

## 2015-2016 USA Debate Team Announced!

**RIPON, Wis. (October 8, 2015)** – The National Speech & Debate Association has selected nine outstanding students from across the country to represent the United States on the 2015-2016 USA Debate team.

The team will travel throughout North America and Europe during the year, competing in world schools debate competitions including New Orleans, Minneapolis, New York City, Los Angeles, Vancouver, Croatia, and Slovenia. Their incredible journey will conclude at the World Schools Debating Championships held in Stuttgart, Germany next summer.

"From more than 150,000 student members, these nine students were selected to represent our country on the global stage," said J. Scott Wunn, Executive Director of the National Speech & Debate Association. "These students really are the best of the best and we're extremely excited to watch them compete with leading students across the world."

### 2015-2016 USA Debate Team:

Milan Amritraj	Senior at Campbell Hall, Los Angeles, California
Nikolas Angelopoulos	Senior at Polytechnic School, Pasadena, California
Sonya Huang	Senior at Leland High School, San Jose, California
Amit Kukreja	Senior at Science Park High School, Newark, New Jersey
Julia Lauer	Senior at The Bronx High School of Science, New York City, New York
Joshua May	Senior at UWC-USA, Montezuma, New Mexico
Nikhil Ramaswamy	Sophomore at Jasper High School, Plano, Texas
Liz Yount	Junior at Harvard-Westlake School, Los Angeles, California
Matthew Zheng	Junior at Mira Loma High School, Sacramento, California

The team will compete in the World Schools Debate format, a unique and dynamic form of debate that combines the concepts of prepared topics with impromptu topics in alternating rounds. To learn more about USA Debate visit [www.speechanddebate.org/USA Debate](http://www.speechanddebate.org/USA Debate).

The team will be led by:

#### Coaches:

Dr. Alfred "Tuna" Snider	Director of Debate, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont
Aaron Timmons	Director of Debate, Greenhill School, Dallas, Texas
Cynthia Timmons	Greenhill School, Dallas, Texas

#### Team Manager:

Cynthia Timmons	Greenhill School, Dallas, Texas
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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 150,000 students and coaches every year. For 90 years, the National Speech & Debate

Association has empowered more than 1.5 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).

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