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2023 IPPF FINALS WEEKEND

MAY 5-7, 2023

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SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023

TEAMS ARRIVE / CHECK-IN

NEW YORK HILTON MIDTOWN
1335 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10019
P: 212-586-7000

5:30-7:30 PM

TEAM WELCOME RECEPTION

NEW YORK ATHLETIC CLUB
180 CENTRAL PARK SOUTH
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10019

The event takes place in the Solarium.

Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served.

Please note, the NYAC has a strict dress code. Jeans, t-shirts, sneakers, and leggings are prohibited.



SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

HAROLD PRATT HOUSE
58 EAST 68TH STREET AT PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10065

7:30 AM

CHECK-IN AT THE HAROLD PRATT HOUSE;
BREAKFAST PROVIDED

7:45 AM

TEAMS FLIP FOR AFF / NEG POSITIONS IN
BREAKOUT ROOMS

8:15-9:30 AM

QUARTERFINAL DEBATES

9:40 AM

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SEMIFINALISTS IN
BREAKOUT ROOMS

10:10-11:30 AM

SEMIFINAL DEBATE #1 IN PETERSON HALL

11:40 AM - 1 PM

SEMIFINAL DEBATE #2 IN PETERSON HALL

1:10 PM

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL TEAMS

1:15 PM

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING / LUNCHEON FOR
TEAMS

3:30-5 PM

FINAL DEBATE IN PETERSON HALL

5 PM

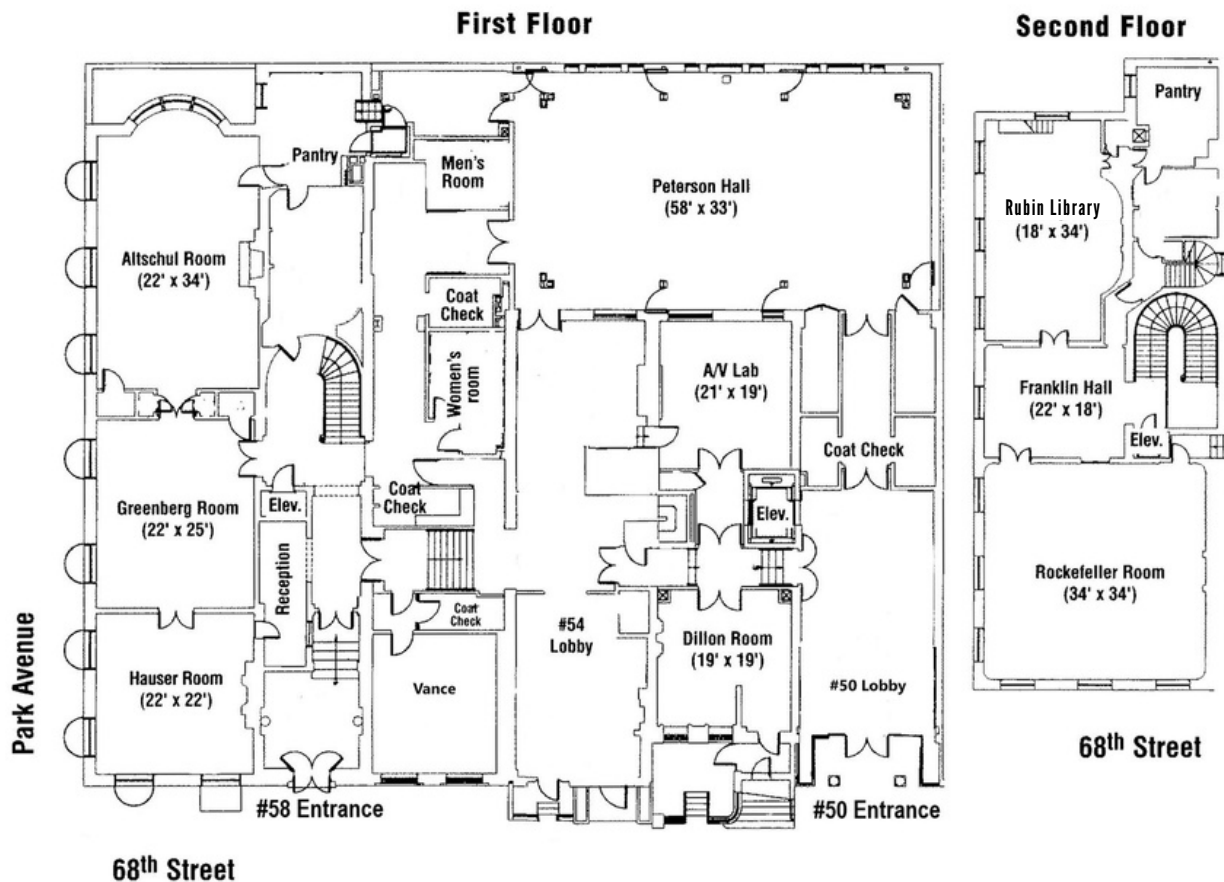
RECEPTION

6 PM

AWARDS CEREMONY



HAROLD PRATT HOUSE



QUARTERFINALS

**UWC SOUTH EAST ASIA (Singapore)
VS. THE HOCKADAY SCHOOL (Dallas, Texas)**

Hauser Room

**WASATCH INDEPENDENT DEBATE LEAGUE (Riverton, Utah)
VS. MOUNTAIN VISTA HIGH SCHOOL (Highlands Ranch, Colorado)**

Altschul Room

**MOUNTAIN VIEW-LOS ALTOS SPEECH AND DEBATE (Mountain View, California)
VS. POTOMAC OAK (Rockville, Maryland)**

Rockefeller Room

**NOTRE DAME SAN JOSE (San Jose, California)
VS. EEC DEBATE (Toronto, ON, Canada)**

Rubin Library

SEMIFINALS / FINAL DEBATE

TEAMS TBD

Peterson Hall

UWC South East Asia vs. The Hockaday School

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MR. WILL BREWER

Associate, Brewer, Attorneys & Counselors

Mr. Will Brewer is an associate in the New York office of Brewer, Attorneys & Counselors. Mr. Brewer has experience in complex commercial litigation in state and federal court, as well as administrative bodies. He has represented clients across a variety of industries in a range of practice areas, including copyright, trademark, breach of contract, antitrust, business torts, e-commerce, music licensing, and other commercial disputes.

Mr. Brewer began his career as an associate at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP in New York, where he practiced complex commercial litigation with a focus in entertainment and media. Prior to joining the firm, he was a dispute resolution associate at Withers Worldwide, where he represented clients in the art industry.

In addition, Mr. Brewer has a dedicated pro bono practice. He is an author of amicus briefs submitted to the Supreme Court of the United States, in *Obergefell v. Hodges* and *Gloucester County School Bd. v. G.G.* He also served as outside counsel to a New York-based educational nonprofit.

Mr. Brewer received his Juris Doctor degree from New York University School of Law in 2014 and a bachelor's degree in Government from Colby College in 2011.



MS. CALLIE STOLTZ

Student, University of Pittsburgh, and Former IPPF Champion

Ms. Callie Stoltz is one of 12 Chancellor Scholars at the University of Pittsburgh Honors College and is majoring in Politics and Philosophy. She serves as a coordinator for Pittsburgh's Chapter of Do the Write Thing, a youth essay competition partnered with the U.S. National Campaign to Stop Violence.

Ms. Stoltz was a member of the Pine Richland High School World Champion team in the 2021-2022 IPPF competition. She is now an active member of the IPPF Circle of Champions, serving during this year's competition as a judge and mentor.

JASMINE MCCLURE - MODERATOR

NYU Policy Debate Team

Wasatch Independent Debate League vs. Mountain Vista High School

Altschul Room



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MR. SEBASTIAN STARTZ

Strategic Finance, MycoWorks, and Former IPPF Champion

Mr. Sebastian Startz lives in New York City and leads strategic and financial initiatives at MycoWorks, a biomaterials company producing alternative leather out of mushrooms. Previously, Mr. Startz invested in and advised companies across the consumer and technology sectors as a private equity investor at H.I.G. Capital and an investment banker at Nomura.

While in college, Mr. Startz was a member of the Columbia debate team, where he received the Curtis Prize, naming him the best public speaker at the university. In 2013, he and his teammates from Shanley High School won the IPPF Championship.

Mr. Startz graduated *magna cum laude* from Columbia University with a B.A. in Financial Economics. This fall, he will begin business school at Wharton as a George Schirer Fellow.

THOMAS KU - MODERATOR
NYU Policy Debate Team

Mountain View-Los Altos Speech and Debate vs. Potomac Oak

Rockefeller Room



MR. TADG MANNA

Student, Cornell University, and Former IPPF Champion

Mr. Tadg Manna is a student at Cornell University, where he is studying mechanical engineering.

Mr. Manna was a member of the Pine-Richland High School World Champion team in the 2021-22 IPPF competition. He is now an active member of the IPPF Circle of Champions. During the 2022-23 competition, Mr. Manna served as a team mentor and judged every round of the written debates.



MR. RAVI SHAH

Principal, McNally Capital, and Former IPPF Champion

Mr. Ravi Shah is a Principal at McNally Capital, a Chicago private equity firm that partners with companies in the aerospace, defense and industrial technology sectors. Mr. Shah led the development of the firm's National Security investment practice, which focuses on partnering with founder-owned and family-owned government contractors that support the U.S. national security mission by serving the intelligence community, department of defense and federal civilian agencies. Mr. Shah sits on the Boards of Directors for several of McNally Capital's portfolio companies with focus on strategic planning, governance and financial oversight.

Mr. Shah debated extensively in high school, representing the Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr. School of the Arts in competitive forensic tournaments for student congress and extemporaneous speaking. In 2005, Mr. Shah was ranked 8th in the nation at the National Forensic League's National Student Congress Championship. In 2006, he and his teammates were named IPPF Champions. Largely based on his visit to New York through the IPPF, Mr. Shah chose to attend NYU, where he studied finance at the Stern School of Business.



MR. ANDY YUWEN

Consultant, McKinsey & Company, and Former IPPF Champion

Mr. Andy Yuwen is a consultant with McKinsey & Company, where he advises executives and investors on their most pressing issues. Prior to joining McKinsey in 2021, he was the chief of staff of a transfer agency supporting \$3 trillion in assets.

Mr. Yuwen was a member of the Hamilton High School World Champion team in the 2013-2014 IPPF competition and has remained active as a judge and mentor. He is a CFA charterholder and holds degrees in economics and chemical engineering from Rice University.

Notre Dame San Jose vs. EEC Debate

Rubin Library



MR. JOHN HOUSER

Senior Consulting Director, Brewer, Attorneys & Counselors

Mr. John Houser is a senior consulting director in Brewer, Attorneys & Counselors' New York office. In that role, he provides business and financial analysis for corporate litigation matters.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Houser was responsible for building a high-growth financial services division at Brightstar Corp. as Chief Financial Officer. During his time at Brightstar, he established governance processes, directed personnel matters and financial operations - including developing business plans, operational budgets, controls, and all aspects of reporting.

Prior to Brightstar Corp., Mr. Houser worked for over 12 years as an investment banker in New York, addressing strategic and capital markets objectives of Fortune 500 companies operating in consumer, healthcare, and retail industries. His execution experience includes sell-side and buy-side M&A engagements, as well as debt and equity financings for corporate and financial sponsor clients.



DR. JULIAN MICHAEL

*Postdoctoral Researcher, NYU Center for Data Science
and Former IPPF Champion*

Dr. Julian Michael is a postdoctoral researcher at the New York University Center for Data Science. Here, he conducts artificial intelligence research focused on building AI systems that understand human language, conduct debates, and seek truth. He has also worked on machine learning model analysis, unsupervised learning, benchmarking, and formal logic.

Dr. Michael has published work in prestigious conferences, such as ACL, EMNLP, ICLR, and NeurIPS, and has done AI research at various places, including Google, Facebook, Qualcomm, Adobe, and the Allen Institute for AI.

Dr. Michael is a former debater and IPPF World Champion, competing for Plano Senior High School in the 2010-2011 competition.



MR. ALEX POUILLE

*Zone Europe Chief Financial Officer, Anheuser-Busch InBev,
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Mr. Alex Pouille is the Zone Europe Chief Financial Officer for the world's largest brewer, Anheuser-Busch InBev, and is based out of Brussels, Belgium. Mr. Pouille has over 13 years of financial experience ranging from Control, Tax, Business Planning, Treasury, and Mergers and Acquisitions. Mr. Pouille's geographic scope in his current role includes Europe, Middle East, and Russia/Ukraine.

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MS. SVETLANA EISENBERG

Partner, Brewer, Attorneys & Counselors

Ms. Svetlana M. Eisenberg is a partner in the New York office of Brewer, Attorneys & Counselors.

Prior to joining the firm in August 2018, Ms. Eisenberg served as a law clerk to the Honorable Michael E. Wiles, United States Bankruptcy Judge, Southern District of New York from 2017 to 2018.

Between 2014 and 2017, Ms. Eisenberg served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Civil and Criminal Divisions in the District of New Jersey. In that position, she conducted grand jury investigations into financial and other crimes. Ms. Eisenberg secured convictions for white collar and violent offenses, including investment fraud, credit card fraud, gift card fraud, aggravated identity theft, and bank robberies.

Between 2014 and 2015, Ms. Eisenberg served as Associate General Counsel in HSBC's Global Internal Investigations Group. Prior to that, Ms. Eisenberg was an associate at Debevoise & Plimpton, where her experience included representing debtors and creditors in chapter 11 cases; representing individuals and corporations in commercial disputes and litigation with the Securities and Exchange Commission; and participating in extensive internal investigations, including a Foreign Corrupt Practices Act investigation on behalf Siemens AG's Audit Committee.

Ms. Eisenberg received her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center. She also holds a Bachelor of Science in International Relations from Bennington College.



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Director, NYU Global Debate Fund

Mr. Will Baker is the Director of the NYU Global Debate program housed at the Leonard N. Stern School of Business. He also serves as Chief Information Officer for Baker Consulting Associates (BCA) based in Dallas, Texas. BCA's past clients include the Open Society Institute, Deutsche Bank, the Brooklyn Public Library, and the Committee of Religious NGOs at the United Nations.

As a student at Cornell University, Mr. Baker won over 100 speech and debate awards and was named a Venephe Wilson Scholar, the team's highest student honor. After Cornell, Mr. Baker worked at the International Association for Religious Freedom before becoming a social entrepreneur. He founded both the New York Urban Debate League and the Malcolm X Prison Debate Initiative at Riker's Island.

In 2003, as head of NYU's policy debate team, Mr. Baker became the first African American director to win the national championship since Melvin Tolson of Wiley College in 1935. Since then, Mr. Baker has overseen top national finishes for nearly 20 years in a row. His team was honored with the 2022 National Public Debate Award by the Cross Examination Debate Association. The award recognizes his team's work with the Brewer Foundation and other partners to share the transformative power of debate worldwide.

Mr. Baker is a member of the IPPF Advisory Board.



MR. MARSHALL DONAT

Former Vice President & Senior Counsel, Marriott International

Mr. Marshall Donat is the former Vice President and Senior Counsel for Marriott International. Prior to this, he served as Vice President and Associate General Counsel for Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Incorporated. Mr. Donat's work in hospitality law involved contract owner relations, hotel management, franchise development, and mixed-use condominium hotel contracts.

Prior to joining Starwood, Mr. Donat was the General Counsel for the North American division of Club Med, Inc., headquartered in New York City, and also served as Associate Counsel for Pan American World Airways.

Mr. Donat is a long-time supporter and judge of the IPPF.

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MR. WILLIAM A. BREWER III

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Mr. William A. Brewer III co-founded the national litigation firm of Brewer, Attorneys & Counselors in 1984. Since that time, he has earned a national reputation as one of the most successful lawyers in the United States practicing exclusively in the field of complex commercial litigation and dispute resolution. Mr. Brewer is also founding partner of the Brewer Foundation.

A former debater himself, Mr. Brewer helped found the International Public Policy Forum and now serves on its Advisory Board. He has previously been named "Communicator of the Year" by the National Speech & Debate Association.



MR. DAVID HUSTON

Debate Coach, Jasper High School

Mr. Dave Huston has coached debate for over 40 years and has been a part of the IPPF competition since its second year. He has had three teams compete in the final round of the IPPF. Mr. Huston serves on the IPPF Advisory Board, the IPPF Topic Committee, and he regularly judges the IPPF written and oral competitions.

In addition to his IPPF activities, Mr. Huston is now serving his fourth term on the National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) Board of Directors. He has been a district chair for three different districts for the NSDA in Iowa and Texas. He is highly skilled at tabulating debate tournaments, serving as the tabulation director for several local and regional tournaments, as well as the Glenbrooks Tournament, the Tournament of Champions, and the Texas Forensics Association State Tournament.

Mr. Huston's debate teams have won numerous state, regional, and national competitions. He is an Emory University/Barkley Forum Key Coach, a member of the Texas Forensic Association Hall of Fame, and the NSDA Hall of Fame.



MS. CHRISTINA PHILLIPS

Director of Debate, Notre Dame High School

Ms. Christina Phillips is the director of debate at Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks, California, an NDCA Board member, and a member of the policy advisory committee for the Tournament of Champions. Her students have reached the elimination rounds at many leading tournaments, including the NSDA Championships, NDCA Championships, and Tournament of Champions.

Ms. Phillips was a four-year CEDA/NDT debater at the University of Southern California.

Along with serving on the IPPF Advisory Board, Ms. Phillips is a long-time member of the IPPF Topic Selection Committee. She coached the 2019 IPPF World Champions, the 2011 second place, and 2010 third place IPPF teams.



DR. JOHN SEXTON

President Emeritus, New York University

Dr. John Sexton is President Emeritus of New York University, having served as president from 2001 through 2015. Prior to being named NYU's president, Dr. Sexton was dean of the university's law school for fourteen years.

Before coming to NYU, Dr. Sexton served as law clerk to Chief Justice Warren Burger of the United States Supreme Court (1980-1981), and to Judges David Bazelon and Harold Leventhal of the United States Court of Appeals (1979-1980). For ten years (1983-1993), he served as special master supervising pretrial proceedings in the Love Canal litigation.

Dr. Sexton is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and has served as the chairman of the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. He has received numerous awards, including "Outstanding High School Debate Coach of the Last 50 Years."



MR. JAMES TRAUB

Journalist and Scholar

Mr. James Traub is a journalist and scholar specializing in international affairs. He is a columnist and contributor to the website foreignpolicy.com. He worked as a staff writer for *The New Yorker* from 1993 to 1998 and as a contributing writer to *The New York Times Magazine* from 1998 to 2011.

Mr. Traub has also written extensively about national politics, urban affairs, and education. His recent books include *What Was Liberalism? The Past, Present and Promise of a Noble Idea and Militant Spirit*, a biography of John Quincy Adams. *True Believer*, his biography of Hubert Humphrey, will be published in early 2024.

Mr. Traub teaches classes on world affairs and on intellectual history at NYU Abu Dhabi. He is a fellow of the Center on International Cooperation and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.



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ORAL DEBATE FORMAT

Debating on the topic:

**"Resolved: The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
is an effective model for international cooperation."**

OPENING PRESENTATIONS BY EACH TEAM

Affirmative: 5 minutes (Quarterfinals), 8 minutes (Semifinals and Finals)
Negative: 5 minutes (Quarterfinals), 8 minutes (Semifinals and Finals)

SECOND SPEECHES BY EACH TEAM

**90 second break for teams to confer before affirmative second speech.

Affirmative Team 5 minutes

**90 second break for teams to confer before negative second speech.

Negative Team 5 minutes

CROSS EXAMINATION

Moderator will allow no more than 12 minutes for questions and balance time between the teams.

Each team member must ask and answer one question. Both questions and answers may not be any longer than one (1) minute.

QUESTION PERIOD FOR JUDGES

Questions may be any length. Answers may not be any longer than 1 minute.

The moderator will direct five questions to each side. Once each side has asked and answered five questions, the moderator will allow questioning to continue while balancing questions between each side. The questioning period for judges should not exceed 20 minutes for the quarterfinals and 30 minutes for the semifinals and finals.

REBUTTAL STATEMENTS

Negative Team 5 minutes
Affirmative Team 5 minutes





LUIGI AUQUILLA - AMBASSADOR FOR EEC DEBATE

Luigi Auquilla is a junior at NYU majoring in Politics at the College of Arts and Sciences and a Presidential Honors Scholar. Hailing from New York City, he debated in public forum throughout middle and high school before transitioning to policy debate after joining the NYU team two years ago. He was the second-place speaker at the CEDA Northeast Regionals in 2022 and has cleared at multiple tournaments. He serves on the NYU CEDA Executive Board.



DEANNA CIACCIARELLI - AMBASSADOR FOR WASATCH INDEPENDENT DEBATE LEAGUE

Deanna Ciacciarelli is a senior at NYU majoring in Politics and minoring in the Business of Entertainment, Media, and Technology at the College of Arts and Sciences. Her college debate career began as a novice at Binghamton University before she transferred to NYU. Since joining the NYU team, Deanna finished 2nd at the Junior Varsity Regional Championships and closed out this year's BTO. Deanna is the E-Board PR Officer and was an active grader for the IPPF this season.



ADELLE FERNANDO - AMBASSADOR FOR MOUNTAIN VISTA HIGH SCHOOL

Adelle Fernando is a senior studying Computer Science and Integrated Digital Media at NYU. She has been involved in the debate community for eight years, beginning in high school on the speech side of the activity and culminating in her current position as Co-President of the NYU policy team. She has thoroughly enjoyed competing, judging, and teaching debate. She is excited to engage with the younger generation in an activity that has been a fulfilling part of her educational experience.



ANUJ JAIN - AMBASSADOR FOR POTOMAC OAK

Anuj Jain is a freshman at the NYU College of Arts and Sciences, double-majoring in Public Policy and Psychology. After joining the debate team this semester, Anuj got to the finals of the Northeast Regional Championship in JV and earned a 5th-place speaker award. Previously, he debated for Edgemont High School in Lincoln-Douglas Debate. Anuj is very eager to be an IPPF Ambassador!



THOMAS KU - AMBASSADOR FOR THE HOCKADAY SCHOOL

Thomas Ku is a junior studying Economics and Mathematics at NYU with a minor in Philosophy. Having lived in Taiwan and the Mexican border, Thomas loves to travel and discuss global economic issues. His passion for energy aids him in working with the oil and gas team at the Australian investment bank Macquarie. Since joining the NYU team, Thomas placed 5th and 9th at ADA Nationals and Novice/JV National while making elims at eight out of his first eight tournaments. Thomas is the current team co-treasurer.



JESSICA LI - AMBASSADOR FOR UWC SOUTH EAST ASIA

Jessica Li is a second-year student at NYU majoring in Mathematics and Economics and minoring in History and Political Science. She is the Co-Coordinator for IPPF at NYU. As a novice debater, she cleared at multiple tournaments and earned top five finishes at both ADA Nationals and CEDA Nationals. Jessica loves shopping, watching dramas on Netflix, astrology, painting, and playing piano. Congratulations on making the Elite 8. She's excited to show you around New York City!



JASMINE MCCLURE - AMBASSADOR FOR MOUNTAIN VIEW-LOS ALTOS SPEECH AND DEBATE

Jasmine McClure is a junior at the College of Arts and Sciences at NYU. She is double majoring in Politics and Journalism, with a particular passion for francophone culture. She has been involved in debate since high school and joined the NYU CEDA team at the beginning of this year. Jasmine has participated actively in the debate community through judging and participating in tournaments and as the Co-Coordinator for IPPF. She is looking forward to being your NYC guide.



SHREERAM MODI - AMBASSADOR FOR NOTRE DAME SAN JOSE

Shreeram Modi is a freshman at NYU with an intended double major in Philosophy and Computer Science. He started off in Lincoln Douglas debate at Lynbrook High School in California and is now competing for NYU's policy debate team. In his first year, he was the 6th speaker at the Texas Open and made it to the quarterfinals. He loves the research aspect of debate and is also an Associate Editor for NYU's Undergraduate Law Review.