



2010-2011 ANNUAL REVIEW

2011 TEAM CANADA



Debi Ogunrinde of Halifax Grammar School (left) was a member of Team Canada that went on a series of debates in New Zealand in 2011. The team will attempt to defend Canada's world championship title at the 2011 World Schools Championships in Dundee, Scotland August 16th – 26th.

BLUENOSE CONTESTANTS FOR 2012 TEAM CANADA



At the Nova Scotia Try-Outs held in Halifax on October 3rd, 2010, **Aislyn Flynn** of the **Sacred Heart School of Halifax**, **Neil MacIsaac** of **Sydney Academy**, and **Will Dawson** of **Citadel High School** of Halifax, won the right to represent Nova Scotia at the national Team Canada Selection Tournament held in Toronto on November 28th – 29th. **Neil** qualified for the five member 2012 Team Canada, along with returning member **Debi Ogunrinde** of **Halifax Grammar School**. **Aislin** qualified as an Alternate team member and will compete with the others at the 2011 European Open Championships this fall and accompany the team to the 2012 World Championships in Cape Town, South Africa.

WINNING TEAM AT 2011 EUROPEAN OPEN TOURNAMENT



(Left to right) **Sam Rappaport** of **Lower Canada College** in Montreal, **Debi Ogunrinde** of **Halifax Grammar School**, and **Sarah Levy** of **St. John's Ravenscourt School** in Winnipeg, Manitoba, were members of the Team Canada squad which captured the 2011 European Open Championship held in Stuttgart, Germany in November. **Debi** placed 7th individually.

2010 MCGILL UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT CHAMPION TEAM MEMBER AND BEST INDIVIDUAL DEBATER

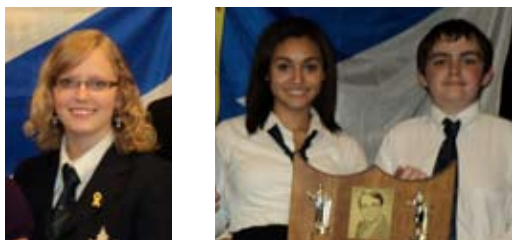


Debi Ogunrinde of the **Halifax Grammar School** (left) and **Sam Rappaport** of **Lower Canada College** in Montreal were the champion team at the 2010 McGill University High School Tournament held in Montréal on October 29th – 30th, where **Debi** also won the individual title. The team placed third at the **2011 Hart House Tournament** on March 11th-12th, where **Debi** also was the best debater.

SACRED HEART NOVICE WORKSHOPS

The Sacred Heart School of Halifax attracted 58 debaters to its Novice Workshop on September 25th, 2010. The school hosted a second Novice Workshop on January 8th, 2011, involving 36 students.

SENIOR HIGH WINNERS OF THE 2010 N. S. IMPROMPTU DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIPS



(Left to right) **Kelsey Keddy**, **Debi Ogunrinde** and **Oliver Bjornsson**, all of the **Halifax Grammar School**, were the top Senior High debaters at the 2010 Nova Scotia Impromptu Debating Championships held at King's-Edgehill School in Windsor on October 1st and 2nd. Kelsey was the best individual debater while **Debi and Oliver** defended the team title for their school.

JUNIOR HIGH WINNERS OF THE 2010 N. S. IMPROMPTU DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIPS



(Left to right) **Sebastian Young** and **Jake Marchand** of **Fountain Academy of the Sacred Heart** in Halifax, and **Sarah Millman** of **Truro Junior High School**, were the best Junior High debaters at the 2010 Nova Scotia Impromptu Debating Championships held at King's-Edgehill School in Windsor October 1st and 2nd. **Sarah** was the top individual debater while **Jake and Sebastian** captured the team title for their school.

2010 MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT WINNERS

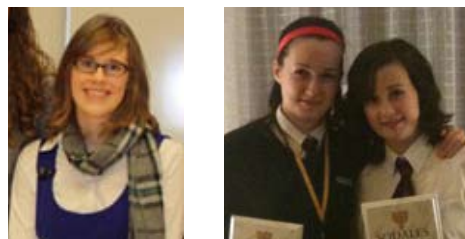


(Left to right) **Patrick Ross** and **Jason Gauthier** of **Cobequid Education Centre** in Truro were the top team at the 2009 Mount Allison University Invitational Tournament held in Sackville, N. B. on October 22nd – 23rd. **Aislyn Flynn** of **Sacred Heart School of Halifax** was the best individual debater.

WINNERS OF THE 2011 CEC IB TOURNAMENT

Kyla Shields and **Joel Skaling**, both of **Middleton Regional High School**, were the top team at the first provincial tournament hosted by the Cobequid Education Centre in Truro, which was held on February 12th. **Kyla** also won the individual championship.

WINNERS OF 2010 DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY TOURNAMENT



(Left to right) **Meaghan Carlson** of **Dr. J. H. Gillis Regional School in Antigonish** was best individual debater and sisters **Aislin Flynn** and **Rory Flynn**, both of the **Sacred Heart School of Halifax**, were the top team at the 2010 Dalhousie University British Parliamentary Tournament held on November 5th and 6th.

WINNERS OF 2010 MOSES COADY DEBATING COMPETITION



(Left to right) **Joel Skaling** of **Middleton Regional High School** was best individual debater while **Oliver Bjornsson**, **Patricia Johnson-Castle** and **Debi Ogunrinde** of **Halifax Grammar School** retained their school's title as the top team at the 2010 Moses M. Coady Debating Competition hosted by St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish on November 19th – 20th. St. F. X. later announced that **Meaghan Carlson** of **Dr. J. H. Gillis Regional School**, Antigonish, actually placed first individually.

WINNERS OF 2010 OXFORD CUP NORTH AMERICAN TOURNAMENT

Debi Ogunrinde of **Halifax Grammar School** was the best of the 80 competitors at the 2010 Oxford Cup North American Tournament held at Upper Canada College in Toronto on November 26th-27th while her schoolmates **Patricia Johnson-Castle** and **Kelsey Keddy** were the top Nova Scotian team at the event, placing 4th.

WINNERS OF THE 2011 SODALES ATLANTIC CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Debi Ogunrinde and **Oliver Bjornsson** of **Halifax Grammar School** were the top team at the 2011 Atlantic Provinces Tournament hosted by the Dalhousie University Debating Society on January 14th – 15th and **Debi** was the best individual debater.

2011 NATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Aislyn Flynn of the **Sacred Heart School of Halifax** represented Nova Scotia at the 2011 National Public Speaking Championships held in Winnipeg February 4th - 7th and by virtue of her 2nd place finish, qualified to compete for Canada at the **2011 World Public Speaking Championships** held in Brisbane, Australia April 2nd – 8th, where she placed 11th in the debating category.

2011 PAN-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Four Nova Scotian debaters made it to the semi-finals of the Pan-American Championships held February 12th - 13th at Claremont College in California. The winning and runner-up teams were members of Team Canada from B.C. and Ontario.

OUR TEAM AT THE 2011 NATIONAL SEMINAR



(Left to right) **Evan Hatfield** of **Middleton Regional High School**, **Nicholas Doiron** of **Ecole du Carrefour** in Dartmouth, adult delegate **Bonny Hubley** of **Middleton High**, **Sarah Cormier** of **Dr. J. H. Gillis Regional School** in Antigonish, **Corey Schruder** of **Sydney Academy**, **Chan Kim** of **Halifax West High School** and **Evan Taylor** of **King's-Edgehill School** in Windsor were the members of the Nova Scotia delegation to the 2011 National Seminar held in Hay River, Northwest Territories from March 10th – 13th. Evan Taylor was our top debater, placing 3rd of 44 English contestants; Nick ranked 4th of 12 in the French competition and Sarah placed 5th of 12 in Bilingual debating. Greg Hanna, formerly of Riverview Rural High in Westmount, Cape Breton, moved to the NWT last year and placed 2nd in the English section! Ms. Hubley was elected to the CSDF Board of Directors as Atlantic Provinces representative. Chairman of the Seminar was former Nova Scotia Provincial Co-ordinator Geoff Buerger, who was also elected to the CSDF Board of Directors.

2011 PROVINCIAL JUNIOR HIGH CHAMPION ENGLISH DEBATERS



(Left to right) **Jake Marchand** of **Fountain Academy of the Sacred Heart** in Halifax, and **Brie Dukeshire**, **Rumana Rafiq** and **Sarah Millman**, all of **Truro Junior High School**, were the top debaters at the 2011 Nova Scotia Junior High School Debating Championships held at Truro Junior High School on March 26th. As champion team, Sarah, Rumana and Brie won the Atlantic Institute of Education Shield while Jake captured the Gold Gavel, emblematic of the individual championship.

2011 PROVINCIAL SENIOR HIGH ENGLISH CHAMPION DEBATERS



(Left to right) **Debi Ogunrinde** of **Halifax Grammar School**, and **Neil MacIsaac**, **J. D. Zillman** and **Ben McNutt** of **Sydney Academy** won championships at the 2011 Nova Scotia Senior High School English Debating Championships hosted by Halifax West High School April 1st – 2nd. Debi won the Gold Gavel as individual champion while Neil,

Ben and J. D. captured the Lieutenant-Governor's Citation as top team. **Debi**, **Will Dawson** of **Citadel High School**, **Neil** and **Lachlan Nowell** of **King's-Edgehill School**, Windsor qualified as English delegates to the 2012 National Seminar.

WINNERS OF THE 2011 SENIOR HIGH NATIONALS & 2011 DONAHOE CUP TOURNAMENT



Anisah Mohammed and **Liz Stratton** of **Branksome Hall School** in Toronto (above, separated by Tournament Chair **Brian Casey** of the host **Sacred Heart School of Halifax**) won the 2011 Senior High Nationals/Donahoe Cup Tournament hosted by the Sacred Heart School of Halifax on April 14th – 17th. In the individual standings, **Cole Bricker** of **Upper Canada College**, Toronto edged out **Debi Ogunrinde** of **Halifax Grammar School** for the title. **Debi** and her H.G.S. partner **Oliver Bjornsson** were the top Nova Scotian team, placing 6th.

WINNERS OF 2011 DÉBATS DE L'ACADIE



Mathieu Charles Blouin and **Kelsey Keddy** of **Halifax Grammar School** won the trophy as top school at the 2011 Débats de l'Acadie hosted by Dr. J. H. Gillis Regional School in Antigonish on April 30th. **Kelsey** was top debater and she and **Ghislain d'Entremont** of **Ecole du Car-**

refour in Dartmouth qualified to attend the 2012 National Seminar as our French and Bilingual delegates.

Also on a Francophone note, **Aislin Flynn** of the **Sacred Heart School of Halifax** won a gold medal for her category at the **Concours Oratoire** in Ottawa on May 28th.

NOVA SCOTIAN DELEGATION TO 2011 JUNIOR HIGH NATIONALS



Nova Scotia's delegation to the 2011 Junior High Nationals held in Estevan, Saskatchewan from May 12th - 15th was comprised of Front Row: **Madeline Hearn** of **Ecole du Carrefour** in Dartmouth, **Alyson Duff** of **Dr. J. H. Gillis Regional School** in Antigonish, **Nicholas Doiron** of **Ecole du Carrefour**, **Rory Flynn** and **Sabrina Second**, both of the **Sacred Heart School of Halifax**; Back Row: **Jake Marchand** and **Alexander Sapp** of **Fountain Academy of the Sacred Heart** in Halifax, **Rebecca Sutton** of **Gorsebrook Junior High School** in Halifax; **Sarah Millman** and **Brie Dukeshire**, both of **Truro Junior High School**. **Sarah** was our top individual debater, ranking 6th, and she and **Brie** our top team, placing 3rd. Our Adult Delegate was **Andrew Aven Gillis** of the **Sacred Heart School of Halifax**.

OUR BEST AT 2011 STU MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Fredericton High School won the Gary Robichaud Award as top school at the 2011 John Peters Humphrey Model United Nations hosted by St. Thomas University in Fredericton from May 6th – 8th; **Middleton Regional High School** was the runner-up school. Among the best Nova Scotian delegates were **Kyla Shields** of **Middleton**, top delegate in the Advancement of Women committee, **Cole McGinn** of **C. P. Allen High School** in Bedford, top delegate in the U.N. Reform Committee, and **Meaghan Carlson** of **Dr. J. H. Gillis Regional School**, Antigonish, top delegate in the Security Council debates on the situation in Iran.

2011 SACRED HEART SCHOOL DEBATE CAMP

The Sacred Heart School of Halifax will host its sixth annual summer Debate Camp August 22nd – 26th, 2011. At press time, 32 debaters had registered for the event.

2011 WILLIS MCLEESE AWARD WINNER



Effie Boutillier of Antigonish was the 2011 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, who passed away on January 4th, 2011 at the age of 97.

Effie has been coaching debate at Dr. J. H. Gillis Regional School for several years, has hosted two Debats de l'Acadie, and was our Adult Delegate to the 2009 National Student Debating Seminar.

Previous provincial winners of the award have been Tass Paul Bey, Stephanie Blucher, Gordon Bragg, Geoff Buerger, Lee Cantwell, Brian Casey, Peter Delefes, Helen Dickson, Patricia Donnelly, Irina Efimov, Robert Ferguson, David Greene, Christopher Hall, Cathy Hanley, Joshua Judah, Helen Kuniski, Harold Kyte, Marjorie Pettipas MacKay, Agnès Malouf, Allan MacDiarmid, Andra Doherty McGinn, 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.

2011 SISTER ANNE LESOTA AWARD WINNER



Pauline McGillivray of Antigonish was the 2011 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 Bjornson, James Bond, Margaret Boyd, Betty-Lou Cameron, Patricia Donnelly, Robert Ferguson, Canon Mel French, Dr. William Gallivan, Jennifer Harnum, Jennifer Henderson, Margaret Johnson, Cathy Nock, Sudannah MacDonald, Agnès Malouf, Dr. Fred Matthews, Regina Tate, Perry Teale, David White and Margaret Young.



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During the 2010-2011 Society Year, 21 schools affiliated with the Nova Scotia Debating Society, namely: (coaches)

- 01: Sydney Academy (Harold Kyte)
- 02: George D. Lewis School (Barbara Vokey)
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- 19: Cornwallis Junior High School (Carol McGillivray)
- 20: King's-Edgehill School (Fidel Castro-Gomez)
- 21: Cole Harbour High School (Todd Powers)

NOTICE OF 2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2011 Annual General Meeting of the Nova Scotia Debating Society will be held at the Halifax Grammar School, 5750 Atlantic Street, Halifax (or its Tower Road annex) on Saturday, October 15th, 2011 beginning at 12 noon or as soon thereafter as possible.

THANK YOU SUPPORTERS!

The Society thanks King's-Edgehill School, the Sacred Heart School of Halifax, Truro Junior High School, Halifax West High School, and Dr. J. H. Gillis Regional 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; and John Filliter, McInnes Cooper, the Willis McLeese Foundation, and Cleve Wall for making donations to the Society. The Society is a registered charity.

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