

**Manchester Essex Regional High School Debate
National Champions 1987
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As Manchester Essex Debate begins its thirty-fourth (and my final full-time) year, we are proud of the growth that the team has made since 1971. The three decades have brought an international championship, two national championships, countless regional and local awards, and over a thousand debaters trained in the arts of argumentation, research, and public speaking. In 2003, Lincoln Pasquina and John-Paul Kwasié attended NFL Nationals in a new debate event, Ted Turner Public Forum Debate, and in 2004 Jake Elder and Jeff gang also attended in this new event. Manchester Essex debate has taken the lead in Public Forum Debate at the national level.

Over the years our students have grown into young men and women of poise, maturity, and responsibility, and I am proud of all of them. This progress would never have been possible without the generous support that you and people like you have given to the program. For the past decade, we have been forced to raise over \$25,000 annually to supplement the school department's support. The enclosed brochure outlines the need and the history of the team.

Our schedule includes 32 weekends of activity and 35 individual tournaments. We have 42 beginners with 58 experienced debaters returning to advanced competition. I am proud that we are committed to providing the strongest and most appropriate level of competition for each of our students, regardless of ability.

During the year, students will attend debates at Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Emory as well as numerous New York and New England venues. In addition, our talented students will make every effort to qualify for the National Tournament of Champions in Lexington, Kentucky, NCFL Nationals in Milwaukee, and NFL Nationals in Philadelphia. We are very excited about the season and look forward to your help.

We hope that you will be able to contribute this year to continuing our vision for the young leaders of tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Timothy C. Averill
Debate Coach