PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS:

- Bethany Lutheran College
- St. Olaf College
- South Dakota State University

Preliminary Rounds:

- 3 wins/ 0 losses
  - BLC SO (William Soule and Jeff Olsen)
- 2 wins/ 1 loss
  - STO PC (Maureen Palmer and David Carpenter)
  - STO EM (Alex Everhart and Kellen Mulford)
  - BLC SS (Jacob Schneider and Sergio Salgado)
- 1 win/ 2 losses
  - STO TT (Raffi Triggiano and Kathy Trieu)
  - STO LW (Matt Lasnier and David Wang)
  - SDS WF (Nicole Westerman and Nick French)
- 0 wins/ 3 losses

Bronze Round

- STO EM (Opp) def. BLC SS 2-0
- BLC SO (Opp) def. STO PC 2-0

Gold Round:

- BLC SO (Opp) def. STO EM 2-1
Speaker Awards (left to right): 5th – Jacob Schneider (BLC), 1st – William Soule (BLC), 3rd – Alex Everhart (St. Olaf), 2nd – Raffi Triggiano (St. Olaf), 4th – Nicole Westerman (SDSU)

Gold Awards – William Soule and Jeff Olsen, Bethany Lutheran College
Individual Speakers

- 1. William Soule - BLC - 85
- 2. Raffi Triggiano - St. Olaf - 82
- 3. Alex Everhart - St. Olaf - 81
- 4. Nicole Westerman - SDSU - 81
- 5. Jacob Schneider - BLC - 80
- 6. Sergio Salgado - BLC - 79
- 7. Jeff Olsen - BLC - 78
- 8. Maureen Palmer - St. Olaf - 78
- 9. David Wang - St. Olaf - 76.5
- 10. David Carpenter - St. Olaf - 76.5
- 11. Matt Lasnier - St. Olaf - 76.5
- 12. Nick French - SDSU - 74
- 13. Kellen Mulford - St. Olaf - 72
- 14. Kathy Trieu - St. Olaf - 71

Topics

Round 1: This House would punish Congress for the Government shut down.
Round 2: This House believes that Iran is better as an enemy than as a friend.
Round 3: CASE STUDY

Andrea is dying. She has a Pulmonary Lesion caused by the U-838 Microbe, better known as PLUMs Disease. She was diagnosed six years ago and has undergone radiation treatments, 3 surgeries, 2 courses of chemotherapy, and 1 bone marrow transplant. She has a few months to live.

There is a new drug treatment for PLUMs Disease that will begin clinical trials in a few weeks. It is an extremely painful re-sequencing of RNA that has a 17.1% fatality rate in animal testing. Andrea wants the drug and her doctors say it is her only option for a possible recovery. Public support is building for Andrea.

The drug company does not want to give the treatment to Andrea. While the FDA does allow some experimental drugs to be given to patients in extreme situations, the company is still hesitant. They are a firm believer in the FDA approval process and have never given drugs before the drugs were approved. While the risk of legal action against them is low, there is a real risk of public disapproval of the drug and the company. Even if the treatment doesn’t kill Andrea, the drug will be remembered in conjunction with her death. The company might perfect the drug during the proper testing and trials, but the public relations damage will already be done.

In this case the Government team must defend the statement: The drug company is morally obligated to give Andrea the treatment.

This case study was inspired by real events that were reported by CNN on Sept. 28, 2013. Thanks to Scott Wells from St. Cloud State for the suggestion!

Bronze Round: This House would break the bad.
Gold Round: Resolved: President Assad needs to leave Syria.

Team Standings after PLUM

1. Bethany Lutheran College – 31
2. St. Olaf College – 26
3. South Dakota State University - 3
Season Speaker Awards

1. William Soule - BLC - 85
2. Raffi Triggiano - St. Olaf - 82
3. Alex Everhart - St. Olaf - 81
4. Nicole Westerman - SDSU - 81
5. Jacob Schneider - BLC - 80
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12. Nick French - SDSU - 74
13. Kellen Mulford - St. Olaf - 72
14. Kathy Trieu - St. Olaf - 71