

# THE YALE DEBATE ASSOCIATION

## 2016-2018 Double Newsletter

**The YDA by the  
Numbers:**

**1**

**YDA's US  
Ranking**

**9**

**Years in a Row  
as top US Team**

**19**

**Tournaments  
Won**

**8**

**Top Speaker  
Awards**

### Two Years of Unparalleled Success

Another two Club of the Year (COTY) awards. A team in finals of the World Universities Debating Championship, and an unprecedented five teams in elimination rounds the next year. And after four years, national champions once again! Bonds of friendship and dedication to debate have not just kept the YDA on top, but given it two of the best competitive showings in its history.

Two incredible runs at the American Parliamentary Debate Association (APDA) National Championship capped off each year of continued domestic dominance. In 2017, Jim Huang ('18) and Miles Saffran ('18) concluded a fantastic weekend as the first Yale team in national finals since 2014. The next year, Jim returned with sitting YDA president Michael Mao ('19) and took home the title. At the same time, Yale retained its COTY status - now for 9 years running - with a firm 84 and whopping 314 point lead over runner-up Brown each year. Thanks to our excellent varsity debaters and strong novice classes, the YDA has stayed the best team in North America for two more years.



International competition gave the YDA only another opportunity to shine. At the Hague for the 2017 World Championship, seniors Evan Lynyak ('17) and Henry Zhang ('17) became the first Yale team to reach the prestigious Grand Final since 2006. The next year, Yale saw record-breaking success in another form: of the five teams sent to Mexico City for 2018 Worlds, the YDA broke all five. Yale A through E advanced to double-octofinals and subsequently advanced to octofinals and top 48 in the world. Though only Yale A remained, seniors Jim Huang and Justin Katz ('18) progressed all the way to semifinals and top 8.

The YDA has had two remarkable years, and there is so much to celebrate.

# 28

**Debaters  
Qualified for  
Both Nationals**

# 4

**APDA Nationals  
Semi-Finalists**

# 4

**Years Since  
Winning  
Nationals**

## APDA National Champions Once More



Although the 2017 National Championship at Rutgers University ended bittersweetly, the YDA had a remarkable showing by placing five teams in the break - the most of any school attending, and the largest number for Yale since Nationals 2014. While octofinals knocked out Megan Wilson ('17) and Evan Lynyak ('17), Justin Katz ('18) and Adela Lilollari ('18), and Henry Zhang ('17) and Xavier Sottile ('19), Yale continued on. In a close round between 3rd TOTY, Marina Tan ('18) and Kyle Hietala ('18), and 5th TOTY, Jim Huang and Miles Saffran, about amending the ASEAN voting structure, the latter pulled out an opp victory and became the first team to represent the YDA in APDA National finals since 2014. Yale HS' final round, about the flaws of empiricism as an epistemological theory, is available to watch online!



# Outstanding Showings at the World Universities Debating Championship

WUDC, or Worlds, is unequivocally the most competitive and celebrated tournament the YDA competes at each year. Taking place over New Years and across a full week, Worlds attracts the best debaters on the planet and is a true gauntlet. Debate occurs in the other primary style the YDA competes in - British Parliamentary (BP), where four teams, two government and two opposition, vie to most meaningfully contribute to each round.

Dutch Worlds in 2017, held at the Hague, was a historic week for Yale. After two of four teams made it into the tight break - Yale A, Evan Lynyak ('17) and Henry Zhang ('17), and Yale B, Justin Katz ('18) and Jim Huang ('18) - Evan and Henry made it all the way to Grand Finals! Beating out over 350 teams, Yale A was opening opposition for the finals motion "This House would apply universal jurisdiction to crimes against the environment." Their round is available online, and with it a piece of recent YDA history is immortalized. Evan also finished as the 6th speaker in the world - an incredible achievement and the highest placement for a Yale debater on the Worlds speaker tab since 2008.

While Yale could not reach Grand Finals again, WUDC 2018 in Mexico City was historic in its own way. There, the YDA broke the most teams at Worlds it ever has, with Yale A through E advancing to the top 48! Yale placed the most teams of any school in one of the most difficult breaks of the year. Each team proceeded to make it through their first round into the octofinals and top 32 in the world. Yale A, this year Justin Katz and Jim Huang, made it all the way to semifinals while Yale B, Marina Tan and Miles Saffran ('17), Yale C, Adela Lilollari ('18) and Michael Mao ('19), Yale D, Xavier Sottile ('19) and Chris Taylor ('18), and Yale E, Will Arnesen ('20) and Charlie Barton ('20), fell in octofinals. Yet with every team advancing, there was a lot to celebrate as, together, the YDA rang in the new year.



**11**

**Years Since  
Yale Reached  
World Finals**

**5**

**Teams in the  
WUDC 2018  
Break**

**9**

**Years since  
Yale placed  
in the Top 10  
Speakers**

**9**

**Total Teams  
Advancing to  
Elimination  
Rounds**

**2**

**Years Straight  
with Top  
Novice Teams**

**6**

**Years Since  
Winning  
Northams**

## **Victorious at the North American Debating Championships**

After a difficult loss in finals at the 2016 North American Debating Championship, held at Queen's University, Yale bounced back in 2017. The YDA closed out Northams with a final round of Megan Wilson ('17) and Kyle Hietala ('18) debating Marina Tan ('18) and Miles Saffran ('17). Megan and Kyle won out, and in doing so brought the title back to Yale for the first time since 2011.

Bringing together schools from across the US and Canada, Northams is known for its modified, motions-style debate. Yale has historically excelled in this format, and even outside its victory 2017 was no exception. The YDA placed an unbelievable 6 teams, including the novice partnership of Will Arnesen ('20) and Charlie Barton ('20) and the "Proam" of Evan Lynyak ('17) and Deena Mousa ('20), in the break of only 16. With 3 of the top 5 speakers - Evan Lynyak 2nd, Jim Huang ('18) 3rd, and Megan Wilson ('17) 4th - it was truly a dominant year.

While 2018 could not quite live up to the previous year's greatness, Yale nonetheless brought home great success at the 2018 Championship hosted at Harthouse. Christopher Taylor ('18) placed as the top varsity speaker - last accomplished by a YDA member in 2014. He and Xavier Sottile ('19) made it to semifinals, while Michael Mao ('19) and Dalton Boyt ('20) made it to quarters. The YDA's novices also had another great showing, with the top novice team once again coming from Yale - Olivia Shoemaker ('21) and Jack Kelly ('21).



# 2

**Novice  
Teams in  
USUDCs  
Outrounds**

# 4708

**Miles to Thessa-  
loniki**

# 6

**Years Breaking  
Multiple Teams  
at Worlds**

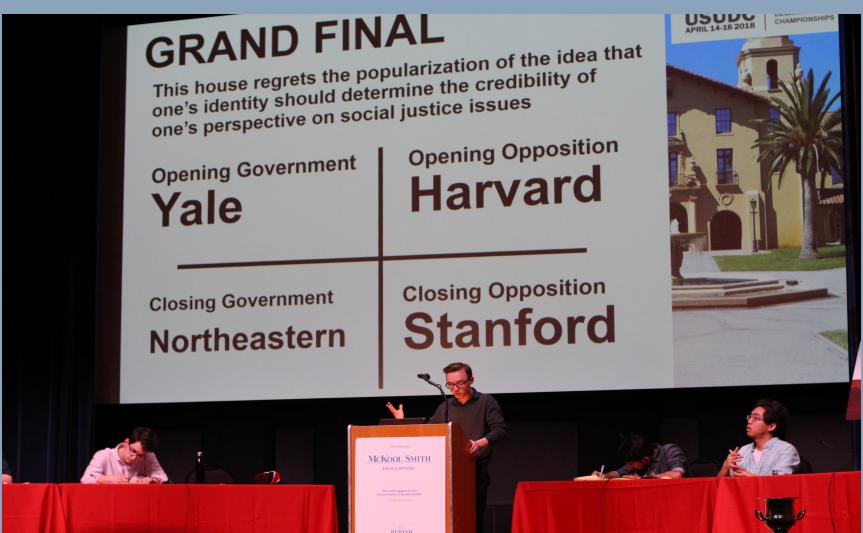
## British Parliamentary Dominance

The YDA travels to many BP tournaments each year. Back-to-back weekends and among the farthest competitions each year, the Oxford and Cambridge IVs saw deep Yale runs each year. Foreshadowing their Worlds success, Yale A - Evan Lynyak and Henry Zhang - broke 1st at Oxford and made it to finals. Evan was also the top speaker! Yale A finished in semis at Cambridge with Evan finishing as 3rd speaker and Marina Tan ('18) 9th. Returning the next year, Yale placed three teams in the break of 16. Yale HK, Jim Huang ('18) and Justin Katz ('18) finished in semis, while LM, Adela Lilollari ('18) and Michael Mao ('19), and ST, Chris Taylor ('18) and Xavier Sottile ('19) finished in quarters. At the 2017 Cambridge IV, Yale's only team - Marina Tan and Arun Sharma ('20) - made it to quarters.



Yale also saw consistent success at the two biggest North American BP invitationals. At the North American Universities Debating Championship (NAUDC), the YDA reached finals two years in a row. Yale LZ, Henry Zhang and Evan Lynyak, reached finals in 2016, while in 2017 Michael Mao and Xavier Sottile brought Yale back once more.

USUs, The United States Universities Debating Championship, saw similar Yale dominance twice over. Yale HK, Jim Huang and Justin Katz, finished a strong run in semifinals of USUs 2017 at the University of Denver. The next year at sunny Stanford USUs, sophomores Will Arnesen ('20) and Charlie Barton ('20) brought Yale back to the tournament's final. With two novice teams in outrounds, Ko Lyn Cheang ('21) and Lorenzo Pinasco ('21) going to quarterfinals and Shreeya Singh ('21) and David Edimo ('21) to octofinals, it is clear that the YDA's future in BP remains strong.



# What We've Been Debating

On the YDA we debate primarily in two formats:

- American Parliamentary
- British Parliamentary

**1**  
Ranking at BP  
nationals

**1**  
Top Speaker at  
APDA nationals

**48**  
Top Speaker  
Awards

In **American Parliamentary** debate, the government (or affirmative) team proposes a topic of their choosing — usually a case they have written in advance. The opposition (or negating) team has only the 7 minutes of the first government speaker's speech to think of their counterargument.

For example, in the Semi-Finals of the APDA National Championships, the government team Yale CF (Nick Cugini and Kate Falkenstien) posed the question of whether or not, hypothesizing there existed a pill that could override a genetic predisposition to homosexuality, the government should ban that pill. The opposition team, Yale BK (Nate Blevins and Ben Kornfeld) chose to argue that the government should ban such a pill. The government team, Yale CF, won the debate.

A video of that debate can be found at the following address:

<http://www.parlidebate.com/recording.php?id=333>



In **British Parliamentary** debate, there are 4 teams (2 on each side), all of whom are given the topic 15 minutes before the start of the debate. The team that wins has to not only beat the teams arguing the other side, but also provide more compelling material than the other team on their own side.

The 2015 finals of the United States Universities Debating Championship saw Yale face off against teams from Harvard, Morehouse, and Brown Universities. The teams were faced with the motion "This house would, as the US Government, grant amnesty to all undocumented immigrants living in the United States on the sole condition that they have not been convicted of a violent criminal offense.". Yale NZ (Tony Nguyen and Edwin Zhang) were in the position of closing opposition. They decisively beat the other three teams in the round, coming out as champions atop over 130 teams at the tournament, and capping Yale's 4th consecutive year of appearing in the finals of the tournament with a national title.

A video of this debate can be found at the following address:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NkpBLFrqvs>

# Proudly Representing

When it isn't competing, the YDA also organizes and participates in a number of public debates for the broader Yale campus. The past two years saw members rep the team against other student groups, French soldiers, and even a CEO. In the 2016-2017 academic year, YDA members participated in a joint debate - on the eve of the presidential election - with the Yale Political Union on the topic "Resolved: Cast a Protest Ballot." YDA members relished the opportunity. In a bid less successful than his own presidential run the next year, Michael Mao ('19) exhorted the room: "the YDA is here to tell you to vote for Hillary Clinton!"

Later that year, freshmen Dalton Boyt ('20) and Charlie Barton ('20) debated Ecolé Militaire, the French War College, on the topic "Resolved: The US should significantly reduce its involvement in world affairs." This event was the start of a tradition as, the next year, freshmen David Edimo ('21) and Quinn Crawford ('21) would face off against a different set of French debaters on the topic "This House supports state-mandated encryption backdoors." The YDA's connections seem to only ever grow as a relationship with the French War College flourishes!

The YDA did not always get to take the moral high ground, as it didn't when Adam Krok ('19) and Xavier Sottile ('19) opposed Whole Foods CEO John Mackey and executive director of the Good Foods Institute Bruce Friedrich on the topic "Eating Meat is Neither Healthy Nor Ethical." Most recently, however, the YDA certainly did the ethical thing when Christopher Taylor ('18) and Xavier Sottile were watched by millions as they opposed Harvard on ESPN. Their passionate defense of Lebron, rather than Jordan, as the GOAT, alongside their lackluster basketball performance, is available to view online!



**3**

**Public Debates  
in the  
2017-2018  
Year**

**2m+**

**Viewers  
Watching the  
YDA on ESPN**

**3558**

**Miles Travelled  
by the Ecolé  
Militaire Team**



**1500+**

**Competitors at  
the Yale HST**

**100+**

**Competitors at  
Osterweis**

**40**

**Universities  
Competing at  
the Yale IV**

## The Yale High School Tournament

The Yale Debate Association hosted its 19th annual High School Invitational last September. With competition in over a dozen speech and debate events ranging from humorous interpretation to policy debate, the tournament takes place as part of the National Forensic League (“NFL”) for high school students. Over 1,500 high school students from over one hundred schools came from around the country to compete at Yale. Since its inception, the tournament has become one of the most prestigious high school

competitions in the country, and is certainly the most respected student-run tournament nationwide.

The 2018 HST would have been impossible without the diligent work of our tournament directors - Shruti Baxi ('20) and Dalton Boyt ('20) - and Tournament Coordinator William Arnesen ('20). It also could never have happened without dozens of hours from Ella Fanger, Jack Kelly, Trent Kannegeiter, Lauren Singer, and Ben Zhou (all '21).

## The Osterweis Tournament

Yale's annual Osterweis charity tournament - held every April in honor of the YDA's former coach, Rollin G. Osterweis - was attended by more than 100 high school students from across the state. The Osterweis Tournament has become a prominent event for the Connecticut high school debate circuit, and is now the de-facto state championship due to its large size and its falling at the end of the debate season.

The 2018 tournament, as in previous years, not only included debaters

from Connecticut at large, but also many from the New Haven community. Teams coached by YDA members as a part of the New Haven Urban Debate League participate extensively. Thanks to tournament directors Sam Wood ('20) and Hala el S o h l ('20), along side assistant directors Quinn Crawford ('21) and David Edimo ('21), members of the YDA were able to share their experience of debate with more than 100 high school students at no cost to them or their schools.

## The Yale IV

The Yale IV is one of the most prestigious British Parliamentary competitions in the world, and the largest and most competitive in North America. Held in the same style as the World Championship, it provides an opportunity for many American and Canadian schools to practice the unfamiliar style needed to compete with the rest of the world, without the cost of traveling overseas.

The 2017 tournament had YDA Alum Megan Wilson ('17) return to serve on the adjudication core, and 174 teams in attendance! The 2018 Inter-Varsity will be overseen by tournament directors Deena Mousa ('20) and Arun Sharma ('20), along with assistants Lorenzo Pinasco ('21) and Ellie Singer ('21). YDA alumni Evan Lynyak ('17) and Marina Tan ('18) will serve on the adjudication core for the event as well!

## **Yale Proams**

The Yale Debate Association its second annual APDA ProAm tournament last February, with teams from across the country in attendance. Designed as an opportunity to help contribute to the development of debaters on APDA, the ProAm tournament featured some of the best adjudication on the circuit, and gave young debaters an excellent chance both to learn from their older partners, as well as to practice debating in a motions format. The tournament

featured motions spanning topics as diverse as unionization, campus politics, and foreign policy.

The tournament ran very smoothly, thanks to the hard work of tournament director Lofton Deprez ('20), as well as assistant tournament directors Olivia Shoemaker ('21), Katherine Hu ('21), and Jordan Farenhem ('21).

**100+**

**Competitors at  
Yale Proams**

## **The Adam's Cup**

The Adams Cup is the final tournament run by the Yale Debate Association, and is an intramural debate tournament that seeks to promote competitive, lively, and thoughtful debate among Yale students, and foster collaboration between the undergraduate organizations dedicated to student debating.

The tradition began in 1946, where the ten residential colleges of Yale organized themselves into an umbrella organization, the Inter-College Debate

League. Two years later, the Adams Cup was established as a salute to John "Jack" Chester Adams, outgoing coach of the Yale Debate Association who was retiring after 34 years of service.

The spirit and values of the Adams Cup - camaraderie in critical thinking, analytical discourse, and informed discussion - highlight some of the best aspects of Yale's community and liberal arts tradition. The 2018 Adam's Cup was

run by tournament director

Shreeya Singh ('21). Past judges have included Professors Charles Hill and Shelly Kagan, along with two-time North American top speaker Kate Falkenstine and YDA president Robert Colonel.

**50+**

**Competitors at  
the Adam's Cup**

**22**

**Tournament  
and Assistant  
Directors**



# 3

## Top Novice Team Awards

# 3

## Top Novice Speaker Awards

# 18

## Total Novice Team Awards

# The Yale Debate Association Class of 2019

**Michael Bogaty**

Silliman College  
Hometown: Scarsdale, New York  
Major: Applied Math  
High School Debate: Lincoln-Douglas  
Interests: Chess, Politics Food

**Abhi Sharma**

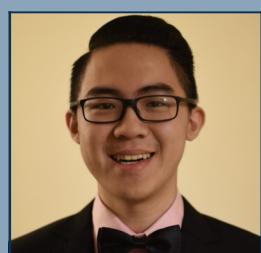
Morse College  
Hometown: Overland Park, KS  
Major: Undecided  
High School Debate: Policy, World Schools  
Interests: Music, Tech, Writing, and Sports

**Xavier Sottile**

Silliman College  
Hometown: Woodbridge, CT  
Major: Econ & Math  
High School Debate: Parliamentary  
Interests: playwriting, reading, HBO's hit series Game of Thrones

**Charles Vojta**

Pierson College  
Hometown: Edina, MN  
Major: Undecided  
High School Debate: None  
Interests: Rugby, Hockey, Cooking, Running

**John Amadeo Daniswara**

Morse College  
Hometown: Jakarta, Indonesia  
Major: Computer Science and Economics  
High School Debate: none  
Interests: Web development, economic policy, tech, movies

**Luke Newell**

Davenport College  
Hometown: Chicago, IL  
Major: Physics and Philosophy  
High School Debate: Policy  
Interests: reading fiction, movies, video games

**So-Hyeon Park**

Silliman College  
Hometown: Busan, Korea  
Major: Undecided  
High School Debate: Asian Parliamentary  
Interests: Travel, literature, Sesame Street

**Jane Irons**

Ezra Stiles College  
Hometown: Los Angeles  
Major: Philosophy  
High School Debate: World Schools, LD  
Interests: Writing, rap lyrics, psychopharmacology

**Michael Mao**

Pierson College  
Hometown: Melbourne, Australia  
Major: Economics  
High School Debate: Australia-Asia Debate  
Interests: Music, Travel, Suits (TV show)

# 47

## Total Novice Speaker Awards



**Ethan Sciamma**  
Davenport College  
Hometown: Paris, France  
Major: Maths  
High School Debate: British Parliamentary  
Interests: Judo



**Olivia Scharfman**  
Pierson College  
Hometown: Old Greenwich, CT  
Major: Electrical Engineering  
High School Debate: Extemporaneous  
Interests: space, travel, space=travel



**Daniel Ernst**  
Timothy Dwight College  
Hometown: New York  
Major: Computer Science  
High School Debate: Public Forum  
Interests: Aviation, Programming, Music



**Zainab Hamid**  
Timothy Dwight College  
Hometown: Karachi, Pakistan  
Major: Undecided  
High School Debate: World Schools  
Interests: Writing, travel, volunteering



**Adam Saul Krok**  
Saybrook College  
Hometown: Johannesburg, South Africa  
Major: Undecided  
High School Debate: World Schools  
Interests: IR, Economics, Shakespeare, Soccer



**Billy Roberts**  
Pierson College  
Hometown: Williamsburg, VA  
Major: Undecided  
High School Debate: none  
Interests: Soccer, law, books



**Allie Miller**  
Saybrook College  
Hometown: Menlo Park, CA  
Major: Undecided  
High School Debate: none  
Interests: reading, human rights, tennis



**Laura Plata**  
Berkeley College  
Hometown: Palatine, IL  
Major: Undecided  
High School Debate: Lincoln Douglas  
Interests: watercolor painting, poetry, photography



**Charles Kenney**  
Berkeley College  
Hometown: US  
Major: Undecided  
High School Debate: None  
Interests: Board games, mathematics, philosophy



**Mojique Tyler**  
Ezra Stiles College  
Hometown: New York  
Major: Undecided  
High School Debate: Public Forum  
Interests: Dostoyevsky

# 4

## Novices Qualified for Nationals

# 6

## Of the Country's Top 30 Novices

**4**

**New Board  
Members  
(1 Returning)**

**30**

**Collective Years  
of Debate  
Experience**

**18**

**Collective Final  
Rounds Made**

## The 2018-2019 Executive Board



**President: Michael Mao.** Michael is a junior in Pierson College majoring in Economics. He's from Melbourne, Australia, and competed in a 3 vs. 3 style of debate in high school. Before serving as President, he was Director of Tournaments. Outside of debate, Michael likes soccer, brunch, and shrimp on the barbie.

**Director of Membership: Xavier Sottile.** Xavier is a junior in Silliman College majoring in Economics. Before college, Xavier debated with New Haven's Urban Debate League where he was coached by former members of the YDA. Outside of debate, he likes to read the Financial Times, play Civilization VI, and think about/watch/read the novels which inspired HBO's critically acclaimed series Game of Thrones.

**Director of Tournaments: William Arnesen.** William is a sophomore in Branford College majoring in Economics & Mathematics. He's from Bethesda, Maryland and debated in Public Forum debate before coming to college. Outside of debate, he enjoys playing ping pong and eating oatmeal.

**Director of Development: Charlie Barton.** Charlie is a sophomore in Pauli Murray College majoring in Economics. He comes from Queens, New York and competed in extemporaneous speaking during high school. When he isn't debating, he enjoys reading, yoyoing, and thinking about elephants.

**Treasurer: Karina Franke.** Karina is a sophomore in Timothy Dwight College majoring in Economics with Energy Studies. She is from Cortlandt Manor, NY, and competed in public forum debate during high school. Before serving as Treasurer, Karina was outreach director for the Yale Invitational. In her free time, she enjoys running and all things coffee.

# YDA Coaching and Outreach

The Yale Debate Association has a tradition of coaching New Haven school students in debate. Members of the team coach at schools affiliated with the Urban Debate League on a weekly basis, helping both with specific events and general debating skills. The team also has a relationship with Choate Rosemary Hall, with team-members coaching Choate pupils once a week. Recently, members of the Yale Debate Association have begun to serve by invitation as Executive Board Members of the National High School Debate League of China.



**3**

**Organizations  
We Help Coach**

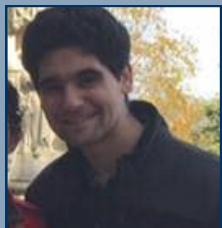


## Allison Douglos

Allison Douglos is the head coach of the Yale Debate Association. She is currently studying Law at Yale Law School. She graduated from Yale College in 2015; during her time on the team, she served as the membership director of the YDA in 2014.

## Eric Brooks

Eric Brooks graduated Yale in 2014. He is currently working as an analyst with Bracebridge, a hedge fund in Boston. During his time on the team, he broke in over 40 tournaments and won over 20 speaker awards.



## Russell Leibowitz

Russell Leibowitz graduated from Brandeis in 2014. During his APDA debating career, he placed first in over 10 tournaments and broke in over 50 tournaments. He currently works as a campaign manager at Calone for Congress.

## Nita Rao

Nita Rao is a former Monash debater and winner of the World University Debating Championships (WUDC). She is the chief British Parliamentary coach of the Yale Debate Association.



**40+**

**Collective Final  
Rounds Be-  
tween Our  
Coaches**

# 30+

**Yearly Social Gatherings**

# 8

**Countries from which YDA Members Come**

# 0

**Times YDA Alums Have Been on “The Amazing Race”**

## Bonds of Friendship

Beyond its competitive drive as a team, the YDA remains at its heart a group of friends. The weekly tradition of “Office Hours,” where team members can get together and prepare for the weekend of competition with fun late into each Thursday night, remains intact. Other time-honored fixtures of team social life - toasting at Mory’s, the annual Christmas party, and spring fling festivities - build strong relationships all year round.

More informally, YDA members spend time together in many ways. From regular meals to shared classes, from basketball with YDAthletics to ambushes during YDSnowball fights, the YDA’s culture - and willingness to stretch acronyms to the limits of reasonability - is one of its best aspects. For many, competing at tournaments comes to be only a small share of time spent with some of the best people at Yale as memories are made and friendships, sure to outlast members’ tenures of the team, are forged.



## An Amazing Race

And YDA social life had new energy this past year as members got to watch recent alumni Evan Lynyak ('17) and Henry Zhang ('17) on CBS' hit show “The Amazing Race.” “Team Yale” had an incredible run all the way to the show's conclusion, traveling to and competing in Iceland, Belgium, Morocco, France, the Czech Republic, Zimbabwe, Bahrain, Thailand, China, and the USA. Though they lost in the show's nail-biting finale, following their progress gave new life to YDA events. They made the team proud and showed the incredible things which YDA alums can achieve both in and out of debate.



# Yale Debate Alumni

**The Yale Association for Debate Alumni** (YADA), founded at the YDA centennial in 2008, was created to help debate alumni, old and new, stay connected with one another and stay updated on the team's current activities. If you're interested in joining or would simply like more information, visit [yaledebate.org/alumni](http://yaledebate.org/alumni) or email [sesenu.woldemariam@yale.edu](mailto:sesenu.woldemariam@yale.edu). Additionally, if you have any news you would like published in next year's newsletter let us know at the same address.



## The Class of 2014/5

**Allison Douglis** has begun studying law at Yale Law School.

**Diana Li** is working as an Associate at the Boston Consulting Group (BCG)

**Nathaniel Rubin** has begun studying law at Stanford Law School.

**Nick Cugini** is working as a marketing data analyst at CREDO Mobile.

**Joanna Zheng** is working as an analyst at UBS in New York city.

**Eric Brooks** is working as an analyst with Bracebridge, a hedge fund in Boston.

**Zach Bakal** is an equity analyst at Credit Suisse in New York, NY.



## Summer Alumni Get-Togethers

The Yale Association for Debate Alumni (YADA) holds get-togethers every summer to offer alumni the opportunity to see old friends, meet new members, and generally have an enjoyable time with fellow former and current members of the YDA. In the summer of 2012, get-togethers were held in both New York and Washington D.C., with more than 40 in attendance between the two events.

The events were held at bars in the New York and Washington D.C. areas, with people trickling in and out throughout the night. Guests spanned the range of more than 33 years of Yale Debate history, and a number of current members in each area for the summer also attended the events. After such a successful series of events, we plan to hold events again this upcoming summer, and look forward to seeing everyone there!

**300+**

**Members of  
YADA**

**5**

**Different  
Professions of  
the Class of '15**

**2**

**Summer Alumni  
Get-Togethers**

**107**

**Years of the  
YDA**

**7**

**APDA National  
Championships**

**6**

**APDA Team of  
the Year Awards**

The YDA offers its sincere gratitude to those who have supported the team

**John Chester Adams: \$1000-\$1999**

Miles Gersh  
Deborah Rhode  
David Trinh  
Stephanie Vardavas

**Triangulars Level: \$500-\$999**

Adam Jed  
Peter Rohrbach  
David Yergin

**Championship Level: \$250-\$499**

Raymond Agran  
Marvin Chatinover  
Adam Chilton  
Jay Cox  
Orin Kramer  
Jeffrey Kulkarni  
Sarah Marberg  
Krista McGruder  
Frederick Meyer  
Stephen Neuwirth  
Steve Umin

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