PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS:

• Bethel University
• North Dakota State University
• Northwestern College
• Ripon College
• St. Cloud State University
• St. Olaf University
• South Dakota State University
• University of South Dakota
• Bethany Lutheran College

Preliminary Rounds:

• 3 wins/ 0 losses
  o STO FT (Bayley Flint and Raffaele Triggiano)
  o STO EG (Alex Everhart and Kevin George)
  o USD CS (Like Cumbee and Matt Sibley)
• 2 wins/ 1 loss
  o BTH RG (Tom Ritter and Zach Gosha)
  o NWC SJ (Adam Saxton and Sanielle Jack)
  o RPN HK (Bill Heinze and Sophia Kaounas)
  o SCSU LR (Daniela Lorenz and Carolyn Ritter)
  o SDSU JT (Jamie Jones and Olivia Tyrell)
  o BLC SS (Will Soule and Rachel Skaaland)
• 1 win/ 2 losses
  o BTH BA (Jessica Benham and Kyle Arvila)
  o NDSU FF (Jeffrey Fricker and Justin Flynn)
  o NDSU FB (Kristen Fennell and Sarah Budde)
  o RPN LC (Caroline Lundt and Connor Cummiskey)
  o STO EM (Nathaniel Engvall and Robbie Menge)
  o STO PF (Maureen Plamer and Michelle Frank)
- 0 wins/ 3 losses
  - SCSU SB (Sarah Starling and Joe Bosak)
  - USD SS (Brent Seehaler and Keven Sarehkani)
  - USD SB (Emmy Smith and Rhianon Bloodgood)

**Bronze Round**
- SDSU JT (Opp) def STO FT 2-1
- RPN HK (Gov) def STO EG 3-0
- USD CS (Gov) def SCSU LR 2-1
- BLC SS (Gov) def BTH RG 3-0

**Gold Round:**
- BLC SS (Opp) def SDSU JT 3-0
- RPN HK (Opp) def USD CS 2-1

Top Five Speakers: (left to right) 3rd – Sophia Kaounas (RPN), 2nd – Bayley Flint (STO), 1st – William Soule (BLC), 4th – Adam Saxton (NWC), 5th – Rachel Skaaland

GOLD Awards – William Soule and Rachel Skaaland (BLC)
GOLD Award – Sophia Kaounas and Bill Heinze (Ripon)

**Individual Speakers**

1. William Soule - BLC - 88.5
2. Bayley Flint - STO - 87
3. Sophia Kaounas - RPN - 84
4. Adam Saxton - NWC - 84
5. Rachel Skaaland - BLC - 83.5
6. Jessica Benham - BTH - 83
7. Luke Cumbee - USD - 83
8. Bill Heinze - RPN - 83
9. Raffaele Triggiano - STO - 83
10. Alex Everhart - STO - 82
11. Justin Flynn - NDSU - 82
12. Caroline Lundt - RPN - 82
13. Jeffery Fricker - NDSU - 81
14. Kevin George - STO - 81
15. Carolyn Ritter - SCSU - 81
16. Brent Sehafer - USD - 81
17. Jamie Jones - SDSU - 80
18. Daniela Lorenz - SCSU - 80
19. Michelle Frank - STO - 79
20. Tom Ritter - BTH - 79
21. Emmy Smith - USD - 79
22. Sarah Budde - NDSU - 78
23. Kristen Fennell - NDSU - 78
24. Zach Goscha - BTH - 78
25. Maureen Palmer - STO - 78
26. Sarah Starling - SCSU - 78
27. Kyle Arvila - BTH - 77
28. Rhianon Bloodgood - USD - 77
29. Matt Sibley - USD - 77
30. Nathanial Engval - STO - 76
31. Olivia Tyrell - SDSU - 75
Topics

Round 1: This House believes in art more than science.
Round 2: This House would shake up the debates.
Round 3: Case Study

Patrick and Lulu Manufacturing is a large auto parts manufacturer in a small city. Being one of the largest businesses and employers in the area, “PLuM” is a community leader and donates to most of the projects and festivals in the surrounding area. PLuM has established specific guidelines for donations with focus being on giving back to the people in the area who make PLuM successful.

Due to the recession PLuM is not doing well. Foreign competition is cutting into PLuM’s market share. However, a new trade pact is up for a vote in Congress. If it is approved, it would make it harder for foreign parts to come into the country, giving PLuM an advantage. The swing vote on the pact is a representative from a different district in the state. PLuM executives want to get the representative’s attention by making a large, unsolicited donation to the construction of a children’s hospital that has fallen short on funding. The contribution would save the much-needed hospital, but goes against the donation guidelines and will divert most of the money away from the local community.

In this case, the Government team must defend the statement: PLuM is morally obligated to give the money to the hospital.

Bronze Round: This House believes Hollywood is to blame for our problem.
Gold Round: Resolved: We should strive for immortality.

Team Standings after PLUM 16.2

1. St. Olaf - 60
2. Bethany Lutheran College - 31
3. Ripon College - 19
4. University of South Dakota - 17
5. Bethel University - 15
6. South Dakota State Univ. - 14
7. St. Cloud State Univ. - 12
8. Northwestern College - 9
9. North Dakota State Univ. - 6

Season 16 Speaker Awards

1. William Soule - BLC - 171.5
2. Kevin George - STO - 163.5
3. Alex Everhart - STO - 163
4. Raffaele Triggiano - STO - 161
5. Nathanial Engval - STO - 149.5
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