### NDT Chair Report to the AFA – NCA Zoom – 11-20-21

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#### 75th National Debate Tournament

The 75th National Debate Tournament was hosted by Harvard and held online on Classrooms.cloud due to COVID-19.

The tournament was won by the Dartmouth College team of Raam Tambe and Tyler Vergho. They defeated Rafael Pierry and Giorgio Rabbini. The decision was a 5-0 for the affirmative team from Dartmouth.

#### Future National Debate Tournaments

* The 2022 National Debate Tournament will be hosted by James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA. The plan is to host it as a hybrid tournament to allow teams unable to travel to participate online.
* 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

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#### Membership 2020-2021 Season

There were 59 subscribing schools as of the January 2021 deadline for membership.

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

#### Continuing COVID Challenges

* COVID Impacts
	+ Tournaments have continued mostly online, though vaccination and hybrid formats are facilitating some travel.
	+ Many programs report struggles to recruit novices and retain debaters at all levels.
	+ 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.