

BDC MONTHLY REPORT

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BDC CELEBRATES FALL SEMESTER CLASSES WITH CAPSTONE EVENT

Featured Story

On January 7th, elementary, middle and high school BDC students attended the "New Year's Resolution" event as a capstone for the Fall BDC classes. As part of the ASL program, the BDC hosts debate events to allow students to practice skills they've learned the course. Students debated the topics:

- (Elementary): On-balance, switching to 100% 'renewable energy' is desirable.
- (MS & HS): On-balance, U.S. Regulation of the 'cryptocurrency' industry is desirable.

Congratulations to all those who received an award, and thank you to those who participated - either as competitors or volunteers!

Public Forum Debate

- 1st Place: Michael Z. & Samuel M.
 2nd Place: Aarko G. & Aaron G.
 3rd Place: Aryan R. & Aarav T.
 4th Place: Sophia H. & Hannah M.
 5th Place: Morgan M. & Veda G.

Crossfire Champions

- 1st Place: Aaron G.
 2nd Place: Aarko G.
 3rd Place: Anoushka N.
 4th Place: Samuel M.
 5th Place (Tie): Michael Z. & Aryan R.

BDC STUDENTS CONTINUE TO SUCCEED AT WILSON WYATT DEBATE LEAGUE COMPETITION

On January 29th, the Wilson Wyatt Debate League (WWDL) hosted a Speech and Debate 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: The United States federal government should legalize all illicit drugs."

In total, two BDC teams received an award for Top 10 Speaker, and three BDC students advanced to the "Semi-Finals" debate round.

Congratulations to all Bluegrass Debate Coalition students who attended and received recognition. BDC students continue to demonstrate the power and effectiveness of debate education.

Top Debaters:

- Semi-Finalist: Shiva Vaish, (SCAPA at Bluegrass), Grade 6
- Semi-Finalist: Ainjini Patra, (Tates Creek Middle School), Grade 7
- Semi-Finalist: Bhumika Rana, (Leestown Middle School), Grade 7

Top Speakers:

- (Top 10): Aarko Guha, (Rosa Parks Elementary), Grade 4
- (Top 10): Ainjini Patra, (Tates Creek Middle School), Grade 7

WATCH AWARDS VIDEO!



NEWEST INSTALLMENT IN BDC GUEST LECTURE SERIES FEATURING UK PROFESSOR DR. WEBER

On January 5th, Dr. Caroline Weber, a Professor at the University of Kentucky, joined the BDC for the third installment in the BDC Guest Lecture series. Dr. Weber offered their subject matter expertise on the debate topic, "Resolved: The United States federal government should legalize all illicit drugs."

Dr. Caroline Weber 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 was hosted via Zoom, and recorded for the public to view.

Watch the full lecture here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YgIJRdMN-3s&t=4s>

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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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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