

Thirty-four years ago, Manchester High School began with a small team and took the first steps toward a major commitment to achieve excellence at the national level. This effort on the part of the students, the coaches, the parents, and the community resulted in two national championships, a national round-robin win in Lincoln-Douglas, and international championship, and numerous major tournament wins. In addition, literally dozens of Manchester debaters have participated in the TOC, NCFL Grand Nationals, or the NFL Speech Tournament. We have also made a commitment to international debate in London in 1992 and Athens in 2000, and we hope to resume international debate as soon as events in the world allow us to travel safely. We are also working with the United Nations Foundation on its "THE PEOPLE SPEAK" series, which we will help sponsor in Boston.

Manchester debate is stronger than ever. Last year we added a strong speech component to the curriculum as well as continued our efforts in Public Forum Debate and our senior citizen debates at Brooksby Village in Peabody. We will continue to function as one cohesive and supportive team, and so all of you will have the chance to judge and support our 42 novices. I am very pleased that you have chosen to take a debate class, and I welcome you to work with me to expand the dimensions of Manchester's success in forensics.

**L-D RESOLUTION Sept.-Oct:** "Resolved: Individual claims of privacy ought to be valued above competing claims of societal welfare."

**POLICY DEBATE RESOLUTION:** Resolved: That the United States federal government should establish a foreign policy substantially increasing its support of United Nations peacekeeping operations.

**PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE SEPTEMBER RESOLUTION:** "Resolved: That the United States should establish a cabinet-level position to oversee its entire intelligence community."

**CLASSES:** A Block is Advanced L-D, B Block is first year L-D concurrent with Novice Policy, and G Block is Speech and PFD (with a smattering of L-D students).

**DEBATE TEAM OFFICERS:**

President	Chris Gang
Vice-President for L-D	Sarah Shea
Vice-President for Speech	Autumn Gillette
Treasurer	Wendell Smith
Corresponding Secretary	Jeff Gang
NFL Secretary	Ross Cowman
Historian	Phil Gambino

**PARENTS' NIGHT:** We will have a meeting on Tuesday, September 14 at 7:30 P.M. in the cafeteria. At this meeting, parents will receive information about all aspects of the program, including the calendar and special circumstances for this year. Please ask even the "experienced parents" to come.

**RESEARCHATHON:** I have tentatively scheduled our annual RESEARCHATHON fund-raiser on Saturday, September 18. This event is very important, both in order to raise money for the team and to prepare you for the first major competitive events of the year. Please plan to be in school from 8-12 in the morning.

**FOURTH QUARTER:** Each year, we undertake a special unit during the fourth quarter, when the interscholastic competitive season is completed.