify for the elimination debates.

It was during the preliminary rounds that Kenner & Pressman achieved their momentum. In the octa finals, Boston College won the coin flip and chose the affirmative side against Cornell. In a split decision, Kenner & Pressman won the debate. In the quarter finals, BC won another coins toss and chose to debate on the negative versus the 2nd seed from James Madison. In another split decision, BC defeated James Madison. In the semi-finals, BC lost the coin flip to Rutgers who opted to defend the affirmative side. In another split, decision BC prevailed.

In the final round, Kenner & Pressman met Liberty. Boston College was locked affirmative because they already debated Liberty on the negatives side during round one. As per tradition, the final round of the West Point tournament is judged by a panel of military experts. This year's judging panel was headed by Colonel Everett Spain who is the Department Head of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership at the Academy. He was joined by Major Adam Kerr (a former West Point debater) and Major Delante Moore.

In the final round, Boston College advocated a plan to impose a \$15 dollar per ton carbon tax on greenhouse gas emissions as a strategy for solving global warming. Twenty percent of the revenue from the carbon tax was devoted to increasing funding for research and development of clean energy technologies by the Department of Energy. The remaining revenue provided tax cuts to business and income support to low income persons adversely affected by higher energy prices.

In a 3-0 decision, the judges voted for Boston College and presented the debaters with a beautiful traveling trophy--a ceremonial West Point sabre encased in a wooden box with the names of previous tournament winners engraved on gold plates on all four sides of the trophy.

This marked the fourth time that Fulton Debate has won the West Point Tournament. It also won in 2002, 2003, and 2010.

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Sean MacDonald repeats as 2016 Fulton Medal winner (4.26.16)

Sean MacDonald '17, an economics and history major from Scituate, Massachusetts, won the Fulton Medal at the 124th annual Fulton Prize Debate held on April 26th in Gasson 305.

The topic for the debate was "Resolved: That the United States should significantly decrease its military presence in Japan."

Serving as the judges were Matthew Bartholomae '12 (attorney and Fulton Debate alum), Prof. Rita Rosenthal (Communication Department) and Dr. Anjali Vats (Communication Department).

Debating on the affirmative with Sean MacDonald was Jenna Bilak '19, an English major from Chicago, who was the first affirmative speaker. Debating on the negative was Naveen Senthilkumar '18, an economics major from Shrewsbury, Massachusetts and Fisher Pressman '17, a management major from Glen Mills, Pennsylvania.

The affirmative side advocated a plan to significantly decrease the U.S. Marine presence in Okinawa by closing the Futenma Marine Corp Air Station base, relocating 11,000 marines back to the United States, and halting the construction of a new military base at Henoko.

Decreasing the U.S. Marine presence in Okinawa, the affirmative argued, was beneficial for two reasons. First, it claimed that closing the Futenma base was vital to quelling the growing anti-base movements in Okinawa. The affirmative argued that, should an Osprey aircraft operating out of Futenma crash into a nearby school building, the anti-base movements would grow stronger and force the closure of more important U.S. bases than Futenma. Second, the affirmative argued that the construction of a new military base at Henoko would harm relations with China and preclude U.S.-Sino cooperation to solve global problems like North Korean proliferation and global warming.

The negative side argued that retaining the status quo level of Marines was vital to preserving a strong deterrent against Chinese aggression in the region and maintaining the credibility of the U.S. extended deterrence to Japan and other allies. The negative claimed that withdrawing the Marines would jeopardize the security of Japan and cause it to acquire nuclear weapons.

In a 2-1 decision, the judges voted for the affirmative side and named Sean MacDonald (the second affirmative speaker) as the top speaker and the recipient of the gold Fulton Medal. Fisher Pressman (the second negative speaker) won second place speaker honors and received the silver Gargan Medal.

The 2016 Prize Debate replicated the same winners as 2015 when MacDonald won the Fulton Medal and Pressman won the Gargan. As per tradition, since MacDonald's name already appears on the Gasson wall, Pressman's name will be painted in the space for 2016.

Boston College ties for 3rd place in the ACC debate tournament (4.20.16)

The second annual Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) debate tournament was hosted by the University of North Carolina during April 16-17 at the Rizzo Conference Center of the [Kenan-Flagler Business School](#) in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

The topic for the tournament was, "Resolved: That the United States should adopt substantially more restrictive gun control regulations, including a prohibition on carrying firearms on college campuses."

Competing for Boston College in the ACC tournament was Fisher Pressman '17 and Sean MacDonald '17.

Along with Boston College, nine other schools competed in the ACC tournament including Duke, Florida State, Georgia Tech, University of Miami, University of Notre Dame, University of North Carolina, University of Pittsburgh, University of Virginia and Wake Forest University.

During the four preliminary debates, the colleges were grouped into two divisions: the Atlantic and Coastal. The University of Virginia was moved from the Coastal to the Atlantic Division to even off the number of teams in each division. The top seed from each division advanced to debate in the final round.

Boston College compiled a 3-1 record during the preliminary rounds defeating Florida State, the University of Virginia and Notre Dame. BC's only loss was to Wake Forest in a very close debate. BC had the second best record in the Atlantic Division, but did not advance to the final round due to its loss to Wake Forest.

In the final round, Wake Forest (4-0) defeated the University of Miami (3-1) in a 3-0 decision.

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Fulton Prize Debate Announcement (4.15.16)

The Fulton Debating Society will hold the 124th Annual Fulton Prize Debate on Tuesday, April 26th at 7: 00 pm in the Fulton Debate Room (Gasson 305). The Prize Debate will feature a debate on the topic "Resolved: The United States should significantly decrease its military presence in Japan."

Four members of the Fulton Debating Society will participate in the debate. Debating on the affirmative side will be Jenna Bilak '19 and Sean MacDonald '17 and debating on the negative side will be Naveen Senthilkumar '18 and Fisher Pressman '17.

The best speaker of the debate will be awarded the gold plated Fulton Medal, and have their name painted high above the wall of the Fulton Debating Room, where the names of previous winners dating back to 1890 appear. The second place speaker will receive the silver Gargan Medal.

The judges for this year's debate will be Matthew Bartholomae '12 (Fultonian & attorney), Rita Rosenthal (Communication professor), and Anjali Vats (Communication professor).

The debate should last approximately one hour.

Fulton Debate wins ADA national Championship (3.15.16)

Sean MacDonald & Fisher Pressman won the Junior Varsity division of the 2016 American Debate Association's national championship hosted by Boston College during March 11-13.

Twenty-two schools competed at ADA nationals, including Cornell, Emory, Georgetown, Harvard, Northwestern, University of Georgia, University of Kentucky, University of Miami (Florida), University of Minnesota, Vanderbilt, Wake Forest and the US Naval Academy.

In the junior varsity division, MacDonald & Pressman were the top seed after compiling a 5-1 record during the preliminary rounds defeating teams from George Mason (twice), Liberty (twice), and Vanderbilt.

In the semi-finals, MacDonald & Pressman were locked negative against George Mason, who advocated a plan to reduce US military presence to a "light presence" in the Persian Gulf. In a 2-1, decision Boston College prevailed.

In the final round, MacDonald & Pressman faced a Liberty team who had been their nemesis all year, having defeated them in the elimination rounds at both the Mary Washington and Navy tournaments. This time, however, BC debating on the affirmative side, vanquished Liberty in a unanimous decision, and for winning the tournament, they were awarded a large, silver cup, traveling trophy named after Frank G. Harrison.

Professor Harrison had a distinguished career and was a devoted teacher and friend of the American Debate Association. He reached the finals of the National Debate Tournament in 1961 (losing to Laurence Tribe), he graduated from Harvard Law school in 1964, he was elected to the US House of Representative from Pennsylvania in 1982 (serving one term), and he served as the president of the ADA (2000-2004) and the Director of Debate for Trinity University (1988-2006).

Fisher Pressman & Sean MacDonald also earned individual speaker awards with Pressman receiving 8th place speaker honors and MacDonald being named the 9th best speaker.

In the other divisions at ADA nationals, Harvard defeated Emory to win the varsity division and Liberty defeated George Mason to capture the novice title.

Boston College reaches quarter-finals at Navy (1.20.16)

Boston College reached the quarter finals in junior varsity at the 57th annual Crowe-Warken debate tournament held at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, during January 16-18, 2016.

A partial list of teams competing at the tournament included Emory, Gonzaga, United States Military Academy, the University of Georgia, the University of Miami (Florida), University of Kentucky, the University of Minnesota, University of Pittsburgh, Vanderbilt, and Wake Forest.

Debating at Navy, Fisher Pressman '17 & Sean MacDonald '17 were 6-2 record during the preliminary rounds defeating teams from the United States Military Academy, George Mason,

Liberty, University of Minnesota, Missouri State and James Madison.

Pressman & MacDonald received a bye during the octa finals. In the quarter finals, Pressman & Macdonald faced a Liberty team that had defeated during the preliminary rounds and also in the semi-finals at the University of Mary Washington. Debating on the negative, BC lost again to Liberty in a 3-0 decision.

Sean MacDonald received individual speaker recognition by receiving 10th place speaker honors.

Fall 2015

Fulton Debate reaches semi-finals at ADA Fall championship (11.16.15)

Boston College reached the semi-finals at the American Debate Association's fall championship held in Winston-Salem, North Carolina during November 14-16, 2015. A partial list of teams competing in the ADA fall championship included George Mason, James Madison, Navy, University of Georgia, University of Miami (Florida), University of Michigan, University of Minnesota, University of Washington, and the University of Mary Washington, Vanderbilt, and West Point.

Jena Bilak & Naveen Senthilkumar were 5-1 during the preliminary debates defeating teams from Army, Clarion, Indiana, and James Madison (twice). As the second seed, Bilak & Senthilkumar received a bye during the partial octa finals round. In the quarter finals, Bilak & Senthilkumar debating on the negative defeated Vanderbilt in a 2-1 decision. In the semi-finals, Bilak & Senthilkumar debated on the negative against George Mason, who advocated a plan to reduce US military presence in the Persian Gulf.

In a unanimous decision, George Mason prevailed and lost in the final round to Wayne State University. Both Boston College debaters received individual speaker awards, with Naveen Senthilkumar winning 2nd place speaker honors and Jenna Bilak capturing 10th place honors.

Fulton Debate wins University Club Debate (11.12.15)

Boston College defeated the University of Pennsylvania (last year's winner) in the 12th annual Percy. S. Douglas Memorial Debate held at the University Club in New York City. Four members of the Fulton Debating Society participated in the debate: Fisher Pressman, Naveen Senthilkumar, Sean MacDonald, and Harrison Kenner.

The University Debates utilized a parliamentary style of debating, whereby speakers were allowed to interrupt during their opponents' constructive speeches by raising points of information. Each side was represented by 4 debaters. The first six speeches were seven minutes in length with each side giving a five minute rebuttal.

The motion for the debate was, "This house believes that there should be a limit to the amount of money that any individual candidate or affiliated entity may contribute toward any campaign or political cause." A month prior to the debate, a coin flip determined the sides for the debate.

Boston College was assigned the role of the Government, meaning it supported limits on campaign donations; the University of Pennsylvania acted as the Opposition and advocated against any limits on campaign donations.

The debate was moderated by the Hon. Andrew P. Napolitano, who is a senior judicial analyst for Fox News and a distinguished visiting professor at Brooklyn Law School. Previously, Napolitano served on the New Jersey bench and was the state's youngest then-sitting Superior Court judge.

Boston College was invited to compete in the Percy. S. Douglas Memorial Debate by Michael Devlin who is a 1988 graduate of Boston College as well as a member of the Boston College Board of Trustees.

To support the Government side, Boston College argued that limits on campaign donations were required to prevent billionaires like the Koch brothers from exerting undue influence on the legislative process. Boston College also claimed that limits were necessary to restore public confidence in the electoral system, citing opinion polls showing overwhelming support for imposing limits on campaign donations by political action committees.

The judges for the debate were the members of the University Club, who by a show of hands, awarded the debate to Boston College. After the debate, the University Club treated all the participants to a spectacular lobster dinner and a tour of the opulent library and meeting spaces of the University Club building.

As the champion of the University Debates, Boston College will have their name etched on a large sterling silver trophy that is housed at the club and be invited back next year to compete against a new opponent. No team has ever won back to back University Club Debates and Fulton Debate welcomes the opportunity to break the streak.

Novice team reaches quarter-finals at Liberty (11.10.15)

SeungWan Kang and Christopher Yu reached the quarter-finals in the novice division at the Liberty University Debate Tournament held in Lynchburg, Virginia during November 6-8, 2015. A partial list of teams competing at Liberty included Army, Dartmouth, George Mason, James Madison, Navy, Vanderbilt, and Wake Forest.

During the preliminary debates, Kang and Yu were 4-2 and were the sixth seeded team. Boston College received a bye during the octa-finals and met Liberty in the quarter-finals. Boston College lost the flip and Liberty chose to debate on the affirmative. Liberty advocated a plan to prohibit the use of drones from Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti. In a 3-0 decision, Liberty prevailed and ultimately won the tournament.

Debating in only his second college tournament, SeungWan Kang received 6th place speaker honors.

Fulton Debate reaches quarter finals at West Point (10.27.15)

Boston College reached the quarter-finals in the varsity division at the 49th annual United States Military Academy Tournament held at West Point in Highland Falls, New York. A partial list of teams competing at West Point included Binghamton, Cornell, George Mason, James Madison, New York University, University of Miami (Florida), University of Rochester, and the University of Washington (Seattle).

Debating in varsity at West Point, Ryan Carelli, '17 & Harrison Kenner, '18 were 5-1 during the preliminary rounds defeating teams from the University of Washington (twice), George Mason (twice) and Binghamton.

In the octa finals, Carelli & Kenner received a bye into the quarter finals where they were locked affirmative against George Mason. In a 2-1 decision, BC lost to George Mason on a dubious topicality argument claiming that the plan was not a significant enough reduction of U.S. military presence. The only consolation was that the best judge on the panel voted for BC.

Ryan Carelli & Harrison Kenner also earned individual speaker awards with Carelli receiving 10th place speaker honors and Kenner being named the 9th best speaker.

Boston College next travels to Liberty University during November 6-8, 2015.

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Fulton Debate reaches semi-finals at University of Mary Washington (10.15.15)

Fulton Debate opened its new season in a successful manner by reaching the semi-finals in junior varsity at the University of Mary Washington Tournament held over October 9-12, 2015

The debate topic for the 2015-2016 academic year is, "Resolved: The United States should significantly reduce its military presence in one or more of the following: the Arab states of the Persian Gulf, the Greater Horn of Africa, Northeast Asia." Boston College teams advocate withdrawing 11,000 Marines from Okinawa, as well as, closing the Futenma Airforce base.

Debating in junior varsity at Mary Washington, Sean MacDonald '17 & Fisher Pressman, '17 compiled a 5-3 record during the preliminary rounds defeating teams from Cornell, James Madison, the University of Miami (Florida), and Liberty (twice).

In the quarter finals, MacDonald & Pressman debating on the negative defeated George Mason in a 3-0 decision. George Mason advocated a plan to reduce US military presence in the Persian Gulf, claiming that doing so would reduce anti-Americanism and alleviate Iranian fears of US containment. Boston College persuaded the judges that withdrawing US military

presence would cause Saudi Arabia to acquire nuclear weapons and embolden Iran to be more aggressive toward its neighbors in the Persian Gulf.

In the semi-finals, Boston College was locked negative against Liberty who argued an unconventional affirmative position. Liberty refused to defend a topical affirmative plan and instead, argued that current debate practices were unsound and that the judges should vote for them to support their project to reform debate practices. McDonald & Pressman argued that Liberty should lose on topicality and advocated a counter-plan to hold a debate summit to reach agreement on how to reform debate. In a 2-1 decision, the judges voted for Liberty.

Boston College next travels to West Point during October 23-25, 2015.

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Spring 2015

Fulton Prize Debate Winner (4.22.15)

For information on the Fulton Prize Debate Winner, please read [this announcement](#).

Fulton Prize Debate Announcement (3.27.15)

The Fulton Debating Society cordially invites you to attend the 123rd annual Fulton Prize Debate to be held on Thursday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m. in Gasson 305. The Prize Debate will feature a debate on the topic, "Resolved: The United States should legalize marijuana."

Four members of the Fulton Debating Society will participate in the debate: Ryan Carelli '17, Sean MacDonald '17, Fisher Pressman '17, and Myles Casey '17.

The best speaker of the debate will be awarded the gold-plated Fulton Medal and have their name painted high above the wall of the Fulton Debating Room, where the names of previous winners dating back to 1890 appear. The second place speaker will receive the Gargan medal.

Judging the debate will be Dr. Robert Rosenthal (Chair of Communication at Suffolk and 1973 Fulton Prize Debater, Dr. Celeste Wells (Communication Department) and Mario Powell, S.J. (2000 Fulton Prize winner).

Another tradition of the Fulton Prize Debate is to honor the recipient of the Fultonian of the Year Award. This award is presented to a member of the Boston College community who has supported the ideals of the society. We are proud to announce that Professor Rita Rosenthal of the Communication Department will be honored as the Fultonian of the Year.

The debate should last approximately one hour. Following the debate, there will be a brief question and answer session, where audience members will have an opportunity to ask questions.

Fulton Debate advances four teams to elimination rounds at Navy (1.21.2015)

Boston College advanced teams to the elimination rounds in all 3 divisions at the 56th annual Crowe-Warken debate tournament held at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, during January 17-19, 2015.

A partial list of teams competing at the tournament included Dartmouth, Georgetown, George Washington, Northwestern, the United States Military Academy, the University of Georgia, the University of Miami (Florida), University of Michigan, the University of Minnesota, University of Pittsburgh, Vanderbilt, and Wake Forest.

In the varsity division, Ryan Carelli '17 & Harrison Kenner '18 reached the quarter finals by defeating Georgia State in the double-octas and defeating Northwestern in the octa finals. They were defeated in the quarter finals by James Madison.

In the Junior Varsity division, Boston College advanced 2 teams to the elimination rounds.

Fisher Pressman '17 & Sean MacDonald '17 were 6-2 during the preliminary debates defeating Army, Clarion, George Mason, James Madison, Miami (Florida), & West Virginia. Myles Casey '17 & Naveen Senthilkumar '18 were 5-3 during the preliminary debates defeating Army (twice), James Madison (twice), and West Virginia.

During the elimination rounds, Pressman & MacDonald reached the semi-finals by receiving a bye in the octa finals and defeating George Washington in the quarter finals. Rutgers defeated them in semi-finals. Casey & Senthikumar reached the quarter finals by defeating Miami (Florida) in the octa finals. In the quarter finals, they lost to Rutgers.

In the novice division, Nick Janigian '16 and Will Nouse '17 were 5-3 during the preliminary debates and reached the octa finals, where they lost to Liberty.

Receiving individual speaker awards at Navy were Harrison Kenner (8th speaker, varsity) and Naveen Senthikumar (9th speaker, junior varsity).

Fulton Debate will next compete at Monmouth University during January 30-February 1, 2015 (Super Bowl weekend).

Fall 2014

Fulton Debate reaches quarter-finals at West Virginia (11.17.14)

Boston College advanced two teams to the quarter-finals in the Junior Varsity division of the Mountaineer Debate Tournament held during November 14-16, 2014, at West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia.

A partial list of teams competing at the tournament included Army, Binghamton, George Mason, James Madison, New York University, the University of Miami (Florida), the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Rochester, the University of Washington, and Vanderbilt.

Debating in Junior Varsity, Fisher Pressman '17 & Ryan Carelli '17 compiled a 5-1 record during the preliminary rounds defeating teams from the New York University, Liberty (twice), James Madison, and Binghamton. Myles Casey '17 & Sean MacDonald '17, also debating in Junior Varsity, were 5-1 during the preliminary debates defeating teams from the United States Military Academy, Liberty, Binghamton, Monmouth, and New York University. Both teams received byes into the quarter-finals.

In the quarter-finals, Casey and MacDonald were locked affirmative against New York University. In a 2-1 decision, New York University prevailed. In the other quarter-final debate, Carelli and Pressman lost the coin flip with Liberty, and Liberty opted to debate on the negative side. In another 2-1 decision, Liberty won the debate and avenged their loss to BC in the quarter finals at the Liberty Tournament. In the final round, Liberty defeated George Mason to win the tournament.

Boston College debaters also received individual speaker recognition. Sean MacDonald earned sixth place speaker honors and Ryan Carelli was named the tenth best speaker.

West Virginia concludes the fall debate tournament travel for Boston College. Next semester, Fulton Debate will open its season by competing at the United States Naval Academy tournament during January 16-18, 2015.

Fulton Debate reaches semi-finals at Liberty (11.4.14)

Boston College advanced to the semi-finals in the Junior Varsity division of the Liberty University Debate Tournament held during October 31 to November 2, 2014 in Lynchburg, Virginia.

A partial list of teams competing at the tournament included Emory, Georgetown, George Mason, the United States Military Academy, the United States Naval Academy, the University of Georgia, the University of Mary Washington, the University of Miami (Florida), the University of Minnesota, Vanderbilt, and Wake Forest.

Debating in Junior Varsity, Fisher Pressman '17 & Naveen Senthikumar '18 compiled a 4-2 record during the preliminary rounds defeating teams from the University of Minnesota, Wayne State, Vanderbilt, and The United States Military Academy.

In the elimination rounds, Pressman & Senthikumar received a bye into the quarter-finals where they faced a Liberty team who had defeated them in round 2. However, this time debating on the affirmative, Pressman & Senthikumar defeated Liberty in a 2-1 decision. In the semi-finals, BC lost the coin flip and George Mason elected to debate on the negative. Both teams ran marijuana legalization as their affirmative case. In a 3-0 decision, George Mason defeated Boston College.

Myles Casey '17 & Sean MacDonald '17 also reached the elimination rounds in Junior Varsity. In the octa finals, Casey & MacDonald defeated Liberty in a 3-0 decision. Casey & MacDonald were defeated in the quarter-finals by West Georgia, who went on to win the tournament.

Fulton Debate will conclude its fall tournament travel by competing at the West Virginia tournament during November 14-16, 2014.

Fulton Debate wins University of Mary Washington Tournament (10.14.14)

Boston College won the Junior Varsity division of the University of Mary Washington Tournament held during October 10-12, 2014 in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Teams competing at the tournament included Georgetown, George Washington, The United States Naval Academy, Wake Forest University, and the University of Mary Washington.

The intercollegiate debate topic for the 2014-2015 season is, "Resolved: The United States should legalize all or nearly all of one or more of the following in the United States: marihuana, prostitution, online gambling, the sale of human organs, physician assisted suicide."

At the University of Mary Washington tournament, Myles Casey, '17 & Fisher Pressman, '17 advocated a plan to legalize marijuana. During the preliminary rounds, Casey & Pressman were 6-0 defeating teams from the US Naval Academy (twice), George Washington (twice) and the University of Mary Washington (twice).

In the final round, Boston College debating on the negative defeated George Washington in a 3-0 decision. George Washington also advocated for marijuana legalization.

Fulton Debate next travels to the United States Military Academy in Highland Falls, New York during October 17-19, 2014.

Spring 2014

Alexander Tingle wins Fulton Medal (4.30.14)

Alexander Tingle '14, a Carroll School of Management honors major from Ontario, Canada, won the Fulton Medal at the 122nd annual Fulton Prize Debate held on April 29th in Gasson 305.

The topic for the debate was "Resolved: The National Labor Relations Board should uphold the right of collegiate football teams to unionize." Serving as the judges were Joseph Bowden (Fulton Debater, 2001-2005), Dr. Ashley Duggan (Communication Department) and Mario Powell, S.J. (2000 Fulton Prize winner).

Debating on the affirmative side was Amanda Sie'17, an undeclared major from Washington State, and Ryan Carelli'17, a physics major from Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. Debating on the negative side with Alexander Tingle was Sean MacDonald '17, an economics major from Scituate, Massachusetts.

The affirmative side argued unionization was necessary to force the NCAA and colleges to provide football players with guaranteed scholarships, stipends, long-term health insurance, and other benefits. The negative side argued the NCAA would adopt reforms to redress some of these grievances and that unionization would impose new costs on athletic programs that would force colleges to cut non-revenue sports teams.

In a unanimous decision, the judges voted for the negative side and named Alexander Tingle as the top speaker and the recipient of the gold Fulton Medal. Sean Macdonald won second place speaker honors and received the silver Gargan Medal.

After the debate, Dr. William Stanwood was honored as the 2014 Fultonian of the Year. Dr. Stanwood was praised for his outstanding teaching and expertise in television production and for producing the 2012 alumni reunion video for the Fulton Debating Society. Dr. Stanwood is retiring after teaching for 38 years in the Communication Department.

Last evening, Fulton Debate also announced the winners of its annual debate awards. The Joseph F. Quinn Award for Outstanding First Year Debater was given to Amanda Sie and Ryan Carelli. The Kevin P. Duffy Award for Excellence in Debate went to Sean MacDonald. The Joseph T. McLaughlin Award for Outstanding Public Debater went to Alexander Tingle and Michael Maerowitz.

Fulton Prize Debate Announcement (4.15.14)

The Fulton Debating Society cordially invites you to attend the 122nd annual Fulton Prize Debate to be held on Tuesday, April 29th, at 6:00 p.m. in Gasson 305. The Prize Debate will feature a debate on the topic "Resolved: The National Labor Relations Board should uphold the right of collegiate football teams to unionize."

Four members of the Fulton Debating Society will participate in the debate: Ryan Carelli '17, Sean MacDonald '17, Amanda Sie '17 & Alexander Tingle '14.

The best speaker of the debate will be awarded the gold-plated Fulton Medal and have their name painted high above the wall of the Fulton Debating Room, where the names of previous winners dating back to 1890 appear. The second place speaker will receive the Gargan Medal.

Judging the debate will be Joseph Bowden (Fulton Debater, 2001-2005), Dr. Ashley Duggan (Communication Department professor) and Mario Powell, S.J. (2000 Fulton Prize winner).

Another tradition of the Fulton Prize Debate is to honor the winner of the Fultonian of the Year Award. This award is presented to a member of the Boston College community who has supported the ideals of the society. We are proud to announce that Dr. William Stanwood of the Communication Department, who is retiring this year after teaching more than 30 years at BC, will be recognized as the Fultonian of the Year.

The debate should last approximately one hour. Following the debate, there will be a brief question and answer session, where audience members will have an opportunity to ask questions.

Fulton Debate reaches quarter-finals at ADA Nationals (3.25.14)

Fulton Debate made it to the quarter-finals in the novice division at the 27th annual American Debate Association National Tournament hosted by Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia during March 14-16, 2014.

A partial list of schools competing at ADA nationals included Georgetown, George Mason, Mary Washington, James Madison, John Carroll, Vanderbilt, Wake Forest, University of Georgia, University of Miami (Florida), and University of Minnesota.

The Boston College team of Myles Casey '17 & Sean MacDonald '17 faced Vanderbilt in the octa finals. BC was locked affirmative as they defeated Vanderbilt during the preliminary rounds debating on the negative. In a split decision, BC defeated Vanderbilt.

In the quarter-finals, Casey & MacDonald met the top seeded team from Wake Forest, who won the coin toss and chose to debate on the negative side. Wake Forest prevailed in a 3-0 decision and went on to win the tournament.

Casey & MacDonald also received individual speaker recognition. In a strong novice field, Casey was named the 10th best novice speaker and MacDonald was named the 8th best novice speaker.

Fulton Debate captures second place at JV/Novice Nationals (3.11.14)

Fulton Debate reached the finals at the Junior Varsity/Novice Nationals Championship Tournament held at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, during March 8-10, 2014.

A partial list of schools competing at the Georgia tournament included Army, Binghamton Cornell, George Mason, George Washington, James Madison, John Carroll, New York University, Vanderbilt, University of Miami (Florida) and The University of Rochester.

In the novice division, Myles Casey '17 & Sean MacDonald '17 were 4-3 during the preliminary rounds defeating teams from the Liberty (twice), West Virginia, and Rochester. Casey & MacDonald were the 14th seeded team entering the elimination debates.

In the octa-final round, Casey & MacDonald won the coin flip against the 3rd seed from George Mason (who advocated banning drone strikes in Yemen) and BC elected to debate on the negative. In a unanimous decision, BC upset George Mason.

In the quarter finals, BC faced Liberty who advocated restricting drone strikes outside of regions of armed conflict. BC won the coin flip, picked negative and defeated Liberty in a 3-0 decision.

In the semi-finals BC met West Virginia who won the coin toss and chose to debate on the affirmative (which pleased BC because they were going to pick negative if they won the coin flip). West Virginia's affirmative case argued that the US Armed Forces discriminated against enlistees from rural areas. BC defeated West Virginia in a 3-0 decision.

In finals, BC faced the top seed and undefeated team from George Mason. This is the same George Mason team that had defeated Casey & MacDonald in the finals of Georgia. BC was locked on the affirmative side because BC lost to George Mason in the prelims debating on the negative. While BC put up a better fight than at Georgia, George Mason prevailed in a 3-0 decision to win the championship.

BC next travels to the American Debate Association Championship Tournament hosted by Liberty University during March 14-16 2014.

Fulton Debate takes second place at Northeast Regional Championships (2.24.14)

Fulton Debate reached the finals at the Northeast Regional Championship Tournament held at Western Connecticut State in Danbury, Connecticut during February 22-23, 2014.

A partial list of schools competing at the tournament included Binghamton, Cornell, George Mason, New York University, Rochester, West Virginia, and West Point.

In the novice division, Fisher Pressman '17 & Amanda Sie '17 were 4-2 during the preliminary rounds defeating teams from City University of New York, New York University, Cornell, and Liberty. Pressman & Sie were the sixth seeded team entering the elimination debates.

In the octa-finals, Fisher & Sie debating on the negative defeated Western Connecticut in a 3-0 decision. In the quarter finals, BC faced West Point who had defeated them in the final round at Monmouth. However, this time, Pressman & Sie defeated West Point in a unanimous decision. That set up a semi-final debate against Liberty. In a split decision, BC defeated Liberty and advanced to the final round against New York University.

In the final round, BC met New York University who defeated Cornell in the other semi-final debate. BC won the coin flip and picked the affirmative side. In a split decision, the judges awarded the regional championship to New York University.

BC next travels to the novice/junior varsity national championship tournament hosted by George Mason during March 8-10, 2014.

Fulton Debate takes second place at Georgia (2.4.14)

Fulton Debate reached the finals at the University of Georgia Debate Tournament held in Athens, Georgia during January 31-February 2, 2014.

A partial list of schools competing at the Georgia tournament included Emory, George Mason, James Madison, Navy, Wake Forest, Vanderbilt, University of Florida, and University of Houston.

In the novice division, Myles Casey '17 & Sean MacDonald '17 were 5-1 during the preliminary rounds defeating teams from the University of Georgia, James Madison, George Mason, and Vanderbilt (twice). Casey & MacDonald were the 5th seeded team entering the elimination debates.

In the octa-finals, Casey & MacDonald walked over their teammates, Fisher Pressman '17 & Amanda Sie '17 who were the 12th seed. In the quarter finals, Casey & MacDonald (locked on the negative side) defeated George Mason in a 3-0 decision. That set up a re-match in the semi-finals against the 6-0 team from James Madison who had defeated BC in the prelims. Debating on the negative, Casey & MacDonald defeated JMU in a 3-0 decision.

In the final round, BC met the 2nd seed from George Mason. BC lost the coin flip and George Mason elected to debate on the negative side. Given that BC had won every ballot at the tournament debating on the negative (9-0), George Mason chose wisely and defeated BC in a 3-0 decision.

BC next travels to the University of Texas at Austin during February 8-10 and to the Northeast regional championship at Western Connecticut during February 22-23.

Amanda Sie wins top speaker at Navy (1.25.14)

Amanda Sie won top speaker honors in the novice division and two novice teams reached the octa finals at the 55th annual US Naval Academy Tournament held in Annapolis, Maryland during January 18-20, 2014.

A partial list of schools competing at the Navy tournament included Dartmouth, Georgetown, George Mason, James Madison, John Carroll, Mary Washington, Pittsburgh, the United States Military Academy, and Wake Forest.

In the novice division, Myles Casey '17 & Sean MacDonald were 5-3 during the preliminary rounds defeating teams from Capital (twice), James Madison (twice) and Liberty. In the octa finals, Casey & MacDonald lost in a split decision to Clarion.

Fisher Pressman '17 & Amanda Sie '17 also reached the octa finals. During the preliminary rounds, they defeated teams from James Madison, Clarion, George Mason, and Army. During the octa finals, Pressman & Sie lost in a split decision to George Mason, who went on to win the tournament.

During the awards ceremony, Boston College received 4 of the top 10 speaker awards in novice, including Amanda Sie winning the top speaker award. Other BC novices winning speaker awards were Fisher Pressman (5th best speaker), Sean MacDonald (6th best speaker), and Myles Casey (7th best speaker).

Fulton Debate next travels to the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia during January 31 to February 2, 2014.

Fall 2013

Fulton Debate captures second place in novice & JV at Monmouth (11.25.13)

Boston College made it to the final round in the novice and junior varsity divisions of the Monmouth Debate Tournament held in Long Branch, New Jersey, during November 23-24, 2013.

In the novice division, Fisher Pressman '17 & Amanda Sie '17 were 4-2 during the preliminary rounds and were the 5th seed entering the elimination rounds. In the quarter-finals, Pressman & Sie defeated City University of New York in a 3-0 decision, setting up a match versus the top seed and undefeated team from West Virginia. Debating on the negative, Pressman & Sie defeated West Virginia in a 3-0 decision. In the final round, BC met West Point who won the coin flip and choose negative. West Point prevailed in a 3-0 decision.

In the junior varsity division, Sijin Choi '17 & Raven Tillman '14 were also 4-2 during the preliminary debates. In the semi-finals, Choi & Tillman were locked on the affirmative against West Virginia. In a split decision, Choi & Tillman prevailed over West Virginia. In the final round, BC was locked affirmative against West Point. West won in a unanimous decision.

Fulton debaters were also the recipients of individual speaker awards. Sijin Choi was named the 5th best speaker in JV, Raven Tillman was named the 8th best speaker in JV, and Amanda Sie was named the 7th best speaker in novice.

Monmouth concludes a successful fall tournament season for Fulton Debate, where the debaters improved on their performances in each subsequent competition. Next semester, the novice and JV teams will begin their spring semester competing at the US Naval Academy.

MacDonald & Casey win top 2 speaker awards at Clarion; 3 teams reach elimination rounds (11.5.13)

Sean MacDonald '17 & Myles Casey '17 were named the top two speakers in the novice division of the Clarion University Autumn Debate Tournament held over November 1-3, 2013 in Clarion, Pennsylvania. As the top speaker, MacDonald received a walnut wood desk-top clock. Casey and the other speakers received yellow tee shirts.

A partial list of schools competing at the Clarion tournament included Binghamton, George Mason, James Madison, John Carroll, Mary Washington, Navy, Pittsburgh, Wayne State, and the United States Military Academy.

In the novice division, two Boston College teams advanced to the elimination rounds. Sean MacDonald & Myles Casey were 4-2 during the preliminary rounds, defeating teams from James Madison (twice) and Wayne State. They also received a bye in round 2. In the octa-finals, MacDonald & Casey defeated James Madison in a split decision. In the quarter-finals, MacDonald & Casey were defeated in a 3-0 decision by John Carroll. The other novice team, Amanda Sie '17 & Fisher Pressman '17, lost in the octa-finals to Liberty. Amanda Sie received 10th place speaker honors.

In the junior varsity division, Ryan Carelli '17 & Brysen Boyd '17 advanced to the octa-finals where they lost in a 3-0 decision to the New School.

Fulton Debate next travels to Wake Forest University (November 16-18) and to Monmouth University (November 22-24).

Fulton Debate reaches Octa-finals in novice and JV at West Point (10.22.13)

Fulton Debate began its 2013 intercollegiate debate season by competing at the West Point Tournament held at the United States Military Academy in Highland Falls, New York, during October 18-20, 2013.

A partial list of schools competing at the tournament included Binghamton, Cornell, George Mason, Navy, New York University, the University of Miami (Florida), University of Rochester, University of Vermont, and Vanderbilt.

The debate topic for the 2013-2014 season is "Resolved: The United States Federal Government should substantially increase statutory and/or judicial restrictions on the war powers authority of the President of the United States in one or more of the following areas: targeted killing; indefinite detention; offensive cyber operations; or introducing United States Armed Forces into hostilities."

Boston College teams reached the elimination rounds in novice and junior varsity. Debating in junior varsity, Stephen Ferguson '15 & Ryan Carelli '17 compiled a 5-1 record during the preliminary debate, defeating teams from Navy, Rutgers, Binghamton, George Mason, and City University of New York. Ferguson & Carelli lost in a 2-1 decision to New York University in the Octa-finals.

In the novice division, Amanda Sie '17 & Fisher Pressman '17 were 3-3 during the preliminary rounds defeating teams from the US Military Academy, West Virginia, and City University of New York. In the double-octas, Sie & Pressman defeated New York University in a 3-0 decision. In the octa-finals, Sie & Pressman lost in a 3-0 decision to George Mason (the eventual champion).

Next weekend, the varsity team (who fell ill and did not compete at West Point) will begin their season competing at the Harvard Tournament.

Spring 2013

McCormick wins Fulton Medal at the 121st Fulton Prize Debate (5.7.13)

Sullivan McCormick, '15 received top speaker honors and won the Fulton Medal in the 121st annual Fulton Prize Debate held on May 2, 2013 in Gasson 305.

The topic for the debate was, "Resolved: The Department of Energy should approve all applications for natural gas exports to non-Free Trade Agreement nations."

Arguing on the affirmative side in favor of allowing natural gas exports were Sullivan McCormick and Stephen Ferguson '15 and arguing on the negative side against allowing natural gas exports were Michael Holland '14 & Ted Kontopoulos '15.

In the debate, the affirmative side argued that restrictions on natural gas exports violated free trade rules under the World Trade Organizations and that these restrictions would be emulated by other nations, leading to resource nationalism. The negative side argued that exporting natural gas would lead to higher prices which would harm domestic manufacturers.

The debate was judged by Mario Powell, S.J. (2000 Fulton medal winner), Rita Rosenthal (Communication professor) and Dale Herbeck (former Fulton Debate Director and now Chair of Communication at Northeastern). In a 3-0 decision, the judges voted for the affirmative and named Sullivan McCormick as the top speaker. He received the gold Fulton Medal and

will have his name painted on the front wall of Gasson 305. Michael Holland was ranked as the second place speaker and he received the silver Gargan medal.

At the conclusion of the debate, the Society handed out its traditional debate awards. Sullivan McCormick received the Kevin P. Duffy award for excellence in debate, Ted Kontopoulos received the Joseph F. Quinn award for outstanding first year debater, and Patrick Allen '13 received the Joseph T. McLaughlin award for outstanding public debater.

Patrick Waldinger was recognized as the 2013 Fultonian of the Year for his stellar coaching contributions. During his eight years as the debate coach, Fulton Debate qualified 9 teams to the National Debate Tournament and won twenty tournaments. Next year, Patrick is leaving Boston College to become the Assistant Direct of Debate at the University of Miami (Florida).

Fulton Debate wins District 8 tournament; qualifies for NDT (2.26.13)

Sullivan McCormick, '15 & Ted Kontopoulos, '15 won the District 8 Qualifying Tournament held at Western Connecticut State University during 23-24 February 2013 and qualified to attend the 67th National Debate Tournament (NDT) which will be held at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah during **March 28-April 1, 2013**.

The NDT is the oldest and most prestigious of the debate championships. Participation to the tournament is limited to the top 78 debate teams in the United States. Boston College first qualified to attend the NDT in 1962 and 2013 marks the 33rd time that BC has qualified.

The District 8 Qualifying Tournament holds 8 rounds of debate with two judge panels. The top six teams with the most ballots qualify for the NDT. Along with BC, schools competing in this year's tournament included Army (2 teams), Bard, Binghamton (2 teams), City University of New York (2 teams), Cornell, Dartmouth (2 teams), New York University (2 teams), University of Rochester, and Western Connecticut (2 teams).

McCormick & Kontopoulos dominated the competition by winning an impressive 15 of 16 ballots. They won the ballots of both judges in their debates against CUNY, Cornell, Dartmouth, Rochester, Army (both teams), and New York University. In round 3 against Bard, they received a split decision, which was disappointing because the more qualified judge voted for BC.

The order of finish for teams qualifying to the NDT from District 8 was Boston College, 15-1; Dartmouth, 11-5; Army, 11-5; Binghamton, 10-6; Dartmouth, 10-6; and Rochester, 9-7. The first alternate is New York University (8-8 record) and the second alternate is Bard (8-8 record). Harvard University also qualified 2 teams to the NDT via a first round at large procedure which awards bids to the top sixteen teams selected by a committee prior to the district tournaments.

Both BC debaters received individual speaker awards, with Ted Kontopolous winning 3rd place speaker honors and Sullivan McCormick receiving 5th place honors.

Fulton Debate reaches octa-finals at Navy (1.23.13)

Sullivan McCormick & Ted Kontopoulos reached the octa-finals in the varsity division at the U.S. Naval Academy Tournament held during January 19-21, 2013.

A partial list of schools competing at the Navy tournament included a strong field of teams from Army, Cornell, Dartmouth, George Mason, George Washington, Harvard, James Madison, Vanderbilt, the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Georgia, and Wake Forest.

During the preliminary debates, McCormick & Kontopoulos were 5-3 defeating teams from Vanderbilt, James Madison, George Washington, and Wake Forest. They received a bye in round 2.

In the octa-finals, Boston College lost in a split decision to the University of Georgia.

Fulton Debate Reaches elimination rounds at Texas-Two step tournaments (1.14.13)

Fulton Debate reached the elimination rounds in varsity at both Texas swing during held during January. Over 80 teams competed at both tournaments.

At the University of Texas, Dallas, Sullivan McCormick & Ted Kontopoulos were 5-2 during the preliminary debates. They defeated teams from Texas, Samford, Wake Forest, University of Texas (San Antonio), and Michigan.

During the double octa-finals, Boston College defeated Oklahoma in a 3-0 decision. In the octa-finals. Boston College was defeated in a 3-0 decision by the University of Michigan.

At the North Texas Tournament, McCormick & Kontopoulos were 4-3 during the preliminary round defeating teams from Wyoming, Emporia State, the University of Kansas, and the University of Missouri (Kansas City).

In the double-octos, Boston College lost in a 2-1 decision to the University of Michigan.

Ted Kontopoulos received top twenty speaker honors at both tournaments. 14th place at the University of Texas Dallas and 17th place at North Texas.

Spring 2012

FINAL DEBATE RANKINGS FOR 2011-2012 (5.9.12)

In the final point standings released by the Cross-Examination Debate Association (CEDA) and the National Debate Tournament Committee (NDT), Boston College achieved a top fifteen ranking: 15th place in CEDA and 13th place in NDT. Points are awarded based on the top two teams' performance at eight tournaments for the NDT rankings and six tournaments for the CEDA rankings. Over the 2011-2012 academic year, 117 schools fielded policy debate teams.

FINAL NDT STANDINGS

1. Liberty University
2. Northwestern University
3. University of Oklahoma
4. Kansas City Community College
5. University of Kansas
6. James Madison University
7. Georgetown University
8. University of Michigan
9. George Mason University
10. Binghamton University
11. Cornell University
12. Vanderbilt University
13. BOSTON COLLEGE
14. Missouri State University
15. University of Texas, Austin
16. Wayne State University
17. Wake Forest University
18. University of Missouri, Kansas City
19. University of West Georgia
20. University of North Texas
21. Kansas State University
22. University of Rochester
23. University of Texas, San Antonio
24. Michigan State University
25. Harvard University
26. University of Nevada, Las Vegas
27. City University of New York
28. University of Iowa
29. Arizona State University
30. Emory University

FINAL CEDA STANDINGS

1. Liberty University
2. Northwestern University
3. University of Oklahoma
4. United States Military Academy
5. Kansas City Community College
6. University of Florida
7. University of Michigan
8. Vanderbilt University
9. George Mason University
10. Binghamton University

11. Cornell University
12. James Madison University
13. Georgetown University
14. University of Kansas
15. BOSTON COLLEGE
16. Missouri State University
17. University of Texas, Austin
18. University of West Georgia
19. Wayne State University
20. Wake Forest University
21. University of Missouri, Kansas City
22. University of Rochester
23. Kansas State University
24. University of Nevada, Las Vegas
25. Rutgers University, Newark
26. Harvard University
27. City University of New York
28. Arizona State University
29. University of Texas, San Antonio
30. Michigan State University

FULTON DEBATE REACHES QUATERFINALS AT ADA NATIONALS; BENEDICT WINS JULIA BURKE AWARD (3.15.12)

Boston College reached the quarter-finals in varsity at the 25th American Debate Association National Tournament held at Clarion University in Clarion, Pennsylvania. A partial list of schools competing at the tournament included Florida State University, George Mason University, James Madison University, John Carroll University, Liberty University, the United States Naval Academy, the University of Florida, the University of Kentucky, the University of Mary Washington, Wayne State University, Vanderbilt University, and Wake Forest University.

Brendan Benedict '12 and Alex Carlman '15, debating together for the first time, reached the elimination rounds at ADA Nationals by defeating teams from Wayne State University (twice) and Capital University. In the octa-finals, Benedict and Carlman, debating on the affirmative side, defeated a team from Liberty University on a 2-1 decision. In the quarter-finals Benedict and Carlman were matched against an undefeated team from Liberty University. In a close debate, where the judges took the entire allotted time for making their decision, Liberty narrowly defeated Benedict and Carlman. The Liberty team went on to win the tournament, defeating James Madison University in the semi-finals and the University of Mary Washington in the finals.

At the awards banquet, Brendan Benedict received 4th place speaker honors in varsity along with the "2012 Julia Burke Award." This award honors the memory of Julia Burke, an outstanding high school policy debater who died in an auto accident when she was 16. In 1998, her family established the Julia Burke foundation to support causes of interest to Julia in ways that perpetuate her memory and influence. Notable among the charities supported by the foundation are programs to support organ donation, the removal of landmines, and policy debate.

Coaches nominate debaters for the Julia Burke Award and a selection committee narrows the field to three candidates who are placed on a ballot. Every debater and director of debate at ADA Nationals are allowed to vote for one of the finalists. The criteria for the award is the student who displays excellence in and passion for debate, a commitment to helping others, love and respect for the American Debate Association policy debate community and dedication to maintaining friendships despite the pressures of competition.

As the 2012 recipient, Brendan Benedict received an individual trophy in the shape of a glass purple flame, a \$2,000 charitable donation which will be given to the Boston Urban Debate League, and a \$2,000 scholarship for his law school studies.

FULTON DEBATE QUALIFIES TWO TEAMS TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT! (2.27.12)

Two teams from Boston College--Brendan Benedict '12 and Michael Maerowitz '14 along with Sullivan McCormick '15 and Alexander Carlman '15--qualified to attend the 66th National Debate Tournament (NDT). This year's tournament will be hosted by Emory University and will run from March 30 to April 2, 2012.

The NDT is the oldest and most prestigious of the debate championships. Participation to the tournament is limited to the top seventy-eight debate teams in the United States. The tournament was first held in 1947 and was hosted by the United States Military Academy for twenty years. In 1967, the NDT began a rotation system whereby the tournament was hosted by a different region and school every year. The Fulton Debating Society hosted the NDT in 1976.

The Boston College teams qualified for the NDT by finishing among the top seven teams at the District 8 (Northeast) qualifying tournament hosted by Western Connecticut State University. The tournament was limited to teams in the region and included teams from Binghamton University, the City University of New York, Cornell University, Columbia University, Dartmouth College, Harvard University, The New School, the University of Rochester, the University of Vermont, and Western Connecticut.

The District 8 Tournament feature six rounds of debate with two judge panels. The seven teams with the most ballots qualify for the NDT. Both Boston College teams won 7 ballots. Benedict and Maerowitz won two ballots from the New School, Vermont, and City University of New York, while splitting with Rochester. Carlman & Sullivan won two ballots from the New School, Rochester, and City University of New York, and split with another team from Rochester. Both teams lost four ballots to the two Harvard teams who were the top two teams with records of 12-0 and 10-2. Cornell and Dartmouth's top team tied for third place with 9-3 records.

After six rounds of debate, four teams were tied with 7 ballots for the last three slots, which necessitated a series of runoff debates. In the first runoff debate, Carlman & Sullivan met the same Rochester team who they split ballots with in round 6. Carlman and Sullivan were locked negative and defeated Rochester on a 2-1 decision, qualifying for the the NDT. Benedict & Maerowitz met Dartmouth in the first runoff debate. Dartmouth won the debate on a 2-1 decision, qualifying them to the NDT. That left the two losing teams, BC and Rochester, to fight it out for the final slot. Benedict & Maerowitz were locked affirmative against Rochester and prevailed on a 3-0 decision, qualifying them for the NDT.

FULTON DEBATE WINS CORNELL TOURNAMENT (2.13.12)

Boston College won the Junior Varsity division of the Cornell Invitational Debate Tournament held in Ithaca, New York during February 11-12, 2012.

A partial list of schools competing at Cornell included Bard College, the City University of New York, John Carroll University, Monmouth University, New York University, the United States Military Academy, the United States Naval Academy, the University of Richmond, the University of Rochester, and the University of Vermont.

Michael Holland '14 and Alexander Tingle '14 represented the Fulton Debating Society. During the preliminary rounds, Holland and Tingle defeated teams from New York University, the University of Richmond, West Point (twice), and City University of New York. Holland and Tingle were the top seeded team entering the elimination rounds, and received a bye during the quarterfinals.

In the semi-finals, Holland and Tingle met the United States Military Academy who won the coin flip and chose negative. Holland and Tingle defeated West Point on a unanimous 3-0 decision. In the finals, Holland and Tingle were locked negative against New York University, who they had faced during the preliminary debates on the affirmative side. In the championship debate, NYU advocated a plan to improve democracy assistance programs to Egypt. The Fultonians attacked the workability of the NYU plan by pointing out the existence of numerous obstacles to implementing democracy assistance programs in Egypt. On another 3-0 decision, the judges awarded the decision and the trophy, a large silver cup, to Boston College.

Fulton Debate also competed successfully in the novice division. The team of Stephen Ferguson '15 and Jonathan Bennett '15 reached the quarterfinals at Cornell. During the preliminary debates, Ferguson and Bennett won all of their debates defeating teams from Vermont, the Naval Academy, and Monmouth (three times). As the top seeded team, Ferguson and Bennett received a bye into the quarterfinals where they faced the Naval Academy. Debating on the affirmative side, Ferguson and Bennett were upset on a hotly contested 2-1 decision.

As for individual speaker awards, Michael Holland won second place speaker honors in Junior Varsity.

**FULTON DEBATE WINS MONMOUTH TOURNAMENT;
BENEDICT NAMED TOP SPEAKER (1.20.12)**

Boston College won the varsity division of the Jersey Shore Invitational Tournament held at Monmouth University in Long Branch, New Jersey during January 28-29, 2012.

A partial list of schools competing at Monmouth included Cornell University, Dartmouth College, George Washington University, Princeton University, the United States Military Academy, the United States Naval Academy, the University of Miami, and the University of Rochester.

Fulton Debate had two varsity teams competing: Alex Carlman '15 and Sullivan McCormick '15 and Brendan Benedict '12 and Michael Maerowitz '14. During the preliminary rounds, Benedict and Maerowitz compiled a 5-1 record and were the 3rd seed while Carlman and McCormick earned a 4-2 record and were the 8th seed.

Benedict and Maerowitz received a bye into in the first elimination round and Carlman and Sullivan defeated Princeton in a split decision. In the quarter finals, Benedict and Maerowitz defeated Rochester on a unanimous decision and Carlman and Sullivan upset the top seed from Cornell in a 3-0 decision. In the semi-finals, Carlman and Sullivan defeated the City University of New York on a unanimous 3-0 decision, while Benedict & Maerowitz lost on a split decision to George Mason.

In the final round against George Mason, Carlman and Sullivan won the coin flip and chose the affirmative side. They advocated a plan for the United States to work jointly with Turkey to provide party assistance to the Syrian National Council, the opposition group who is trying to oust Bashar al-Assad. On a 2-1 decision, the judges awarded the debate to Boston College, earning the freshmen debaters their first varsity tournament championship.

Boston College teams also reached the elimination rounds in the junior varsity and novice divisions. In the junior varsity division, Ryan Folio '12 and Matthew Bartholomae '12 reached the quarter finals. Michael Allen '15 and Robert Brooks '12 reached the double-octa finals in the novice division.

The awards assembly for the tournament was held in Woodrow Wilson Hall, a mansion formerly used in 1916 by President Woodrow Wilson as his summer White House and it also served as the setting for the film version of Annie.

In a strong varsity field, Brendan Benedict received top speaker honors and his partner, Michael Maerowitz received second place honors. Ryan Folio received 9th place speaker honors in junior varsity.

**JV WINS NORTH TEXAS TOURNAMENT;
VARSITY REACHES ELIMS AT "TEXAS TWO" SWING (1.11.12)**

Fulton Debate began its 2012 season by competing at the "Texas Two" swing which consists of tournaments held at the University of North Texas and the University of Texas (Dallas), over January 3-9, 2012.

A partial list of the more than thirty schools competing during the Texas Two swing included Columbia University, Trinity University (Texas), the University of Georgia, the University of Iowa, the University of Kansas, the University of Minnesota, the University of Oklahoma, the University of Richmond, the University of Rochester, and the University of Texas (Austin).

In the Junior Varsity division at North Texas, Alex Carlman '15 and Michael Holland '14 were 5-1 during the preliminary debates defeating teams from Wyoming, West Virginia, Kansas, Central Oklahoma and Kansas State.

Carlman and Holland were negative in all three elimination round debates defeating teams from the University of Richmond, Wyoming and Johnson County Community College on unanimous decisions en route to winning the tournament.

Competing among a strong field of eighty varsity teams, Brendan Benedict '12 and Sullivan McCormick '15 turned in a strong performance by compiling 5-2 records at both of the Texas tournaments.

In the elimination rounds at North Texas, Benedict and Sullivan lost in the double-octa final on a 2-1 decision to the University of Oklahoma. At the University of Texas at Dallas, Benedict and Sullivan reached the octa finals. In the double octas, Benedict and Sullivan

defeated the University of Oklahoma in a 3-0 decision. Benedict and Sullivan lost in the octa finals in a 3-0 decision to the second seed and undefeated team from West Georgia College.

Boston College debaters also received individual speaker recognition. At the University of North Texas, Brendan Benedict was named the 16th best speaker out of a field of 160 debaters. Alex Carman received 4th place speaker honors at North Texas.

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NOVICE TEAM REACHES ELIMINATION ROUND AT RUTGERS (11.23.11)

Boston College reached the elimination rounds in novice at the Rutgers Debate Tournament held during November 18-20, 2011.

A partial list of schools competing at the tournament included Binghamton University, Columbia University, George Washington University, New York University, the United States Military Academy, and West Virginia University.

Competing for Boston College in novice, Stephen Ferguson '15 and Nathan Shnipes '14 were 3-2 during the preliminary debates defeating teams from Binghamton and Monmouth University (twice). Entering the elimination rounds, Ferguson and Shnipes were the 16th seed out of 37 teams.

In the first elimination round, Ferguson & Snipes debating on the affirmative defeated Monmouth on a 2-1 decision. In the octafinals, Ferguson and Shnipes won the coin flip and chose negative against Liberty where they were defeated on a split decision.

FULTON DEBATE REACHES SEMIFINALS AT VERMONT (11.6.11)

The Boston College team of Matthew Bartholomae '12 and Ryan Folio '12 reached the semi-finals in varsity at the Robert Huber Debates held at the University of Vermont over 5-6 November 2011.

During the preliminary rounds, Bartholomae and Folio were 5-1 defeating teams from Cornell (twice), The New School, Army, and Rochester. Bartholomae and Folio were the second seeded team entering the elimination rounds and they received a bye during the octa-finals.

In the quarter-finals, BC was locked negative against Cornell. Bartholomae and Folio defeated Cornell during the preliminary rounds when they were affirmative. On a split decision, BC defeated Cornell and advanced to the semi-finals to face The New School.

In the semi-finals, BC was locked affirmative against The New School. Boston College advocated a plan to increase democracy assistance to Egypt and to make all Islamic parties eligible to participate in the Middle East Partnership Initiative programs that provide aid to non-governmental organizations. New School advocated a radical democracy alternative to BC's plan. On another split decision, the judges awarded the debate to The New School.

Bartholomae and Folio also received individual speaker awards. Bartholomae won 9th place varsity speaker honors and Folio won 4th place.

FULTON DEBATES WINS WEST POINT BENEDICT NAMED TOP SPEAKER (10.24.11)

The Boston College team of Brendan Benedict '12 and Michael Maerowitz '14 won the varsity division of the 44th Annual West Point Debate Tournament, one of the oldest and most prestigious tournaments in the Northeast.

During the preliminary rounds, Benedict and Maerowitz went undefeated with a perfect 6-0 record and were the top-seeded team entering the elimination rounds. On the road to the finals, the Fultonians defeated George Mason in the quarter-finals and Liberty in the semi-finals, both on split decisions. In the final round, Benedict and Maerowitz met the Liberty team who defeated them in the quarter-finals two weeks ago at James Madison.

As per tradition, the final round debate at West Point is judged by a special panel of West Point professors. This year's final round panel included Colonel Michael Meese, the Head of the Social Sciences Department and former assistant to General David Petraeus; Dr. Nelly Lahoud, an Islamic studies professor; and Dr. Ruth Beitler, a comparative politics professor.

The college debate topic this year is whether the United States should increase democracy assistance to Arab Spring countries. In the final round, Liberty advocated an affirmative plan to increase aid to Yemen to promote decentralization. Boston College countered that

supporting democratization in Yemen would harm relations with Saudi Arabia and that promoting decentralization would increase instability in Yemen. On a split decision (with Professor Lahoud dissenting), the judges declared BC the winner of the debate, and presented BC with the traveling trophy, a military sabre.

Boston College also achieved success in the Junior Varsity and Novice divisions. In Junior Varsity, three teams advanced into the elimination rounds. Ryan Folio '12 and Matthew Bartholomae '12 were 5-1 and lost in finals to West Virginia; Dana Snay '14 and Michael Holland '14 were 4-2 and lost in octa-finals to Cornell; and Nora Loppopolo '12 and Alex Tingle '14 were 4-2 and lost in octa-finals to Liberty. In the novice division, Rob Brooks '12 and Nate Shnipes '14 lost in the double-octas to Monmouth.

Another highlight of the tournament was Brendan Benedict being named the top speaker in varsity. At the gala awards banquet, he received a standing ovation and was presented with the first place traveling plaque named in honor of Brigadier General Daniel J. Kaufman, a celebrated soldier who serves as the Dean of the Academic Board at West Point.

FULTON DEBATE REACHES QUARTER-FINALS AT JAMES MADISON (10.12.11)

Brendan Benedict '12 and Michael Maerowitz '14, competing in their first tournament of the season, reached the quarter-finals in the varsity division at the James Madison University Tournament held during 7-9 October 2011.

A partial list of schools competing at the tournament included George Mason University, George Washington University, Indiana University, Rutgers University, the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Mary Washington, the United States Naval Academy, and Vanderbilt University.

During the preliminary rounds, Benedict and Maerowitz were 5-1 defeating teams from Rutgers, Clarion, Liberty (twice), and Pittsburgh. Entering the elimination rounds, BC was the third seeded team and they received a bye during the octa-finals.

In the quarter-finals, the Fultonians faced a team from Liberty University, and was locked negative. BC defeated Liberty on the affirmative side during the preliminary debates. On a split decision, Benedict and Maerowitz lost the closely contested debate.

Brendan Benedict also received individual speaker recognized by being named the 10th best varsity speaker.