



2009-2010 ANNUAL REVIEW

CANADA WINS TEAM TITLE AT 2010 WORLD SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS



Team Canada defeated England in the Championship Round to win the team championship at the World Schools Debating Championships held in Doha, Qatar from February 5th to 18th, 2010. Members of the squad were Nova Scotians **Lyle Dobbin**

of **Citadel High School**, **Andrew Morrison** of **Fountain Academy of the Sacred Heart** and **Vinayak Mishra** of **Halifax Grammar School**; Albertans **Veenu Goswami** and **Keenan MacNeal**, British Columbians **Jonathon Carson**, **Iqbal Kassam** and **Sophie Bird**, Manitoban **Sarah Levy**, and coach **Tracey Lee** of British Columbia. Only **Veenu**, **Keenan**, **Jonathon**, **Iqbal** and **Lyle** spoke during the competition but the other four were all present and assisted with team preparations.

This is the first time that Canada has won the championship since winning the inaugural competition held in Canberra, Australia in 1988. In the individual standings, traditional powerhouse Australia copped the top four positions, with **Joanna Connolly** placing first; **Mr. Goswami** was the top Canadian, coming in fifth. Our **Lyle Dobbin** tied for 48th place in the Worlds standings.

NOVA SCOTIAN CONTESTANTS FOR 2011 TEAM CANADA



At the Nova Scotia Try-Outs held at Halifax Grammar School on January 31st, 2010, **Debi Ogunrinde** of the **Halifax Grammar School**, **J. D. Zillman** of **Sydney Academy**, **Kyla Shields** of **Middleton Regional High School**, and **Aislin Flynn** of **Sacred Heart School of Halifax** (spare) won the right to represent Nova Scotia at the national Team Canada Selection Tournament. **Kyla** was unable to attend and was replaced by **Aislin**. **Debi** and **J. D.** qualified for the nine member Team Canada pool at the national try-outs held in Victoria on April 21st – 22nd, 2010.

2010 CANADIAN SENIOR HIGH CHAMPION



Andrew Morrison of **Fountain Academy of the Sacred Heart** in Halifax was the best individual debater at the 2010 Senior High Nationals held in Victoria, British Columbia April 22nd - 26th. He defeated all of his team Canada colleagues except for **Sarah Levy**, who didn't enter the event. (Too bad Andrew didn't get to speak for Canada at the Worlds – Canada might have had

an individual title to go with its team championship!) **Mr. Morrison** and his Sacred Heart partner **Aislin Flynn** were also the best Nova Scotian team at the event, placing fifth.

CHAMPION TEAM AT 2010 JUNIOR HIGH NATIONALS



William Dawson and **Oliver Bjornsson** of **Halifax Grammar School** were the winning team at the 2010 Junior High Nationals held in Calgary, Alberta May 13th - 15th. **Mr. Dawson** was our best individual debater, placing ninth in the individual standings.

TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS AT THE 2009 MCGILL HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT



Lyle Dobbin and **Liam Coughlan** of **Citadel High School**, Halifax display the trophy for the champion team that they won at the 2009 McGill University High School Tournament held in Montréal on October 30th - 31st, beating **Debi Ogunrinde** and **Casper Macaulay** of Halifax Grammar School in the final. **Andrew Morrison** of the

Fountain Academy of the Sacred Heart, Halifax, retained his title as top individual debater at the event. This is the third straight year that our students have won both individual and team titles; 216 students from Canada and the U.S. competed this year.

2009 SACRED HEART NOVICE WORKSHOP

The Sacred Heart School of Halifax attracted 26 debaters to its Novice Workshop on September 26th, 2009, along with some experienced debaters who assisted in administering the event.

TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL WINNERS OF THE 2009 N. S. IMPROMPTU DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIPS



Andrew Morrison of the **Fountain Academy of the Sacred Heart**, Halifax, and **Vinayak Mishra** and **Casper MacAulay** of the **Halifax Grammar School** were the top Senior High debaters at the 2009 Nova Scotia Impromptu Debating Championships held at Ecole du Carrefour, Dartmouth on October 2nd - 3rd. Andrew was the best individual debater while Vinayak and Casper defended the team title for their school. In the Junior High section, **Oliver Bjornsson** and **William Dawson** captured the team title for **Halifax Grammar School** and Oliver won the individual championship.

NOVA SCOTIAN DELEGATES TO THE 2009 NATIONAL SEMINAR



(Left to right) **Kyla Shields** of **Middleton Regional High School**, **Krista Hennigar** of **King's-Edgehill School** in Windsor, adult delegate **Effie Boutilier**, **William Lin** of **Halifax Grammar School**, **Kanivanan Chinniah** of **Sydney Academy**, **Mathieu Charles Blouin** of **Ecole du Carrefour** in Dartmouth, and **Meaghan Carlson** of **Dr. J. H. Gillis Regional School** in Antigonish, were members of the Nova Scotia delegation to the National Seminar held in Winnipeg, Manitoba from October 14th - 18th. Mathieu Charles was our Bilingual delegate, Meaghan our French one. Mathieu Charles was our best debater, placing 6th overall and tying for 2nd in the Bilingual competition.

2009 MIDDLETON BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT WINNERS



John Dulong presents the advanced team championship to **William Lin** and **Vinayak Mishra** of **Halifax Grammar School**, who won this first tournament hosted by Middleton Regional High School on November 21st. **Vinayak**, **Debi Ogunrinde** of

Halifax Grammar School and **Liam Coughlan** of **Citadel High School** all tied for the individual title in the Advanced Section while **Meaghan Carlson** and **Sarah Cormier** of **Dr. J. H. Gillis Regional School** in Antigonish were the top team in the Novice Section.

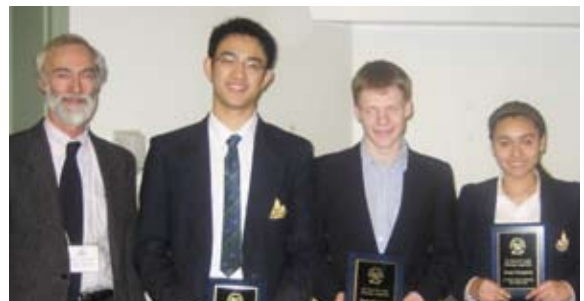
WINNERS OF THE 2009 SODALES BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY TOURNAMENT

Debi Ogunrinde and **Sam Collins** of **Halifax Grammar School** won the team title at Dalhousie debate club's inaugural high school tournament employing British Parliamentary style, while their schoolmate **Vinayak Mishra** took top individual honours. The event was held October 23rd - 24th.

WINNERS OF THE 2010 SODALES ATLANTIC REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Vinayak Mishra and **Casper Macaulay** of **Halifax Grammar School** were the top team at the 2010 (and first) Atlantic Regional Debating Championship hosted by the Dalhousie University Debating Society on January 8th - 9th. **Vinayak** was best individual debater and **Casper** top public speaker.

2010 MOSES COADY DEBATING COMPETITION CHAMPIONS



Professor Steve Baldner of **Saint Francis Xavier University**, Tournament Chairman, presents the trophy to **William Lin**, **Casper Macaulay** and **Debi Ogunrinde** of **Halifax Grammar School**, who retained their school's title as the top team at the 2010 Moses M. Coady Debating Competition hosted by St. F.X. in Antigonish on February 19th - 20th. Ms. Ogunrinde was offered a \$1,000 entrance scholarship to St. F. X. as best individual debater.

CHAMPION TEAM AT THE 2010 PAUL TOM TOURNAMENT



Acadia University President Ray Ivany presents the team championship trophies to **Kyla Shields** and **Ashley Rerrie** of **Middleton Regional High School**. **Andrew Morrison** of **Fountain Academy of the Sacred Heart** was the individual champion at this inaugural tournament hosted by Acadia's Paul Tom Debating Society in Wolfville on February 26th - 27th.

WINNERS OF THE 2010 DONAHOE CUP TOURNAMENT



Andrew Morrison of **Fountain Academy of the Sacred Heart** and his Sacred Heart colleague **Aislin Flynn** won the 2010 Donahoe Cup Debating Tournament hosted by the Sacred Heart School of Halifax on April 17th - 18th. In the individual standings, **Andrew** also claimed the title.

2010 PROVINCIAL JUNIOR HIGH CHAMPION ENGLISH DEBATERS



Holly Norman, Tina Kim and **Basia Sowinski-Banfield** of the **Sacred Heart School of Halifax** won the Atlantic Institute of Education Shield as champion team at the 2010 Nova Scotia Junior High School Debating Championships held at Middleton Regional High School on March 27th. **William Dawson** of **Halifax Grammar School** (see page 1 photo) captured the Gold Gavel, emblematic of the individual championship.

2010 PROVINCIAL SENIOR HIGH ENGLISH CHAMPION DEBATERS



Vinayak Mishra, Debi Ogunrinde and **Casper Macaulay** of the **Halifax Grammar School** retained the Lieutenant-Governor's Citation for HGS as top team at the 2010 Nova Scotia Senior High School English Debating Championships hosted by Halifax West High School April 9th – 10th. **Vinayak** also won the Gold Gavel as individual champion. **Miss Ogunrinde, J. D. Zillman** of **Sydney Academy**, **Evan Hatfield** of **Middleton Regional High School** and **Aislin Flynn** of the **Sacred Heart School of Halifax** qualified as English delegates to the 2011 National Seminar.

WINNERS OF THE 2010 DÉBATS DE L'ACADIE



Kelsey Keddy of **Ecole du Carrefour** in Dartmouth was the best individual debater at the 2010 Débats de l'Acadie while **Sarah Cormier** and **Meaghan Carlson** of the host **Dr. J. H. Gillis Regional School** in Antigonish captured the team title. At this event held on May 1st, 2010, Kelsey qualified to attend the 2011 National Seminar as our French delegate and Sarah was selected to be our Bilingual delegate.

WINNERS OF 2010 STU MODEL UNITED NATIONS



Students from **Dr. J. H. Gillis Regional School** in Antigonish, and their coach **Effie Boutilier**, display the **Gary Robichaud Award** they won as top school at the 2010 John Peters Humphrey Model United Nations hosted by St. Thomas University in Fredericton on the May 1st weekend. Left to right above are **Kegan Stephen**, STU President **Dr. Richard Myers**, **Ryan Smith**, **Mrs. Boutilier**, **Craig Overmars**, **Sarah Cormier**, **Lauren Roy**, **Yema Quinn**, **Dan MacNeil**, **Meaghan Carlson**, **Emma Boutilier** and **Daniel MacDonald**.

N. S. DELEGATES TO 2010 JUNIOR HIGH NATIONALS



(Left to right) **Tina Kim** and **Basia Sowinski-Banfield**, both of the **Sacred Heart School of Halifax**, **William Dawson** (behind Basia) of **Halifax Grammar School**, **Sebastian Young** of **Fountain Academy of the Sacred Heart** in Halifax, **Oliver Bjornsson** of **Halifax Grammar School**, **Alyson Duff** of **St. Andrew Junior School** in Antigonish, **Jake Marchand** of **Fountain Academy of the Sacred Heart**, **Patricia Chareka** of **St. Andrew Junior School**, and adult delegate **Joshua Judah** represented Nova Scotia at the 2010 Junior High Nationals held in Calgary from May 13th – 15th.

2010 SACRED HEART DEBATE CAMP

The Sacred Heart School of Halifax hosted its sixth annual summer Debate Camp August 16th – 20th, 2010. As we went to press, thirty-six students had registered to attend the event. Thirty-two students participated in this event.

2010 WILLIS MCLEESE AWARD WINNER



Christopher Hall of Bedford was the 2010 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.

Chris has been coaching debate at Charles P. Allen High School for many years and has guided his students to considerable success at the provincial level and the Saint Thomas University Model UN.

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, Carol Milne, Karen Pugh Powell, Barbara Read, Pauline Scott, Marilynne Sinclair, Raymond Smith, David Stewart, Regina Tate and Margaret Young, and national nominees John Filliter, Gerry Punké and Cleve Wall.

2010 SISTER ANNE LESOTA AWARD WINNER



Cathy Nock of Albert Bridge was the 2010 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 Murray Angus, Gerald

Aucoin, Kathryn Bjornsson, 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.

2011 NATIONAL SEMINAR THEME

The Theme of the 2011 National Student Debating Seminar is “Northern Issues”. The proposed resolutions target resource development vs. environmental protection, cultural preservation, and Arctic sovereignty. Senior high debaters planning to attend 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 is scheduled to be held in the Northwest Territories in February 2011.

NOTICE OF 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2010 Annual General Meeting of the Nova Scotia Debating Society will be held at King’s-Edgehill School, Windsor on Saturday, October 2nd, 2010 beginning at 12 noon or as soon thereafter as possible.



2009-2010 Board of Directors

(Left to right) **John Filliter, David Stewart, Agnès Malouf, Harold Kyte** and **Brian Casey**. Missing from photograph: **Stephanie Blucher, Ali Cherri, Katie Daniels and Gregory Doane**.

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During the 2009-2010 Society Year, 22 schools affiliated with the Nova Scotia Debating Society, namely: (coaches)

- 01: Sydney Mines Junior High School (Donnie Holland)
- 02: North Nova Education Centre (David Greene)
- 03: Ecole Secondaire de Clare (Sheila Henderson)
- 04: Sydney Academy (Harold Kyte)
- 05: Truro Junior High School (Lesley Fisher & Paul Millman)
- 06: Ecole du Carrefour (Agnès Malouf)
- 07: George D. Lewis School (Barbara Vokey)
- 08: Sacred Heart School of Halifax (Brian Casey)
- 09: Fountain Academy of the Sacred Heart (Brian Casey)
- 10: Riverview Rural High School (Kathleen Butler)
- 11: Cobequid Educational Centre (Emily Reilly)
- 12: Dr. J. H. Gillis Regional School (Effie Boutilier)
- 13: Halifax Grammar School (Josh Judah)
- 14: Citadel High School (Josh Judah)
- 15: Middleton Regional High School (David Stewart)
- 16: King’s-Edgehill School (Fidel Castro-Gomez)
- 17: Dalbrae Academy (Gary Walsh and Jeannette MacDonald)
- 18: Halifax West High School (Stephanie Blucher)
- 19: Northumberland Regional High School (Cathy Hanley)
- 20: Whitney Pier Memorial Junior High School (Alana MacLeod)
- 21: Saint Andrew Junior School (Effie Boutilier)
- 22: Charles P. Allen High School (Christopher Hall)

THANK YOU SUPPORTERS!

The Society thanks Ecole du Carrefour, Halifax Grammar School, Middleton Regional High School and Halifax West High School for hosting provincial debating tournaments this year; Gail LeBlanc for designing the *Annual Review*; retired teacher and debate coach Colin Campbell for maintaining our website; Scott Stirrett for his fundraising initiatives; and John Filliter, the Willis McLeese Foundation, and Cleve Wall for making donations to the Society.

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