

# BDC MONTHLY REPORT

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## BDC STUDENTS SUCCEED AT WILSON WYATT TOURNAMENT

### Featured Story

On November 20th, Bluegrass Debate Coalition students attended the Wilson Wyatt Debate League November Tournament, an online debate competition. Students discussed the topic "Resolved: Increased United States federal regulation of cryptocurrency transactions and/or assets will produce more benefits than harms."

BDC students participated in the "Novice Public Forum" division, and received multiple awards. Aaron George and Aarav Tibrewal were the 2nd ranked debate team, and Aarko Guha, Aaron George, Aryan Rana, and Aarav Tibrewal all received speaker awards. Aarav Tibrewal received an award for being 2nd Top Speaker.

Congratulations to all Bluegrass Debate Coalition students who attended and received recognition. Once again, our students demonstrate the power and effectiveness of debate education.

# BDC FALL CLASSIC EVENT

Throughout November, students competed in the BDC Fall Classic, a month-long debate tournament. As part of the After School Learning Program, the Bluegrass Debate Coalition created an innovative and accessible method of competition, allowing students to sign up for debates over the course of the week and after school. The BDC Fall Classic was a free and virtual event.

Students debated the topic, "Increased United States federal regulation of cryptocurrency transactions and/or assets will produce more benefits than harms."

Many Bluegrass Debate Coalition middle school and high school students exemplified leadership by volunteering to mentor students during weekly workshops and adjudicate debates as part of the BDC Fall Classic.

The top three debating teams and top five speakers received medallions for their accomplishments. We thank all students who participated in the event, and send a special congratulations to our top debaters and speakers!

## Top Debaters:

- First Place Team: Aaron George, (SCAPA of Bluegrass), and Aarav Tibrewal, (Rosa Parks Elementary)
- Second Place Team: Aryan Rana, (Wellington Elementary), and Aarko Guha\*, (Rosa Parks Elementary)
- Third Place Team: Anoushka Nair, (Garrett Morgan Elementary), and Aarko Guha, (Rosa Parks Elementary)

## Top Speakers:

- First Place: Aaron George, (SCAPA of Bluegrass)
- Second Place: Aarav Tibrewal, (Rosa Parks Elementary)
- Third Place: Aryan Rana, (Wellington Elementary)
- Fourth Place: Aarko Guha, (Rosa Parks Elementary)
- Fifth Place: Anoushka Nair, (Garrett Morgan Elementary)



## ABOUT BDC ASL CLASSES

The Bluegrass Debate Coalition offers a low-cost after school debate program to all elementary, middle and high school students in Kentucky. The purpose of this program is to provide high-quality debate instruction to all interested students. Classes are fun, educational, and the skills learned will benefit students far beyond debate. Our classes also prepare students to debate at competitive tournaments, though tournament attendance is not required. We offer courses at several levels, including novice, intermediate, and advanced. Each class will feature a short lesson, group discussion, and fun activities to practice new skills.

# BDC FALL CLASSES CONCLUDE

The Bluegrass Debate Coalition is wrapping up the second section of the fall semester ASL Debate Classes. In total, BDC classes had over 80 students within the Commonwealth participating from across 20+ schools. Throughout December and January, ASL students will participate in their capstone events.

Interested in signing up for BDC After-School Debate Classes in the winter? Learn more [here!](#)

# BDC GUEST LECTURE SERIES WITH PROFESSOR HADDEN

As part of the BDC Guest Lecture Series, on November 3rd UK Professor Shane Hadden offered their subject matter expertise. This is the second installment in the BDC Guest Lecture Series.

For NSDA Public Forum debaters the November / December resolution is "Resolved: Increased United States federal regulation of cryptocurrency transactions and/or assets will produce more benefits than harms."

Professor Michael Hadden provided a presentation related to the topic, followed up with a Q&A where students were able to ask any questions they may had. The Guest Lecture Series is hosted via Zoom, and are recorded for the public to view.



Watch the full lecture here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kcEtMxjtAac>



## "ALL HALLOWS EVE" STUDENTS RECEIVE AWARDS

On October 29th, the Bluegrass Debate Coalition (BDC) hosted a virtual event, "All Hallows Eve". Elementary School students from across the state of Kentucky participated in a three hour long debate competition featuring multiple activities. Students discussed the topic "On-balance, robots are desirable". Nearly two dozen recognitions were awarded, with students receiving medallions for Best Costume, Top Speaker, and Elementary Debate.

The "All Hallows Eve" event served as a capstone occasion for students who are enrolled in the Bluegrass Debate Coalition's after-school learning program.

Debaters were able to implement the knowledge and skills they developed through the BDC's 6-week classes in a large community event.

Featured are BDC students from Rosa Park Elementary receiving medallions for their performance in the "All Hallows Eve" event.



# HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE BDC...



## Make A Donation To The BDC

Support the Bluegrass Debate Coalition by making a financial contribution. Your support can help the BDC provide debate education to students across the Commonwealth - from classes to events. Help the BDC create student leaders and advocates.

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## Learn About Volunteer Opportunities

Get involved with the Bluegrass Debate Coalition by learning about all of our volunteer opportunities. The BDC needs teaching assistants, debate teachers, debate judges, event coordinators and more. Sign up to volunteer with the BDC today!

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