

# THE FULTONIAN

## Finishing Strong:

*Two Teams Qualify to Attend the 66th NDT*



*From left: Patrick Waldinger, Brendan Benedict, John Katsulas, Sullivan McCormick, Alexander Carlman, and Michael Maerowitz*

For only the 8th time in history, Fulton Debate qualified two teams to the National Debate Tournament (NDT). Brendan Benedict '12 & Michael Maerowitz '14 along with Sullivan McCormick '15 & Alexander Carlman '15 represented Boston College at the 66th National Debate Tournament hosted by Emory University during March 30 to April 2, 2012.

Boston College teams qualified for the NDT by finishing among the top seven teams at the District 8 (Northeast) qualifying tournament held at Western Connecticut during February 25-26. Other schools competing at the district tournament included Binghamton (two teams), City University of New York (two teams), Cornell, Columbia, Dartmouth (two teams), Harvard (two teams), The New School, Rochester (two teams), Western Connecticut (two teams), and Vermont.

## Greetings from the Heights

Although it hardly seems possible, this is the 12th edition of the alumni newsletter we started in the Summer of 2001.

This issue reports on some of the activities of the Society during the 2011-2012 academic year. Highlights include the 120th Fulton Prize Debate, continued tournament success (including two teams qualifying for the NDT), a vibrant public debate series, and a gala debate reunion.

John Katsulas

Patrick Waldinger

Dale Herbeck

The District 8 qualifying tournament is 6 rounds with two-judge panels. The seven teams with the most ballots qualify for the NDT. This year, Harvard teams claimed the top two spots with 12-0 and 10-2 records. Cornell and Dartmouth's top team tied for third place with identical 9-3 records.

Four teams with 7 ballots were tied for the last 3 slots, a result that necessitated a series of runoff debates. In the first runoff debate, Carlman & McCormick defeated a team from Rochester on a 2-1 decision, meaning the Fultonians qualified for the NDT. Benedict & Maerowitz met Dartmouth in the second runoff debate. Dartmouth won the debate on a close 2-1 decision, qualifying for the NDT. That left the two losing teams, BC and Rochester, in a debate for the final slot. Benedict & Maerowitz rose to the challenge, handily defeating Rochester on a unanimous decision which meant that they too qualified for the NDT.

THE 120TH ANNUAL FULTON PRIZE DEBATE

Brendan Benedict '12 won the Fulton Medal as the top speaker in the 120th Fulton Prize debate held on May 5, 2012 in Gasson 305.

The topic for the debate was, "Resolved: That the United States Supreme Court should strike down the Stolen Valor Act of 2005." This Act imposes fines and imprisonment on anybody who falsely claims to have won a military medal authorized by Congress.

Arguing on the affirmative side in favor of striking down the Stolen Valor Act were Brendan Benedict '12 and Ryan Folio '12 and arguing on the negative side in support of the Act were Sullivan McCormick '15 and Nora Lopopolo '12.

The affirmative offered three arguments for striking down the Stolen Valor Act. First, the affirmative argued that the Stolen Valor Act is a content-based restriction on speech because it regulated speech about a particular topic—lying about having won a medal. Second, the affirmative contended, false statements of fact do not fall under the historically unprotected categories of speech recognized by the Supreme Court (e.g., obscenity, defamation, fraud, incitement, and speech integral to criminal conduct). Finally, the affirmative claimed the Act could not withstand strict scrutiny analysis because it was not narrowly tailored, it did not promote a compelling government interest, and it was not the least restrictive means for dealing with the problem of medal fraud.

In defense of the Act, the negative maintained false statements of fact were a form of low value speech entitled to minimal constitutional protection. Such speech could be regulated, the negative reasoned, if there was a strong government interest and adequate breathing space for fully protected speech. To support its breathing space analysis argument, the negative pointed out that there were over one hundred federal statutes regulating false statements (e.g., laws against impersonating federal officials, laws against making false statements to administrative and judicial proceedings, and laws against false statements causing the intentional infliction of emotional distress), which have been upheld under the breathing space analysis and were never subjected to strict scrutiny.

The debate was judged by a panel of Fulton Debate alums and Boston College faculty. In a vote of 24 to 12, the judges voted for the affirmative side and ranked Brendan Benedict as the top speaker, making him a two-time Fulton Prize winner (he also won in 2010). In an extremely close vote (by one speaker point), the judges ranked Nora Lopopolo as the second place speaker over Ryan Folio. As the second place speaker, Lopopolo received the sterling silver Gargan medal.

Selected Speaker Awards  
for 2011-2012

Top Speaker, Brendan Benedict  
United States Military Academy (Varsity)

Top Speaker, Brendan Benedict  
Monmouth University (Varsity)

2nd Speaker, Michael Maerowitz  
Monmouth University (Varsity)

2nd Speaker, Michael Holland  
Cornell University (Junior Varsity)

4th Speaker, Brendan Benedict  
ADA Championship (Varsity)

4th Speaker, Ryan Folio  
James Madison University (JV)

4th Speaker, Ryan Folio  
University of Vermont (JV)

4th Speaker, Alexander Carlman  
University of North Texas (JV)

6th Speaker, Ryan Folio  
United States Military Academy (JV)

8th Speaker, Brendan Benedict  
District 8 Tournament (Varsity)

8th Speaker, Brendan Benedict  
Monmouth University (Varsity)

9th Speaker, Matthew Bartholomae  
University of Vermont (JV)

9th Speaker, Ryan Folio  
Monmouth University (JV)

10th Speaker, Brendan Benedict  
James Madison University (Varsity)

10th Speaker, Dana Snay  
United States Military Academy (JV)

**BENEDICT WINS THE DUFFY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN DEBATE**



*Brendan Benedict '12*

The Kevin P. Duffy Award for Excellence in Debate honors the long and distinguished service of Dr. Kevin P. Duffy, Vice President of Student Affairs from 1976 to 2000, and a professor in the Lynch School of Education from 2001 to 2008.

Brendan Benedict '12, a political science major from Clarksburg, NJ, is the 2012 recipient of the Duffy Award. He is the first three-peat winner! This year, Brendan was named the top speaker at West Point and Monmouth. He reached the elimination rounds at six varsity tournaments and won the West Point tournament. This year, Brendan also qualified for the National Debate Tournament. And, he became the first debater to win both the Julia Burke Award for Character and Excellence in Debate (awarded at the ADA Championship Tournament) and the Michael K. Davis Award for the Outstanding Senior in the Northeast who did not debate in high school (awarded at the Northeast Regional Tournament).

Brendan also achieved excellence in his academic studies. He wrote a Scholar of the College thesis on the Tea Party in New Hampshire. Next year, Brendan will be attending Georgetown Law School.

**CARLMAN & MCCORMICK SHARE QUINN AWARD**

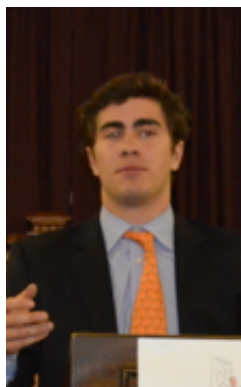
The Joseph F. Quinn Award for Outstanding First Year Debater was created in 2007 to celebrate the service of Dr. Joseph F. Quinn, who currently holds the James P. McIntyre Chair in Economics. From 1999 to 2007, Dr. Quinn was the much beloved Dean of the College of Arts and Science and a strong supporter of both the liberal arts and the Fulton Debating Society.

Alexander Carlman '15 from Shrewsbury, MA, and Sullivan McCormick '15 from Carrollton, TX, are the 2012 recipients of the Quinn Award. The duo became the second all freshmen team from Boston College to qualify for the National Debate Tournament (Allen Best & Mandy Castle were the first in 2004). Carlman and McCormick, who won the Monmouth tournament, showed dramatic improvement in their debating skills over the course of the year.



*Alexander Carlman '15 & Sullivan McCormick '15*

**STACY WINS THE MCLAUGHLIN AWARD FOR PUBLIC DEBATING**



*Gabe Stacy '12*

The Joseph T. McLaughlin Award for Outstanding Public Debater was created in 2010 to celebrate the legendary debate career of Joseph T. McLaughlin who reached the final round of the National Debate Tournament in 1964, along with winning numerous national tournaments and speaker awards.

Gabriel Stacy '12, a finance and economics major from Pittsburgh, PA, is the 2012 recipient of the McLaughlin Award. After winning the Fulton Prize Debate in 2009, Gabe joined the public debating program. He became a formidable audience-style debater who dazzled the crowd with humor and charm. This year, Gabe participated in five on-campus public debates and he won the Washington-Franklin Public Debate Tournament held at Randolph-Macon College.

Prior to joining the public debating program, Gabe achieved excellence as a policy debater. In 2009, he qualified for the National Debate Tournament and received the Quinn Outstanding First Year Debater Award. Next year, Gabe will be working in the wealth and management division at Barclays in New York City.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DEBATE REUNION

**Friday, May 4th**

The Fulton Reunion commenced with a reception at the Crowne Plaza Newton Hotel on Friday evening. In addition to a wide selection of wine and beer, Fultonians feasted on beef satay, chicken fingers, coconut shrimp, shrimp cocktail, Italian meatballs, a selection of imported and domestic cheeses with gourmet crackers, and a Tex Mex fajita station.

This informal gathering gave returning Fultonians a chance to renew old acquaintances and to meet alums from different generations.

The evening concluded with a coffee hour featuring a delicious assortment of Viennese desserts.

**Saturday, May 5th**

Events shifted to campus on Saturday with a lunch in the Communication Department's Conference Room. The lunch was catered by Blue Ribbon Barbeque, a local favorite. Platters of North Carolina pulled pork, Kansas City burnt ends, beef brisket, and a variety of sides were served. Desserts featured New York cheesecake topped with cherries baked by Chef Katsulas, along with apple and peach cobbler.

After lunch, Fultonians were free to visit the bookstore, inspect the renovations to Gasson Hall, or view the Rural Ireland exhibit at the McMullen Art Museum.

The annual Prize Debate began at 3:30 p.m. in the Fulton Debating Room, Gasson Hall 305. After the debate, festivities shifted to the Murray Function

Room in the Yawkey Athletic Center. Fultonians were treated to a reception with assorted hors d'oeuvres and appropriate spirits. Musical entertainment was provided by the Tsunami of Sound.

After the reception, the Fultonians feasted on a dinner of tenderloin of beef and lemon-glazed grilled salmon, accompanied by creamy lobster bisque, roasted potatoes, caramelized seasonal root vegetables, and a field greens salad. Dessert options included assorted mini-pastries and petite fours.

After dinner, the debate awards were presented. The winners of the Fulton Prize Debate were announced and the medals were awarded. Debate Coach Patrick Waldinger, displaying his characteristic wit, announced the winners of the Duffy, Quinn, and McLaughlin Awards. The named debate awards were followed by recognition of the Fultonians of the Year for 2012.

To the delight of the audience, the members of the Executive Board then "seized" the podium to offer heartfelt thanks to John Katsulas and Patrick Waldinger for all of their efforts on behalf of the Fultonians.

The reunion ended with a slide show devoted to the history of the Society. Starting with images of Father Fulton and the log book (used to assess fines for missed meetings), the show continued through the decades highlighting famous figures and great moments in the long and glorious history of Fulton Debate.

**Fulton Alums  
Attending the  
2012 Debate Reunion**

- Jack McNealy '60
- Thomas M. Curley '65
- Peter Cooper '68
- Arthur Desrosiers '68
- Jack McMillan '68
- Richard Sumberg '68
- George Ginther '69
- Richard Seron '71
- Thomas Flanagan '74
- Robert Rosenthal '74
- Michael Reilly '76
- Eric Woodbury '79
- Nick D'Angelo '80
- Steven Kelly '81
- Lisa Ameden Claussen '90
- Alison Mills '90
- Robert Boucher '91
- Charles Morris III '91
- Dilip Paliath '93
- Jack Minnear '95
- Wenyu Ho Blanchard '95
- Christopher Strunk '95
- Joshua Marmol '99
- Jared Fields '01
- Mario Powell '03
- Kevin Shatzkin '05
- Joseph Bowden '05
- Jeffrey Sullivan '06
- Kevin Coughlin '09
- Sean O'Hara '09
- Ken Aruda '10
- Ryan Malone '10
- Michael Stork '10
- Kevin Walton '10



2012 FULTON PRIZE DEBATERS. Sullivan McCormick '15, Nora Lopopolo '12, Brendan Benedict '12, & Ryan Folio '12.



WENYU HO BLANCHARD '95 AND HER OLD PARTNERS. Chris Strunk '95, Jack Minnear '95, & Dilip Paliath '93.



SQUAD PHOTO. Current Fultonians pose for picture (with awards) after the banquet.



OLD TIMERS. Jack McMillan '68, Thomas Flanagan '74, & Jack McNealy '60, the oldest Fultonian to attend the reunion.



ROGUES GALLERY. Sean O'Hara '09, Ryan Malone '10, Michael Stork '10, & Kevin Walton '10.



OLD FRIENDS. Partners Steven Kelly '81 & Eric Woodbury '79 qualified to attend the NDT in 1979.



ROOMMATES. Chuck Morris '91 (right) & convinced his roommate, Bob Boucher '91, to join the Fulton.



REUNITED. Partners Kevin Shatzkin '05 & Jeff Sullivan '06 share a moment with their old coach, Stefan Bauschard.



BACK IN TIME. Richard Sumberg '68, Peter Cooper '68, & Arthur Desrosiers '68.



TEAMMATES. Jared Fields (right) '01 with old teammate, Mario Powell '03, and his new teammate, wife Tina.



ALL SMILES. Joshua Marmol '99 & Wenyu Ho Blanchard '95 remember their undergraduate days.



ALWAYS RECRUITING. John Katsulas with a potential recruit (Jack Blanchard) for the class of 2032.

DR. JEFFERSON AND  
WENYU HO BLANCHARD  
SHARE FULTONIAN OF THE  
YEAR HONORS

At the alumni reunion banquet held on May 5th, the Fulton honored Dr. Bonnie S. Jefferson and Wenyu T. Blanchard as the 2012 Fultonians of the Year.

Dr. Jefferson is an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Communication Department of Boston College who is retiring after teaching thousands of students over the past two decades. Her signature class, *The Rhetorical Tradition*, is the entry level course required of all Communication majors, meaning her class attracted from 200 to 300 students each semester.

In his presentation speech, Dale Herbeck focused on Dr. Jefferson's excellence in the classroom. Herbeck proclaimed that Dr. Jefferson was the best teacher that he knew. Although her classes were large, Dr. Jefferson was famous for her engaging style, her use of new media within her lectures, and her open door policy.

Dr. Jefferson has won numerous teaching awards from Phi Beta Kappa (2010), the Eastern Communication Association (Ecroyd Award, 2006), and Boston College (Teaching with New Media Award, 2005 & 2007).

In addition to her teaching, Dr. Jefferson was also recognized for her steadfast support of Fulton Debate. Dr. Jefferson, and more importantly, her students, regularly attended the public debates sponsored by the Society.



*Dr. Bonnie Jefferson,  
2012 Fultonian of the Year*

The second honoree, Wenyu Ho Blanchard '95, was recognized for her debate achievements, her service to Fulton Debate, and her professional success.

Wenyu achieved tremendous success at the novice, junior varsity, and varsity levels from 1991 to 1995. As a novice, debating with Christopher Strunk, Wenyu won the Navy (1992) and Liberty tournaments (1991) and reached the finals at George Mason (1992).

Her next year, debating in junior varsity with Dilip Paliath, Wenyu was the most successful JV debater in the United States. She won Liberty (1992), James Madison (1992), and the ADA Championship (1993), and reached the finals at George Mason. Debating with Nick Brady, she also reached the finals at Navy (1993).

During Wenyu's freshmen and sophomore years, Boston College finished in first place in the national debate rankings. While many Fultonians contributed to this result, Wenyu won five tournaments and reached the finals in three more tournaments during those exceptional years.

Debating with Jack Minnear in varsity for two years, Wenyu competed against the top varsity debaters in the country. She qualified twice for the National Debate Tournament (1994 & 1995) and reached the elimination rounds at the two largest varsity tournaments -- the University of Northern Iowa and Northwestern. Wenyu also reached the quarter-finals at the ADA Championship (1995), the octa-finals at the University of North Carolina (1994), and narrowly missed the elimination rounds with a 5-3 record at Harvard (1994)

Wenyu was also a talented public debater, winning the 1994 Fulton Prize Debate. The International Discussion and Debate Committee of the National Communication Association selected Wenyu to represent the United States in a month long tour of Great Britain.

Fulton Debate has also benefited from Wenyu's contributions as an alum. While attending Boston College Law School, Wenyu served as an assistant coach and she judged at numerous tournaments. Her efforts were vital to sustaining the size and quality of the debate program.

To this day, Wenyu remains one of our most enthusiastic and loyal alums. She assists in networking with other alums and provides valuable counsel.

Wenyu is employed as senior counsel at The Wrigley Company in Chicago where she resides with her husband, Eric and her two children, Sydney and Jack (emerging Red Sox fans).

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE JOSEPH T. MCLAUGHLIN: A '65 ALUM AND FULTONIAN



*SubTurri photo of Joe McLaughlin from 1964*

Joseph T. McLaughlin '65, a distinguished Fultonian and President of the Fulton Debating Society from 1964 to 1965, died on January 8, 2012 after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer.

McLaughlin and his partner, James Unger '64, reached the semi-finals of the National Debate Tournament (NDT) in 1963 and they reached the final round in 1964. The Boston College duo finished second, losing a narrow four to three decision to a team representing the University of the Pacific. This was a heartbreaking loss, given that Unger & McLaughlin had defeated this same team on three different occasions during the 1963-1964 debate season.

McLaughlin's accomplishments as a Fulton Debater are unrivaled. He qualified for the NDT three times (1963, 1964, & 1965), he won the Gargan medal (1963), he won the Fulton Prize Debate twice (1964 & 1965), and he won the prestigious University of Kentucky tournament twice (1963 & 1964). Along the way he also won numerous speaker awards (e.g., 6 top ten speaker awards during his senior year), including being named the top speaker at Kentucky in 1964.

After graduating from Boston College with honors, McLaughlin attended Cornell Law School, and then clerked for Chief Justice Joseph Tauro of the Massachusetts Judicial Court. For forty-five years, McLaughlin enjoyed professional success as a litigator at Shearman & Sterling, Credit Suisse First

Boston, Heller Ehrman, and at Bingham McCutchen. He also taught domestic and international alternative dispute resolution (ADR) at New York's Fordham Law School. McLaughlin argued several death penalty cases before the United States Supreme Court and he published a series of influential articles and books on ADR and anti-trust law.

A faithful alum, McLaughlin closely followed the activities of the Society and he was one of our strongest supporters. In addition to substantial financial gifts, he also shared his experience and faithfully attended alumni events where he recounted some of his exploits as a Fultonian.

The Fulton was proud to honor Joseph T. McLaughlin as our "Fultonian of the Year" at the 2007 alumni reunion. After dinner, McLaughlin delivered a masterful speech based on some of the passion and conviction that distinguished his career as a professional advocate. In 2010, the Fulton Debating Society established the McLaughlin Award for Outstanding Public Debating. The presentation of this award will allow Fultonians to celebrate the tremendous career and life of one of the Society's best and brightest.

The Fulton extends our deepest condolences to his wife Christine, and his three children, Amy, Caitlin, and Ian.



*Joe McLaughlin delivers the keynote address at the 2007 Debate Reunion. The text of the speech is available at--  
[http://www.bc.edu/content/dam/files/schools/cas\\_sites/communication/pdf/Fultonian7.1.pdf](http://www.bc.edu/content/dam/files/schools/cas_sites/communication/pdf/Fultonian7.1.pdf)*

### FULTON DEBATE WINS THE SABRE AT WEST POINT

The Boston College team of Brendan Benedict '12 & Michael Maerowitz '14 won the varsity division of the 44th West Point Debate Tournament, one of the oldest and most prestigious tournaments in the northeast.

During the preliminary rounds, Benedict & Maerowitz went undefeated dispatching teams from Cornell, James Madison, City University of New York, Liberty, Western Connecticut, and George Mason. As the only undefeated team, Benedict & Maerowitz were the top seed going into the elimination rounds.

On the road to the finals, BC defeated George Mason in the quarter-finals and Liberty in the semi-finals, both on split decisions. In the final round, BC met the Liberty team who defeated them in the quarter-finals at James Madison. In the finals, BC was locked negative having defeated Liberty on the opposite side during the preliminary rounds.

As per tradition, the final round debate at West Point is judged by a special panel of West Point professors. This year's final round panel included Colonel Michael Meese, the Head of the Social Sciences Department and former assistant to General David Petraeus; Dr. Nelly Lahoud, an Islamic studies professor; and Dr. Ruth Beitler, a comparative politics professor.

In the final round, Liberty advocated an affirmative plan to increase aid to Yemen to promote decentralization. Boston College argued that supporting democratization in Yemen would harm relations with Saudi Arabia and that promoting decentralization would increase instability in Yemen. On a split decision (with Dr. Lahoud dissenting), the judges declared BC the winner of the debate, and presented BC with the traveling trophy, a cadet sabre.

### FULTONIANS WIN WASHINGTON-FRANKLIN DEBATES

The Boston College team of Brendan Benedict '12 and Gabriel Stacy '12 won the 12th annual Washington-Franklin Challenge Debate Tournament at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia on May 1, 2012. The topic for the competition was, "Be it Resolved that state 'Stand Your Ground' laws should be repealed."

Competing against Boston College at this year's tournament was last year's defending champion, the College of William & Mary, along with teams from Wake Forest University and Randolph-Macon College.

In the Washington-Franklin Debates, each school debated two opponents and was required to debate both sides of the topic. The top two teams on the basis of wins, ballots, and speaker points faced off in the final round.

In the first debate, Benedict & Stacy defeated a team from Randolph-Macon College on a unanimous decision. The Fultonians were not so fortunate in the second debate, dropping a unanimous decision to William & Mary.

After the preliminary rounds, BC and Wake Forest were tied with a 1-1 record with 3 ballots. On the basis of higher speaker points, the Fultonians advanced to the championship debate against undefeated William & Mary.

The final round was judged by a panel of five judges: Brian Cannon, an attorney at Harmon, Clayton, Corrigan & Wellman; Dr. Robert Frank, Professor of Communication at Longwood College; attorney Jessica Kuehn, a graduate of William & Mary; Dr. John Morello, Associate Provost at the University of Mary

Washington; and Dr. Robert Patterson, a Professor of Management at the University of Virginia.

On a 3-2 decision, the judges awarded the decision to Boston College. Benedict & Stacy won the ballots of Morello & Frank, the two judges with prior policy debate training. The Fultonians lost the ballots of attorney Cannon and Dr. Patterson. The deciding judge, Jessica Kuehn, a William & Mary alum, cast her vote for Boston College.

As the winner of the debate, Fulton Debate received a beautiful traveling trophy and an invitation to defend their title next spring. This is the third time that Fulton Debate has won the Washington-Franklin Debates. (History buffs will remember the Fultonians also triumphed in 2002 & 2003).



## The Fulton Public Debate Series for 2011-2012

### October 19, 2011

“Resolved: That the United States should expand federal loans for clean energy technologies.”

### November 14, 2011

“Resolved: Capital punishment should be abolished in the United States.”

### December 6, 2011

(Co-sponsored with Global Zero of Boston College)

“Resolved: The United States should reduce the size of its nuclear arsenal to 1000 weapons.”

### March 20, 2012

“Resolved: Is social media a positive force in society?”

### April 18, 2012

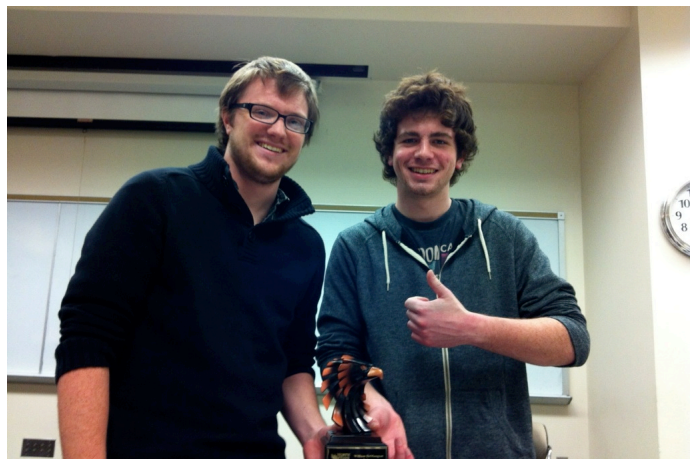
“Resolved: Should President Obama be re-elected?”

### The 120th Fulton Prize Debate May 5, 2012

“Resolved: That the United States Supreme Court should strike down the Stolen Valor Act of 2005.”



*Brendan Benedict '12 and Gabe Stacy '12  
Washington-Franklin Debate Champions, May 2012*



*Michael Holland '14 and Alex Carlman '15  
North Texas Champions, January 2012*



*Poster for the public debate on social media.*



*Brendan Benedict '12 and Michael Maerowitz '14  
West Point Champions, October 2011*

Final NDT Rankings  
for 2011-2012

1. Liberty University
2. Northwestern University
3. University of Oklahoma
4. Kansas City Community College
5. University of Kansas
6. James Madison University
7. Georgetown University
8. University of Michigan
9. George Mason University
10. Binghamton University
11. Cornell University
12. Vanderbilt University
13. **BOSTON COLLEGE**
14. Missouri State University
15. University of Texas,  
Austin
16. Wayne State University
17. Wake Forest University
18. University of Missouri,  
Kansas City
19. University of West Georgia
20. University of North Texas
21. Kansas State University
22. University of Rochester
23. University of Texas,  
San Antonio
24. Michigan State University
25. Harvard University
26. University of Nevada,  
Las Vegas
27. City University of New York
28. University of Iowa
29. Arizona State University
30. Emory University

2011-2012 TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS

*Championships and Final Rounds:*

- United States Military Academy (Varsity)  
First Place: Brendan Benedict & Michael Maerowitz
- University of North Texas (Junior Varsity)  
First Place: Alexander Carlman & Michael Holland
- Monmouth University (Varsity)  
First Place: Alexander Carlman & Sullivan McCormick
- Cornell University (Junior Varsity)  
First Place: Michael Holland & Alexander Tingle
- United States Military Academy (Junior Varsity)  
Second Place: Matthew Bartholomae & Ryan Folio

*Semi-finalists:*

- University of Vermont (Junior Varsity)  
Matthew Bartholomae & Ryan Folio
- Monmouth University (Varsity)  
Brendan Benedict & Michael Maerowitz

*Quarter-finalists:*

- James Madison University (Varsity)  
Brendan Benedict & Michael Maerowitz
- Monmouth University (Junior Varsity)  
Matthew Bartholomae & Ryan Folio
- Cornell University (Novice)  
Jonathan Bennett & Stephen Ferguson
- American Debate Association Championship (Varsity)  
Hosted by Clarion University  
Brendan Benedict & Alexander Carlman

2011-2012 TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS

*Octa-finals:*

James Madison University (Junior Varsity)  
Matthew Bartholomae & Ryan Folio

United States Military Academy (Junior Varsity)  
Michael Holland & Dana Snay

United States Military Academy (Junior Varsity)  
Nora Lopopolo & Alexander Tingle

Rutgers University (Novice)  
Stephen Ferguson & Nathan Shnipes

George Mason University (Varsity)  
Michael Holland & Alexander Tingle

University of Texas, Dallas (Varsity)  
Brendan Benedict & Sullivan McCormick

*Double Octa-finalists:*

United States Military Academy (Novice)  
Robert Brooks & Nathan Shnipes

Monmouth University (Novice)  
Michael Allen & Robert Brooks

University of North Texas (Varsity)  
Brendan Benedict & Sullivan McCormick



2012 Senior Dinner. From left: Matthew Bartholomae, Ryan Folio, Patrick Waldinger, Gabe Stacy, Nora Lopopolo, Cal Greene, and Brendan Benedict.

Final CEDA Rankings  
for 2011-2012

1. Liberty University
2. Northwestern University
3. University of Oklahoma
4. United States Military Academy
5. Kansas City Community College
6. University of Florida
7. University of Michigan
8. Vanderbilt University
9. George Mason University
10. Binghamton University
11. Cornell University
12. James Madison University
13. Georgetown University
14. University of Kansas
15. **BOSTON COLLEGE**
16. Missouri State University
17. University of Texas, Austin
18. University of West Georgia
19. Wayne State University
20. Wake Forest University
21. University of Missouri, Kansas City
22. University of Rochester
23. Kansas State University
24. University of Nevada, Las Vegas
25. Rutgers University, Newark
26. Harvard University
27. City University of New York
28. Arizona State University
29. University of Texas, San Antonio
30. Michigan State University

IN MEMORIAM:

JAMES M. MCDONOUGH '50

Fulton Debate is sad to report that James M. McDonough '50 passed away suddenly from a heart attack on April 23, 2012.

McDonough and his wife, Regina, had planned on attending the 2012 debate reunion.

James McDonough was Vice-President of the Fulton Debating Society during the Spring of 1950 and the Secretary during the Spring of 1949. McDonough participated in both the Gargan and Fulton Prize Debates, while also taking an active part in both weekly house debates and in intercollegiate debates.

Highlights of McDonough's debate career include a victory over Harvard in a public debate in Stow, MA, on February 13, 1950. Debating on the negative side of the topic, "Resolved, That the United States should extend diplomatic recognition to Communist China," McDonough and his partner defeated Harvard by an audience vote of 51 to 43.

During the annual Easter Debate tour in the Spring of 1950, McDonough and his partner, John McGongale '50, won three out of their four debates against Rutgers, John Marshall College, Catholic University, and the U.S. Naval Academy.

A "Double Eagle," McDonough earned his law degree from Boston College in 1953. For more than thirty years, he served as an Assistant District Attorney for Suffolk County.

In memory of James McDonough, fifty-two individuals made donations to the Fulton Debating Society. We thank everyone for their gifts.



*James M. McDonough*



*Director of Debate John Katsulas (center) introduces the participants at the beginning of the 2012 Fulton Prize*

Fulton Debate Society  
of 2011-2012

- Michael Allen '15
- Patrick Allen '13
- Matthew Bartholomae '12
- Brendan Benedict '12
- Jonathan Bennett '15
- Robert Brooks '12
- Alex Carlman '15
- Stephen Ferguson '15
- Ryan Folio '12
- Ryan Giannotto '14
- Michael Holland '14
- Nora Lopopolo '12
- Michael Maerowitz '14
- Sullivan McCormick '15
- Matthew Palazzolo '13
- Katie Ross '15
- Nathan Shnipes '14
- Dana Snay '14
- Gabriel Stacy '12
- Raven Tillman '14
- Alexander Tingle '14

Contact Information

**John Katsulas**

Director of Debate  
Maloney Hall 534A  
(617) 552-4298  
Email: [katsulas@bc.edu](mailto:katsulas@bc.edu)

**Patrick Waldinger**

Debate Coach  
Maloney Hall 534B  
(617) 552-1687  
Email: [waldinger@bc.edu](mailto:waldinger@bc.edu)

**Fulton Debate Web Site**

[www.bc.edu/fultondebate](http://www.bc.edu/fultondebate)

**Pictorial History**

(slide show from the reunion)

<http://www.bc.edu/content/bc/schools/cas/communication/fulton.html>