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UC Berkeley Wins Arizona State University College Tournament

Tempe, AZ – Arizona State University hosted their tournament on the weekend of January 24-25, 2026. The tournament was attended by nine entries in an Open division.

Debaters from across the region were asked to debate both sides of the season-long resolution about labor policy. The full wording of the topic is “Resolved: The United States Federal Government should substantially strengthen collective bargaining rights for workers in the United States.”

Students participating in the tournament debate half of their preliminary debates in favor of the resolution and half of their preliminary debates in opposition to the resolution. Debaters participating also receive speaker points for each of their preliminary debates.

Molly Urfalian and Ilan Boguslavsky from the University of California Berkeley came out on top after winning all six of their debates and being named the tournament’s third and second speakers, respectively.

Alessandra Escobar & Daniel Medina from California State University Long Beach finished in second place and also won all six of their debates. Medina was the tournament’s top speaker and Escobar was fourth.

The tournament was also attended by teams from the University of Southern California, and California State University Fullerton.

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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