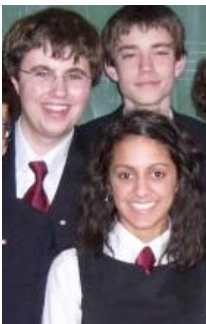




## 2007-2008 ANNUAL REVIEW

### BLUENOSE DEBATERS ON 2008 TEAM CANADA



**Shalini Rao** of the **Sacred Heart School of Halifax** (front) and **Scott Stirrett** and **Daniel Lewis** (left to right at back), both of **Halifax Grammar School**, were members of Team Canada this year. **Shalini** was captain of Team Canada 1, leading it to victory at the European Open Schools Debating Championships held in Stuttgart, Germany from January 13th – 18th and the Pan American Schools Debating Championships held in Peru from April 8th – 9th. **Shalini** placed first at both events and was also the best individual debater at the 2007 Moses Coady Tournament and the 2008 Nova Scotia Senior High Championships. Unfortunately **Shalini** will not be eligible to represent Canada at the 2008 World Championships in Washington, D.C. September 7th – 18th because she will have begun her studies at Harvard University by then. **Daniel** and **Scott** also debated for Canada at the 2008 European Open and Pan-American Championships on teams that placed second and third, and **Daniel** will be on Team Canada at the 2008 World Schools Debating Championships.

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### WINNERS OF 2008 STU MODEL UNITED NATIONS



Students from **Charles P. Allen High School** in Bedford display the Gary Robichaud Award they won as top school at the 2008 John Peters Humphrey Model United Nations hosted by St. Thomas University in Fredericton from May 9th – 12th.

### Winner of 2007 N.S. Impromptus, 2007 McGill Tournament and 2008 Dalhousie and Queens Tournaments

**Innessa Colaiacovo** of **Halifax Grammar School** was individual champion at the 2007 Nova Scotia Impromptu Championships (and team champion with Vinayak Mishra), 2007 McGill University High School Tournament (and team champion with Vinayak Mishra), runner-up debater at the 2007 Moses Coady Tournament (and team champion with Daniel Lewis and Scott Stirrett), and individual champion at the 2008 Dalhousie University Tournament (and team champion with Vinayak Mishra) and 2008 Queens University Tournament (and on the runner-up team with Scott Stirrett). Once again this year **Innessa** qualified to attend the National Seminar but was unable to do so.



### Successful Contestants for 2009 Team Canada



At the 2007 Nova Scotia Try-Outs held in Halifax on October 14th, **Maureen MacIsaac** of **Sydney Academy**, **Daniel Lewis** of **Halifax Grammar School** and **Deirdre Casey** of the **Sacred Heart School of Halifax** won the right to represent Nova Scotia at the national Team Canada Selection Tournament. All three qualified for the nine member Team Canada pool at the national try-outs held in Vancouver on November 20th – 21st.

## 2007 SACRED HEART NOVICE WORKSHOP

The Sacred Heart School of Halifax drew 48 debaters to its Novice Workshop held on September 29th, 2007.

## SENIOR HIGH WINNERS OF THE 2007 N.S. IMPROMPTU DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIPS



**Innessa Colaiacovo** and **Vinayak Mishra** of the **Halifax Grammar School** were the top Senior High team at the 2007 Nova Scotia Impromptu Debating Championships held on October 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. **Innessa** was also the best individual debater in the Senior High section.

## CANWEST TOURNAMENT DELEGATES CHOSEN

At the 2007 Nova Scotia Impromptu Debating Championships, **Innessa Colaiacovo** and **Daniel Lewis** of **Halifax Grammar School** and **Shalini Rao** of the **Sacred Heart School of Halifax** qualified to represent Nova Scotia at the 2008 Canwest National Public Speaking Championships held in Winnipeg February 8th to 12th but unfortunately none was able to attend.

## JUNIOR HIGH WINNERS OF THE 2007 N.S. IMPROMPTU DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

**J. D. Zillman** and **Katelyn MacMullin** of **Whitney Pier Memorial Junior High School** in Sydney were the best Junior High team at the 2007 Nova Scotia Impromptu Debating Championships held on October 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. **Mr. Zillman** was the top individual debater in the Junior High section.



## SEMI-FINALIST TEAM AT THE 2007 NORTH AMERICAN TOURNAMENT

**Deirdre Casey** and **Shalini Rao**, both of the **Sacred Heart School of Halifax** were eliminated in the semi-finals at the North American Championships held in Calgary October 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. **Deirdre** placed 9<sup>th</sup> individually and **Shalini** 13<sup>th</sup> out of 120 competitors.

## 2007 MCGILL UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT CHAMPION TEAM AND BEST INDIVIDUAL DEBATER

**Innessa Colaiacovo** of the **Halifax Grammar School** was the top individual debater at the 2007 McGill University High School Tournament held in Montréal on November 2nd - 3rd and she and schoolmate **Vinayak Mishra** were also the champion team at the event. Nine of the top eleven debaters were from Halifax; this 48th McGill Tournament involved 200 competitors.

## ECOLE DU CARREFOUR SWEEPS THE 2007 DÉBATS L'ACADIEN



Above are **Christine Bérubé**, **Nathaniel Mullin** and **Emilie Hurst**, all of **Ecole du Carrefour** in Dartmouth, who were the top French debater, overall champion, and best Bilingual debater respectively at the 2008 Débats l'Acadien. **Ecole du Carrefour** hosted the competition on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and retained the title of top school team at the event.

## WINNERS OF 2007 MOSES COADY DEBATING TOURNAMENT

**Innessa Colaiacovo**, **Daniel Lewis** and **Scott Stirrett** of **Halifax Grammar School** retained their title as the top team at the 2007 Moses M. Coady Debating Competition hosted by St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish on November 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. **Shalini Rao** of the **Sacred Heart School of Halifax** was offered a \$1,000 entrance scholarship to St. F. X. as best individual debater.

## WINNERS OF THE 2008 SODALES TOURNAMENT

**Innessa Colaiacovo** and **Vinayak Mishra** of **Halifax Grammar School** were the top team at the 2008 Sodales Tournament hosted by the Dalhousie University debating society on January 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> and **Innessa** retained her title as individual champion.

## TOP NOVA SCOTIANS AT THE 2008 QUEENS TOURNAMENT

**Innessa Colaiacovo** and **Scott Stirrett** of the **Halifax Grammar School** were the runner-up team at the 2008 National High School Tournament hosted by Queens University in Kingston on February 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>. In the individual standings, **Innessa Colaiacovo** of the **Halifax Grammar School** won the individual championship over runners-up **Shalini Rao** and **Deirdre Casey** of the **Sacred Heart School of Halifax**; the top six debaters were all from Halifax.

## WINNERS OF THE 2008 DONAHOE CUP TOURNAMENT



**Nabhan Chowdhury** and **Keith Lehwald** of **Halifax West High School** won the 2008 Donahoe Cup Debating Tournament hosted by the Sacred Heart School of Halifax on March 1st – 2nd. In the individual standings, **Max Rau** of **Halifax Grammar School** claimed the title.

## TOP NOVA SCOTIANS AT THE 2008 CANADIAN SENIOR HIGH CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Daniel Lewis** and **Scott Stirrett** of **Halifax Grammar School** were the top Nova Scotian team at the 2008 Canadian Senior High Championships held in Calgary on April 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>, placing second. In the individual standings, **Daniel** placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and **Scott** 4<sup>th</sup>. Two other Halifax students placed in the top ten.

## 2008 PROVINCIAL SENIOR HIGH ENGLISH CHAMPION DEBATERS



**Shalini Rao** of the **Sacred Heart School of Halifax** was individual champion at the 2008 Nova Scotia Senior High School English Debating Championships while **Ben Jain**, **Max Rau** and **Vinayak Mishra** of **Halifax Grammar School** retained the Lieutenant-Governor's Citation for HGS as top team.

## NOVA SCOTIAN DELEGATES TO 2007 FALL NATIONAL SEMINAR



**Nabhan Chowdhury** of **Halifax West High School**, **Jeremy Curtis** of **Middleton Regional High School**, **Andrew Morrison** of **Sacred Heart Boys School**, adult delegate **John Filliter**, **Nathaniel Mullin** of **Ecole du Carrefour**, **Lyle Dobbin** of **Citadel High School**, **Christine Bérubé** of **Ecole du Carrefour**, **John Lazovskis** of **Sydney Academy**, Founding Father of the Seminar **Tom Lawson**, **Mariana Carrera** of the **Sacred Heart School of Halifax**, **Vinayak Mishra** of **Halifax Grammar School**, Willis McLeese Chair **Alex Morrison** and **Anna Wedlock** of **Middleton Regional High School** were members of the Nova Scotia delegation to the first Fall National Seminar held in Vancouver and Victoria, B. C. from November 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. **Christine** and **Jeremy** were our French delegates, **Nathaniel** and **Mariana** our Bilingual ones. **Andrew** was the best Bluenose debater, tying for 5<sup>th</sup> to win a place on the Founder's Cup as well as the provincial Award of Excellence.

## 2008 PROVINCIAL JUNIOR HIGH ENGLISH CHAMPION DEBATERS



**Debi Ogunrinde** of **Halifax Grammar School** won the Gold Gavel, emblematic of the individual championship, at the 2008 Nova Scotia Junior High School Debating Championships held at her school on March 28<sup>th</sup>. **Maria Nemis**, **J. D. Zillman** and **Katelyn MacMullin** of **Whitney Pier Memorial Junior High School** were awarded the Atlantic Institute of Education Shield for retaining the team title. The Whitney Pier team also took part in the **2008 International Young Debaters Tournament** hosted by Oxford University in England May 6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>.

## NOVA SCOTIAN DELEGATION TO 2008 JUNIOR HIGH NATIONALS



Nova Scotia's delegation to the 2008 Junior High Nationals held in St. John's, Newfoundland May 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> included (front row) **Debi Ogunrinde** of **Halifax Grammar School**, **Lauren Perry** of **Middleton Regional High School**, **Evan Taylor** of **King's-Edgehill School**, (back row) **Ummar Alattar** of **Halifax Grammar School**, **Kyla Shields** of **Middleton Regional High School**, and **Corey Schruder** of **Whitney Pier Memorial Junior High School**. Missing from photograph: **Gabriel Rosconi-Robertson** of **Middleton Regional High School**.

## 2008 SACRED HEART SCHOOL DEBATE CAMP

The Sacred Heart School of Halifax hosted its 4<sup>th</sup> annual summer Debate Camp August 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008.

## 2008 WILLIS MCLEESE AWARD WINNER



**Carol Milne** of Sydney was the 2008 recipient of the Willis S. McLeese Award, a national trophy presented each year to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to student debating in Nova Scotia. The trophy is named in honour of Mr. McLeese, the Toronto businessman who was a founding director and long-time Treasurer of the Canadian Student Debating Federation.

Carol currently helps coach the team at Whitney Pier Memorial Junior High School and has previously coached at St. Andrews Junior School in Antigonish. Under her guidance, both schools have hosted provincial debating events.

Previous provincial winners of the award have been Tass Paul Bey, Stephanie Blucher, Gordon Bragg, Geoff Buerger, Lee Cantwell, Brian Casey, Peter Delefos, Helen Dickson, Patricia Donnelly, Irina Efimov, Robert Ferguson, David Greene, Cathy Hanley, Marjorie Pettipas Mackay, Agnès Malouf, Allan MacDiarmid, Andra Doherty McGinn, Joshua Judah, Helen Kuniski, Harold Kyte, Karen Pugh Powell, Barbara Read, Pauline Scott, Marilynne Sinclair, Raymond Smith, Regina Tate and Margaret Young, and national nominees John Filliter, Gerry Punké and Cleve Wall.

## 2008 SISTER ANNE LESOTA AWARD WINNER

**Kathryn Bjornson** of Halifax was the 2008 recipient of the Sister Lesota Award, which is presented in recognition of outstanding service as a debating judge. The award is named in honour of the late Sister Anne Lesota, who was extremely active in provincial student debating when she was Headmistress at what was then the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Halifax. Previous winners of this award have been Gerald Aucoin, James Bond, Margaret Boyd, Betty-Lou Cameron, Patricia Donnelly, Robert Ferguson, Canon Mel French, Dr. William Gallivan, Jennifer Harnum, Jennifer Henderson, Margaret Johnson, Sudannah MacDonald, Agnès Malouf, Dr. Fred Matthews, Regina Tate, Perry Teale, David White and Margaret Young.



## 2008 NATIONAL SEMINAR THEME

The Theme of the 2008 National Student Debating Seminar is "Canada's Foreign Policy". The Cross-Examination resolution will be whether "we should negotiate with terrorists" while the Worlds style resolution is "This House would suspend direct foreign aid." Senior high debaters hoping to qualify for the Seminar are reminded not to debate these or closely-related topics in inter-school competition prior to the Seminar or they will be disqualified from attending it. The Seminar will be held in Calgary, Alberta from November 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>.

## NOTICE OF 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2008 Annual General Meeting of the Nova Scotia Debating Society will be held at the Sacred Heart School of Halifax, 5820 Spring Garden Road, Halifax on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 beginning at 12 noon or as soon thereafter as possible.



**2007-2008 Board of Directors: John Filliter, Deirdre Casey, Ali Abdulhussain, Stephanie Blucher, Harold Kyte, Agnès Malouf and Blair MacDonald.** Missing from photograph: **Katelyn MacMullin and David Stewart.**

## REGISTER OF 2007 – 2008 MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY

During the 2007-2008 Society Year, 19 schools affiliated with the Nova Scotia Debating Society, namely: (coaches)

- 01: Sacred Heart School of Halifax (Brian Casey)
- 02: Sacred Heart Boys School (Brian Casey)
- 03: Sydney Academy (Harold Kyte)
- 04: North Nova Education Centre (David Greene)
- 05: Memorial Composite High School (Mary Jane Ross)
- 06: Prince Andrew High School (Bob MacKay)
- 07: École du Carrefour (Agnès Malouf)
- 08: King's-Edgehill School (Fidel Castro-Gomez)
- 09: Middleton Regional High School (David Stewart)
- 10: Halifax Grammar School (Josh Judah)
- 11: Citadel High School (Josh Judah)
- 12: Gorsebrook Junior High School (Josh Judah)
- 13: Dr. J. H. Gillis Regional School (Effie Boutilier)
- 14: Northumberland Regional High School (Cathy Hanley)
- 15: Whitney Pier Memorial Junior High School (Cathy Nock)
- 16: Charles P. Allen High School (Christopher Hall)
- 17: Riverview Rural High School (Kathleen Butler)
- 18: Hants East Rural High School (Brianna Scott)
- 19: Halifax West High School (Stephanie Blucher)

## THANK YOU SUPPORTERS!

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