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Georgetown College Tournament hosted by Georgetown University

Washington, D.C. – Georgetown University hosted the Georgetown College Tournament on the weekend of January 4-6, 2025. The tournament was attended by 66 teams in the Open division.

Debaters from across the country were asked to debate both sides of the [season-long resolution](#) about decarbonization. The full wording of the topic is “Resolved: The United States Federal Government should adopt a clean energy policy for decarbonization in the United States, including a market-based instrument.”

Students participating at the tournament debate half of their preliminary debates in favor of the resolution and half of their preliminary debates in opposition to the resolution.

At the conclusion of the preliminary debates, the tournament seeded teams in all divisions based on their win-loss record and speaker points. Elimination debates are single-elimination for the top 32 teams.

Teams from Binghamton University, the University of California – Berkeley, California State University – Long Beach, Dartmouth College, Emory University, Georgetown University, Harvard University, the University of Iowa, the University of Kansas, the University of Kentucky, Macalester College, Michigan State University, the University of Michigan, New York University, Northwestern University, the University of Texas – Austin, Wake Forest University, and the University of West Georgia competed in the double octafinals.

Binghamton University, California State University – Long Beach, Dartmouth College, Emory University, the University of Kansas, Macalester College, Michigan State University, the University of Michigan, New York University, Northwestern University, the University of Texas – Austin, Wake Forest University advanced to the octafinals.

In the quarterfinals, Emory University, Michigan State University, the University of Michigan, the University of Kansas were victorious and advanced to the semifinals.

In the final round, Graham Revare and John Marshall from the University of Kansas bested Margaret Hecht and Daniel Gallagher from Emory University.

Debaters participating also receive speaker points for each of their preliminary debates. John Marshall from the University of Kansas was named top speaker.

The Georgetown College Tournament is the fifth ADA tournament of the season. The next ADA tournament will be hosted by Indiana University.

About the American Debate Association

The American Debate Association began in 1985 as an intercollegiate debate association. It uses the resolution selected by the Cross Examination Debate Association and the National Debate Tournament. Currently they have 44 member schools. The ADA's mission is increasing participation, maintaining a balance between education and competition, and ensuring an equitable and fair activity for all programs, regardless of their size or experience.

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