

Debate Team Earns National Championship Title

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A stellar season performance record earned Michigan State University's debate team the 2001-02 Cross Examination Debate Association (CEDA) Seasonal National Championship.

The title is awarded to the university that has the best overall performance throughout the season, which runs from September to early April.

MSU's participation in the National Debate Tournament (NDT), with a sophomore team in the "final four" and a senior team in the "elite eight," and the CEDA nationals, where two teams reached the "final four," helped the team achieve the championship title.

The NDT tournament was held March 23-27 at Southwest Missouri State in Springfield, Missouri, and the CEDA tournament was held April 6-9 at California State University in Fullerton, California.

By using a system roughly analogous to the bowl championship series rankings in football, each school accumulates points throughout the year based on performance. MSU competed against teams from universities such as Harvard, Dartmouth, Northwestern and Emory, among others.

This is the second time MSU has earned this title; the team also earned the recognition in 1996, said Jason Trice, director of debate at MSU.

"MSU was fourth in the rankings prior to these two recent tournaments," Trice said. "We surpassed Emory, Rochester and Northwestern during the final stretch of the season to claim the title.

"In an activity that is largely dominated by awards that focus on the success of individual two-person teams, this title represents the strength of the entire MSU debate team throughout the year," he said. "It is a tribute to all the students and coaches that it happened as a result of hard work."

Greta Stahl of Utica and **David Strauss** of East Lansing, both sophomores, became the youngest of only four teams in the history of intercollegiate debate to reach the "final four" of both CEDA and NDT in the same year. MSU was the only program that had two teams that advanced past the "sweet 16" at either of this year's CEDA and NDT tournaments.

The team of Stahl and Strauss and the team of seniors **Austin Carson** of Grand Rapids and Calum Matheson of East Lansing collectively won 41 of possible 42 ballots at CEDA up until the final round.

"Next year's team will undoubtedly miss the contributions of this year's seniors, especially the leadership of team captain Austin Carson, but the strength of MSU's young team bodes well for the future of debate at the university," Trice said. "Under the leadership of Will Repko, head debate coach, and Alison Woidan, Mike Eber, Erik Cornellier, John Sullivan, Steven Donald, Jason Russell and Aaron Monick, debate alums and assistant coaches, we had a wonderful season."

"None of this would have been possible without the support of the Honors College, the Office of the President, the Office of the Provost, private donors and others," Trice said. "Without the initiative of James

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Roper, a professor in the philosophy department who revived the program in the mid-1980s after several years of non-existence, the debate team would not be where it is today.”

This year’s topic was “The United States federal government should increase federal control throughout the Indian country in one or more of the following areas: taxation, child welfare, natural resource management, environmental protection, gaming, criminal justice and employment.”

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Cross Examination Debate Association Seasonal National Championship Final Rankings, 2002

#1–Michigan State University

#2–University of Rochester

#3–Northwestern University

#4–Emory University

#6–UC-Berkeley

#8–Dartmouth College

#25–Harvard University

#26–University of Michigan

Members of the 2001-02 MSU debate team were:

Anjali Vats, Senior, Bloomfield Hills

Calum Matheson, Junior, East Lansing

David Strauss, Sophomore, East Lansing

Austin Carson, Senior, Grand Rapids

Maggie Ryan, Freshman, Grand Rapids

Gabriel Murillo, Freshman, Holland

Amber Watkins, Sophomore, Jackson

John Groen, Sophomore, Rochester

Suzanne Sobotka, Sophomore, Sterling Heights

Greta Stahl, Sophomore, Utica

John Rood, Freshman, Auburn, Kansas

Aaron Hardy, Freshman, Logan, Utah



HC Of Note...

Honors College students are being recognized around the country for their achievements. Here are a few examples of their recent successes:

- Four MSU Honors College students have been offered assignments with Teach For America: **Katherine Arnold**, **Sarah Birch**, **Teresa Heinle**, and **Nicole Nelles**. Teach For America is the national corps of outstanding and diverse recent college graduates of all academic majors who commit two years to teach in urban and rural public schools.
- Several HC students are traveling to South Carolina this summer to compete in the U.S. Fencing Association National Championships. They are: **Donovan Asselin**, **Molly Buckman**, **Mary Douglas**, **Elise Larsen** (HC '01), and **Eric Romein**. The men's epee squad, led by **Eric Romein**, placed 2nd in the Midwestern Conference in March. HC members **Aggie Ostrowski**, **Laura Chapin**, **Johanna Nugent**, **Kin Lau**, **Maggie Malenfant**, and **Mary Ellen Keathley** also compete with the fencing team.
- **Meredith Barnes** received the Fredrica K. Neville Research Assistantship for Food Science and Human Nutrition and the Lois Gordon Ridley Endowed Scholarship from the College of Human Ecology. Meredith studies how the inhibition of glucocorticoids lowers food intake.
- Half of the 16 Board of Trustee Awards for perfect grade point averages were given to Honors College graduates at the fall and spring commencements. Congratulations to **Jorrie Bedogne**, **Brian Corpus**, **Laura Fisher**, **Patrick Gallagher**, **Jennifer Schlegel**, **Stephen J. Smith**, and **Sarah Zagata**!
- The Little Blue Saxophone quartet gave a performance at the North American Saxophone Alliance biennial national conference this March in Texas. Members of the quartet include **Nathaniel Berman**, **Sarah McGuire**, **LesleyAnne Newsted**, and **Melanie Manlusoc**.
- **Stephanie Black** was chosen as one of two winners in the logo design contest for the Materials Science and Chemical Engineering department. Stephanie has also earned honors as one of the two outstanding juniors in the Art department this year.
- **Christopher Braverman** served as the director of Greek Week for MSU this year which raised over \$60,000 (!) for charities such as Coaches for Kids, Haven House, Special Olympics, and the United Way.
- Honors College Student Assistant **Alyssa Brown** won both the Audrey and John Leslie Scholarship and the Andrew Calder Scholarship from the College of Arts and Letters and the Art Department respectively.
- Several Honors College members earned Academic All-Big Ten Honors this year for their outstanding athletic achievement and scholastic performance. **Richard Bryce** (Football), **Amy Allen** (Soccer), **Ilene Cohen** (Gymnastics), **Katharine Sophiea** (Swimming), **Libby Kelly** (Soccer), and **Stephanie Urbin** (Soccer) were among the group who put MSU in 4th place in the Big Ten for the number of honorees (incidentally ahead of the University of Michigan). Athletes must be in their second academic year at their institutions to be honored.
- **Rachel Crampton** has won the Ellen B. Judson award and the Georgia Halstead Scholarship from the College of Human Ecology for having the highest GPA in the Apparel and Textile Design major as a sophomore.
- **Steve Crummel** was asked to be the featured speaker at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for Excellence in Education Awards Dinner. He focused his advice on getting through the first year of college.
- **Michael Divita** was named Outstanding Senior in Urban and Regional Planning this year.
- **Timothy Dixon** (2001) and **Kimera J. King** (2001) won the Paulette Stenzel Student Paper competition in the Eli Broad College of Business sponsored by the Tri-State Academy of Legal Studies in Business. Professor Stenzel, an honors advisor, is the founder of this interstate competition. Tim's paper, "The Euro: Its Development, Uses, and Relationship to Contracts" and Kimera's paper, "International Issues on Intellectual Property Protection" will be published in the Tri-State Academy's publication.
- **Kelly Dougherty** received the Mary and David Jessup Service Learning Scholarship for "having a life outside of the textbook" given by the College of Human Ecology.

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- **Anne Edison-Swift** has been busy collecting journalism honors. This year she was awarded the Augenstein Scholarship which is given to one student each year for outstanding work in the Capital News Service. Anne was also asked by Reuters to cover Vice President Cheney's MSU commencement address. Anne's work on the African American Heritage Trails in Virginia was published in the National Endowment for the Humanities' magazine. Next year Anne plans to intern with Michigan Public Radio and continue her research on the Science Fiction Genre Evolution Project.
- **Kelin Emmett** earned honorable mention and a \$500 award in the Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics competition. Her essay, "If This is a Man" based on the memoirs of Primo Levi and Paul Steinhardt, was written under the mentorship of Professor Kenneth Waltzer. Kelin is the first MSU student to be recognized in this annual national contest that attracts hundreds of entrants. She and Professor Waltzer traveled to New York City to accept the recognition.
- **April Fisher** has been awarded the valuable and prestigious Armed Forces Pre-Health Scholarship which will cover all of her remaining undergraduate costs and medical school.
- **Teresa Heinle** has been awarded a Fulbright scholarship to study in Nicaragua for the 2002-2003 academic year. Her project will be an extension of her senior honors thesis about women, non-governmental organizations, and income generating projects. When she returns, she will be accepting a Teach for America assignment. Teresa was also named the MSU 2002 Phi Kappa Phi award winner. Phi Kappa Phi is the oldest national honor society that recognizes achievements in all academic fields.
- **Curtis Howard** and **Matthew Shuster** were honored as runners-up in the competition for the 2002 MSU Student Employee of the Year for their work in the Entomology Department and the Computer Laboratory respectively. Among many other Honors College nominees, **Arash Mahajerin** (University Housing) and **Sarah Podjaski** (MSU Printing) were also honored as finalists for their work on campus. Honors College members nominated by their supervisors included: **Katherine Arnold, Robyn Ast, Daniel Bennett, Destinee Bennion, Julie Black, Cheryl Carlson, Joe Cox, Heather Crabtree, Diana Doeing, Allison Leech, Elizabeth Miller, Misty Pleiness, Andre Pulford, Sarah Shaver, Marisa Trapp, Robin Weerts, Olanrewaju Williams, Maria Wygnal, and Jennifer Young.**
- **Manal Karadsheh** won the Kevin R. Markwardt scholarship from the department of telecommunications.
- **Kelly Kielbowicz** ranked first in the northern region and fourteenth in the nation, Indoor National Archery tournament for collegiate female compound archers.
- **Sarah Kurzhals** was selected as the Outstanding Senior in Linguistics and Languages this year.
- **Betsy Lewis** has won a Rotary Foundation Scholarship for a full year abroad in 2002-2003 school year.
- **Annette McCoy** (see article, page 4) was on the winning Academic Quadrathlon team at both the local level and at the Midwest Animal Science Conference (regional). She was also a recipient of a scholarship from the American Society of Animal Science.
- HC members have Spartan pride! **Matthew Means, Scott Ross, and Stacy Swistak** were selected to be on the 2001 Homecoming Court. (Photo below.)



2001 Homecoming Court members included three Honors College representatives—Matthew Means (right of Sparty), Scott Ross, and Stacy Swistak (bottom row third and fourth from left). Photo courtesy of the MSU Alumni Association.

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- **Kimberly Meigh** took her original research to the Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Association (MSHA) conference and won the award for best student poster presentation. Kimberly's study compared three methods for eliciting language samples from children with and without hearing loss.
- **Danae Minshall** has two works of art on display in Austria in conjunction with MSU's Opera on the Lake study abroad program. Danae has earned many other art honors this year including Nora Sager Stackhouse Scholarship, Geraldine Potchen Award, and the Drawing Award from the Department of Art. She will be studying in Rome, Italy with Temple University's School of Art beginning in the fall.
- **Allyson Modra** was Assistant Director of the Department of Theatre's production of *Hamlet* this winter. Allyson is a part of the effort to organize a new theatre troupe of Honors College members tentatively called the HC Players.
- In addition to earning several scholarships to support her study abroad in London, England this summer, **Adrienne Nassar** was selected by the Department of Residence Life to be a part of a study abroad pilot program where she will assist her MSU classmates in creating community standards abroad much like she does in Akers Hall as a Senior Mentor.
- **Katie Nidermeyer** earned the Eleanor Potchen Award for being the top applicant to the College of Education this year.

■ A duo of inspirational HC members were nominated and selected to carry the Olympic torch this year as it made its way across the country. **Christopher Morehead** and **Stephen Swistak** both carried the torch in different parts of Michigan.



- **Lindsay Noechel** won the Second Annual MSU Pride Scholarship for outstanding Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Students given by the LGBT community and the Gay and Lesbian Faculty Staff Association. Lindsay has a near perfect GPA and has also recently been awarded a Dean's Assistantship for her senior thesis in Psychology next year. Lindsay also found time to play on the MSU Women's Club Hockey Team that took 5th place at nationals this year.
- **Guihyun Park** was selected to receive the Andrews Undergraduate Research Award from the College of Social Science Dean's Assistantship committee. Guihyun is currently studying the effect of goal orientation on feedback-seeking behavior.
- Congratulations to the HC members/graduates chosen for the prestigious Senior Class Council Outstanding Senior Awards: **Alric D. Hawkins, Wanda Lau, Heather Longstreth, Amondo Redmond, Scott Ross, Haley Sinclair, Betsy Steensma, Jeris Stueland, Emily Susott, Carrie Vollmer, Sarah Zagata, and Jeff Ziarko.**
- The MSU Women's Water Polo team, including HC member **Nancy Rayel**, qualified for the National Championships in Atlanta, Georgia again this year. The team placed 2nd in the country.
- **Kacey Sachen** has been offered a summer REU (Research Experience for Undergraduates) in Philadelphia at the Academy of Natural Sciences to study diatoms as water quality indicators.
- **Amanda Smith** has published a poem called "Uno" in *El Cid*, a Citadel publication. Amanda has also won the Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish National Honor Society) Literary Award for poetry for the second year in a row. Perhaps not surprisingly, Amanda was chosen as the Outstanding Student in Spanish this year.
- In addition to serving as Secretary General of MSU Model United Nations conference for 2002, **Scott Risner** staffed the United Nations Association of the United States of America High School Model United Nations Conference in 2002 held at Columbia University and the United Nations headquarters. Scott chaired the committee at the UN of Earth summit issues of poverty and atmospheric protection in Africa.
- Two Honors College seniors (now graduates) were on the MSU team that won the 11th International Environment Design Contest in Las Cruces, New Mexico, under the direction of Biosystems Engineering professor Evangelyn Alocilja. **Nicole Ritchie, Maria Suparno**, and their teammates developed a rapid method of detecting fecal contamination in fresh fruit and vegetables. The team donated their entire \$2500 prize to the 2002 team.

- **Katie Robiadek** has earned a fellowship from the Oxford Study Abroad Programme to study as a visiting student at Magdalen College of Oxford University in England.
- **Marisa Schultz** was named the Applegate Outstanding Senior of the Year from the MSU School of Journalism.
- **Robin Sloan** gave the student address at the 2002 MSU Spring Semester Convocation at which Vice President Richard Cheney spoke and received an honorary degree. Several other MSU Honors College graduating seniors gave their respective college commencement addresses including **Anjani Shah** (College of Engineering), **Sarah Zagata**, (Agriculture and Natural Resources), and **Andrew Hungerford** (Arts & Letters).
- *The Vagina Monologues* tradition was carried on again at MSU with representation and leadership from many students in the Honors College. The *Monologues* is a moving play that chronicles women's experiences and is performed around the world. Led by HC member and Executive Producer **Hillary Noyes**, the play also included **Leslie Bailey, Nate Cox, Suzanne DiBiasio, Shannon Houghton, Kristen Jarvis, Heidi Jury, Megan Milota, Mandy Sinke, Emily West, and Amber Zmick**. Thousands of dollars in proceeds from the sold out shows were donated to MSU Safe Place, Eve's House and the Revolutionary Association of Women in Afghanistan.
- **Diana Steplyk** was honored this spring for winning the Provost's Award for Freshman Student Athlete of the Year. Diana plays for the women's volleyball team. Among many other activities and honors, Diana played defensive specialist in the final 17 matches of the season, which sparked 9 wins and a trip to the NCAA tournament.
- **Matt VanderHoek** was named Academic All-American for bowling at MSU this year.
- **Bethany Watson** has been elected President of Administration for the Psychology Scholars Association.
- **Janna Wittenberg** is the recipient of the Dean's Assistantship in the College of Social Science to help support her work under the direction of Dr. Susan Frank on autonomy seeking in late adolescents.
- **Joy Yearout** was appointed as Outreach Director to the American Collegians for Life Executive Board this year.

HC Students' Internships

Honors College students are being offered internships around the country and world. Here are a few of the places that HC students have worked recently:

Molly Buckman	VFW National Home/Americorps	Cara LaCroix	Esbank, Istanbul, Turkey
Cliff Bracey	Deloitte and Touche		St. Jude's Children's Hospital
Kathy Dykhouse	IBM Graphic Design, MN		Uline
Edward Ewald	Celanese Acetate, Charlotte, NC	Kelly Miller	US Department of Education
Jessica Hulett	Interlochen Center for the Arts	Allyson Modra	Detroit Zoo
	Michigan Interscholastic Press Association	Marie Mueller	Brookfield Zoo
Laura Jordan	Michigan Democrats	Betsy Pfaff	Hironen Co, Ltd, Japan
Rachel Kuchar	Dykema Gossett PLLC Law	Marisa Schultz	The Detroit News
	State Rep Judson Gilbert II	Daniel Soffin	General Mills, MN
		Joy Yearout	Lieutenant Governor Dick Posthumus