

NDT Chair Report to the AFA – NCA Zoom – 11-17-20

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74th National Debate Tournament

The 74th National Debate Tournament was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Future National Debate Tournaments

- The 2021 National Debate Tournament will be hosted by Harvard, online, on Classrooms.cloud.
- The 2022 National Debate Tournament will be hosted by James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA.
- The 2023 National Debate Tournament will be hosted by Wake Forest University in Chantilly, VA.

NDT Committee Membership

District 1 – Joel Lemuel, California State University-Northridge

District 2 – Glen Frappier, Gonzaga University

District 3 – Matt Moore – University of Central Oklahoma

District 4 – David Cram Helwich, University of Minnesota

District 5 – William Repko, Michigan State University

District 6 – Ryan Galloway, Samford University

District 7 – Adrienne Brovero, University of Mary Washington, Chair

District 8 – John Turner, Dartmouth College

AFA East – John Katsulas, Boston College

AFA Central – LaTonya Starks, Northwestern University

ADA South – Matt Gerber, Baylor University

AFA West – Adam Symonds, Arizona State University

Membership 2019-2020 Season

There were 65 subscribing schools as of the January 2020 deadline for membership.

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| 1. Arizona State | 25. Michigan State | 48. University of |
| 2. Baylor University | University | Michigan |
| 3. Binghamton | 26. Missouri State | 49. University of |
| University | University | Minnesota |
| 4. Boston College | 27. New School | 50. University of |
| 5. California State | 28. New York University | Missouri @ Kansas |
| University @ | 29. Northeastern | City |
| Fullerton | University | 51. University of Nevada |
| 6. California State | 30. Northwestern | @ Las Vegas |
| University @ Long | University | 52. University of |
| Beach | 31. Rutgers University | Oklahoma |
| 7. California State | 32. Samford University | 53. University of |
| University @ | 33. Southwestern | Pittsburgh |
| Northridge | College | 54. University of |
| 8. Concordia College | 34. Trinity University | Rochester |
| 9. Cornell University | 35. United States | 55. University of |
| 10. Dartmouth College | Military Academy | Southern California |
| 11. Emory University | 36. United States Naval | 56. University of Texas |
| 12. Emporia University | Academy | @ Austin |
| 13. Fresno State | 37. University of | 57. University of Texas |
| University | California @ | @ Dallas |
| 14. Fullerton College | Berkeley | 58. University of Texas |
| 15. George Mason | 38. University of Central | @ San Antonio |
| University | Florida | 59. University of |
| 16. Georgetown | 39. University of Central | Wyoming |
| University | Oklahoma | 60. Wake Forest |
| 17. *Georgia State | 40. University of | University |
| University | Georgia | 61. Wayne State |
| 18. Gonzaga University | 41. University of | University |
| 19. Harvard University | Houston | 62. Weber State |
| 20. Indiana University | 42. University of Iowa | University |
| 21. James Madison | 43. University of Kansas | 63. West Georgia |
| University | 44. University of | University |
| 22. Kansas City Kansas | Kentucky | 64. West Virginia |
| Community College | 45. University of | University |
| 23. Kansas State | Louisville | 65. Wichita State |
| University | 46. University of Mary | University |
| 24. Liberty University | Washington | |
| | 47. University of Miami | |

What's New

- NDT website (<https://nationaldebattournament.org/>) has added significant areas of content, including Committee archives and Alumni outreach efforts.

- Alumni Newsletter – May 2020 - <https://nationaldebatetournament.org/alumni/>
- COVID Impacts
 - All tournaments have been moved online for the foreseeable future.
 - Many programs report struggles to recruit novices.
 - Many programs have had significant cuts to their budget.
 - Travel costs and entry fees reduced
 - Concerns that budgets will not be restored to prior levels
 - Economic circumstances
 - Justifying need for in-person travel
- Many programs are engaging in expanding outreach to raise their profile:
 - Public debates
 - Many schools participated in the AFA's DebateWatch programming.