



## **USA Debate Competes in First Annual Harvard-Westlake Word Schools Division**

**RIPON, Wis. (January 12, 2015)** – The 12 members of the USA Debate team kicked off 2015 by competing at the first annual World Schools Debate Division at the Harvard-Westlake tournament in Los Angeles, California, January 1-5, 2015.

The team of Jasper Primack (Massachusetts), Abby Marone (Pennsylvania), and SunHee Simon (New Jersey) placed first at the prestigious event on a 2-1 decision.

Nicky Halterman (Oklahoma), Mitali Mathur (Texas), and Matthew Zheng (California) finished in second.

SunHee Simon was recognized as the top speaker. Nicky Halterman and Amelia Miller (California) received second and third in speaker awards, respectively.

After the tournament, the team prepared for the USA Debate Showcase at The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California, on January 6.

The World Schools Debate Division of the Harvard-Westlake tournament was supported by Mike Bietz and the Harvard-Westlake debate program.

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