



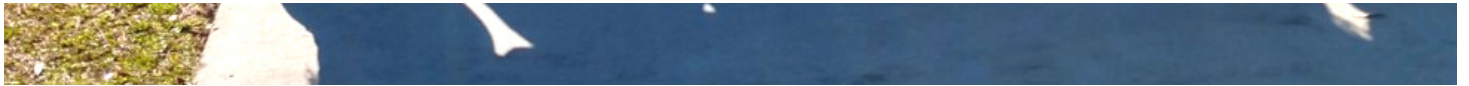
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# INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATE TEAM

FALL 2020 UPDATE

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The team attended four debate tournaments and participated in an additional dialogue and advocacy competition. First, the team attended a speech and debate tournament hosted by the University of Central Florida (UCF). We had four students participate in the tournament with three advancing into elimination rounds. Amber Perez (first year student) won the tournament in the novice division. Amber advanced over teammate Anisa Lynom (second year) in the semifinal round. Anisa advanced over teammate Jack Moran (first year) in the quarterfinal round. This tournament was special because FSU did not lose a debate in elimination rounds.

Second, the team participated in Intercollegiate Advocacy and Dialogue Competition: An exploration of Confederate Memorialization in the Southern United States. The competition provides students an opportunity to explore the history of Confederate monuments and their influence on contemporary social and political culture such as race relations, cultural identity, and policy formulation.



## FSU DEBATE TEAM REUNION

Intercollegiate Advocacy and Dialogue Competition: An Exploration of Confederate Memorialization in the Southern United States is a three-part program that features a writing component encouraging students to research the history of Confederate monuments in their state and draft a “Letter to the Editor” to a newspaper of their choice. The letter should explore the history of Confederate memorialization and address how their communities should respond to our current moment of reckoning as the nation publicly struggles to understand and contextualize the valorization of the Confederacy 155 years after the Civil War. Submission of the letter for publication is not required to participate in the competition.

The second part of the program invites a select number of teams to present their letters and recommendations to a panel of judges that includes activists, scholars, journalists and educators. The program concludes with an Evening of Dialogue, a virtual public event, featuring student representatives from 5 schools and Nicole Moore, Director of Education at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights. Our Evening of Dialogue culminates with an awards ceremony honoring the participants at each phase of the competition.



The FSU debate team made it to the second stage of the program. The students on the debate team all helped in the letter writing process. Anisa Lynom, Amber Perez, Nicole Sandoval, and Jack Moran represented the FSU in the second stage. The event was co-hosted by Emory University and Vanderbilt University.

Third, FSU debate participated in a tournament hosted by Seattle University. FSU was represented by students Mai Rubin, Amber Perez, Jack Moran. Amber and Jack both advanced to semifinals of the tournament.

Fourth, FSU debate participated at tournament hosted by Tallahassee Community College. The team was represented by Amber Perez, Cordy Keeley, Jack Moran, and Mai Rubin. Cordy Keeley advanced to semifinals.

Finally, FSU participated in another tournament hosted by Seattle University. This tournament was attended by Amber Perez and Anisa Lynom. Amber Perez won the tournament in the novice division and Anisa Lynom advanced to semifinals.

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