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## **Harvard Debate Council to Host 2024 Summer Training of the USA Debate Team**

*The USA Debate team, composed of the top high school debaters from around the country, is poised to defend their title as “World Champions” this summer, thanks to the help of the Harvard Debate Council.*

Harvard Debate Council will be the official host of the 2024 Summer Training of the NSDA's USA Debate team. This intensive two-week training brings together the USA Debate team, USA Debate coaches, USA Debate alumni, and other experts to prepare the team for the World Schools Debating Championships.

In addition to representing the USA in various prestigious competitions, this talented team will also be defending their World Championship title, which the team won during the 2022-2023 school year in the World Schools Debating Championship in Vietnam.

From an application process open to almost 141,000 student members of the National Speech & Debate Association, only 12 students were selected to join the 2023-2024 USA Debate team. Five students will be chosen to compete at the World Schools Debating Championships in the summer of 2024. The team will return to this competition as the reigning champions after taking home first place in the tournament for the first time in decades this past summer in Vietnam.

The World Schools Debating Championships is a global debate competition for high school debaters. The tournament combines prepared topics with impromptu topics, encouraging debaters to focus on specific issues rather than debate theory or procedural arguments.

“The USA Debate team represents some of the brightest high school students this country has to offer,” said J. Scott Wunn, Executive Director of the National Speech & Debate Association. “We are excited to see what this new team and coaching staff has in store for this competition season.”

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***About the Harvard Debate Council***

The Harvard Debate Council is a student organization at Harvard College. In addition to their highly successful collegiate debate team, the Harvard Debate Council also offers summer workshops for high school and middle school students from across the world. For more than 35 years, the Harvard Debate Council has prided itself on offering programs for students with any degree of experience, from those with no exposure to public speaking to those preparing to win a national or world championship tournament. To learn more about their summer workshop opportunities, please go to <https://hdcsw.org/>.



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***About the National Speech & Debate Association***

The National Speech & Debate Association is the largest interscholastic speech and debate organization serving middle school, high school, and collegiate students in the United States. The Association provides competitive speech and debate activities, high-quality resources, comprehensive training, scholarship opportunities, and advanced recognition to more than 141,000 students and coaches every year. For nearly 100 years, the National Speech & Debate Association has empowered nearly two million members to become engaged citizens, skilled professionals, and honorable leaders in our society. For more information, visit [www.speechanddebate.org](http://www.speechanddebate.org).

