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Mukai College Classic hosted by Weber State University

[Ogden, UT] – Weber State University hosted the Mukai Debate Tournament on the weekend of January 25-27, 2025. The tournament was attended by ten 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 based on their win-loss record and speaker points. Elimination debates were single elimination for the top five teams in Open.

In a partial quarterfinals, teams from the University of Kentucky and Gonzaga University competed. Gonzaga University and three teams from the University of Southern California (USC) advanced to the semifinals. In one semifinals round, USC was victorious, and, in the other semifinal, one USC team advanced over another USC team. The two USC teams closed out the final round to win the tournament.

Debaters participating also receive speaker points for each of their preliminary debates. Thomas Reese was named top speaker.

The Mukai College Classic is the seventh ADA tournament of the new season. The next ADA tournament will be a junior varsity division at the District 7 tournament.

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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