

BDC MONTHLY REPORT

The Official Newsletter of Bluegrass Debate Coalition



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SIGN UP FOR NEW ONLINE DEBATE CLASSES WINTER SESSION IS OPEN!

Featured Story

The Bluegrass Debate Coalition officially concluded the fall semester for our After School Learning Debate Classes! Students from all over the state of Kentucky joined BDC instructors Bill Eddy and Matt Slencsak for weekly classes to facilitate fun debate education. Throughout the entire fall semester, nearly 100 students and 28 schools participated in the BDC After School Learning Program.

"I am very pleased with the program. My daughter's research and leadership skills are improved a lot by participating in this program. Coach is very dedicated and supportive to help each and every child learn the skills on their own way." says Rekha Thekkoott, parent of a student enrolled in the Bluegrass Debate Coalition ASL Program.

Elementary, middle and high school students are encouraged to join us for our next session of ASL Debate Class!

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ONCE AGAIN, BDC STUDENTS EXCEL AT WILSON WYATT DEBATE LEAGUE COMPETITION

On December 11th, the Wilson Wyatt Debate League (WWDL) hosted a competition for students in Kentucky. Bluegrass Debate Coalition students participated in the "Novice Public Forum" division and received multiple awards.

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

In total, two BDC teams advanced to the "Semi-Finals" round and four BDC students received Top 10 speaker awards.

Impressively, the elementary and middle school BDC students who attended primarily competed against high school students and were able to succeed in spite of the challenges!

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

Top Debaters:

- Semi-Finalists: Anvi Vaish (Beaumont Middle School) & Aarav Tibrewal (Rosa Parks Elementary)
- Semi-Finalists: Aryan Rana, (Wellington Elementary), and Aarko Guha, (Rosa Parks Elementary)

Top Speakers:

- Aarav Tibrewal, 4th Place
- Aarko Guha, 5th Place
- Anvi Vaish, 6th Place
- Aryan Rana, 8th Place

WATCH AWARDS VIDEO!

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ABOUT BDC EVIDENCE PACKET

The National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) is a national honor society that provides our Public Forum debate topics. Schools throughout the country utilize these resolutions to facilitate debate competitions.

In order to support students across the state of Kentucky, the Bluegrass Debate Coalition provides a free "Evidence Packet" that includes prepared topic research. These packets of evidence help students conceptualize ideas, inspires creativity, and prepares students for competition by offering a robust introduction to the topic they will be engaging with for upcoming debate events.

BDC PF EVIDENCE PACKET RELEASED

The Bluegrass Debate Coalition has officially released the evidence packet on the NSDA January PF debate topic, "Resolved: The United States federal government should legalize all illicit drugs". The packet is now available on the BDC website.

Students and coaches may download the free evidence packet here: <https://bluegrassdebate.org/research-bdc-evidence-packet/>

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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