PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS:

- Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, MN (BLC)
- Minnesota State University-Mankato, Mankato, MN (MSU)
- South Central College, Mankato, MN (SCC)
- South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD (SDS)

Preliminary Rounds:

- 3 wins / 0 losses
  - SCC MJ (Tara Mitchell & Carl Janiszewski)
- 2 wins / 1 loss
  - SDS TM (Dan Tuchscherer & Sean McDonald)
- 1 win / 2 losses
  - MSU LV (April Larson & Josh Vought)
  - SDS KM (Peter Kaufman & Bill Moser)
  - BLC ST (Maxine Thao & Amber Senecal)
  - BLC HK (Travis Hensersky & Angie Kraft)

Bronze Round

- SDS TM (Opp) def. BLC ST 2-0
- MSU LV (Gov) def. SCC MJ 2-0
Gold Round:

- SDS TM (Gov) def. MSU LV 2-1

Gold Award Winners: Dan Tuchscherer and Sean McDonald from South Dakota State University

Individual Speakers

- 1 Sean McDonald – SDS – 83
- 2 Dan Tuchscherer – SDS – 81
- 3 April Larson – MSU – 77
- 4 Carl Janiszewski – SCC - 76
- 5 Maxine Thao – BLC – 74
Round 1: This House believes Google is making a mistake.

Round 2: This House would limit March Madness

Round 3: CASE STUDY: Tanya is an outstanding college speaker on her college’s student-run speech team. Her junior year, she was a state champion in Prose Interpretation and Informative Speaking. She has also been a finalist in all of her categories sometime during the competition year.

Tanya is bothered by the practices of some competitors. She witnesses several students who make up information or take information out of context in order to prove their arguments in their speeches. She has never done this. However, she wants to see how easy or hard it is.

Knowing she will have a large research paper due the end of her senior year, Tanya takes on her new project. She writes a well-crafted informative speech about the health risks of eating plums for her senior year. In the speech are several minor citation errors, like something being printed on February 31. There are a few publications she completely made up, like the San Francisco Bugle. One of her main points is so obscure that the author of the article she cites says it could only happen once every one thousand years. Yet, Tanya makes it sound like it will happen tomorrow.

At the end of her senior competition year, she compiles all her ballots and writes her research paper. She was a finalist in six tournaments with this speech, winning one of those tournaments. She receives an “A” on her research paper. She sends copies of the paper to all the schools she competed against and tries to contact all the judges who judged her. She returns all her awards to the schools who gave them to her. She also declines to go to any tournaments she needed to qualify to enter. Because of her actions, several forensics organizations will conduct meetings to discuss the issues brought up in her paper.

In this case, the Government team must support the position: Tanya’s actions are morally correct.

Bronze Round: Resolved: America needs a new bailout.

Gold Round: This House would reform collegiate debate.