



## **USA Debate Team Closes Out World Schools Debate Tournament in Slovenia**

**RIPON, Wis. (March 30, 2015)** – USA Debate has captured an international championship for the second year in a row by placing first and second at the World Schools Debate Tournament in Slovenia.

Forty-nine teams from 15 countries—including Romania, Morocco, and Italy—competed in three-on-three debates during the three-day tournament.

Team USA Blue, consisting of junior Milan Amritraj (California), junior Nik Angelopoulos (California), and senior Sara Evall (California), went undefeated during six preliminary rounds before winning quarterfinal and semifinal debates against Croatia and Netherlands, respectively.

Team USA Red, consisting of seniors Nicky Halterman (Oklahoma), Jasper Primack (Massachusetts), and SunHee Simon (New Jersey), produced a 5-1 record before defeating Netherlands and Slovenia in elimination rounds and advancing to finals.

In the final round, USA Red defeated USA Blue to win the tournament.

Speaker awards follow:

Jasper Primack placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Nik Angelopoulos placed 6<sup>th</sup>.

Nicky Halterman placed 11<sup>th</sup>.

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