

# Strictly Speaking

Ridge High School  
Forensic Team  
Newsletter

2002-2017 NJSDL STATE CHAMPIONS

DECEMBER 14, 2017

## GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY - 1ST PLACE TEAM SWEEPSTAKES!

Omar Bekdash, Champion – *Impromptu Speaking*  
Kishan Gandham, Champion – *Congressional Debate*  
Kathy Wei, Champion – *Declamation*  
Adit Roy, 3rd place – *Congressional Debate*  
Sanil Torani, 4th place – *Congressional Debate*  
Aditi Sharma, 6th place – *Declamation*  
Malaika Ravindran, Finalist – *Congressional Debate*  
Dan Perez, Semifinalist – *Declamation*  
Anvitha Prasad, Semifinalist – *Original Oratory*  
Anjini Mathur, Semifinalist – *Poetry*  
Sonali Pai, Semifinalist – *Poetry*  
Anjini Mathur, Semifinalist – *Programmed Oral Interpretation*  
Anjini Mathur & Kyle Watkins, Semifinalist  
– *Duo Interpretation*  
Arnav Gupta, Semifinalist – *Congressional Debate*  
James Gao, Semifinalist – *Congressional Debate*  
Rayhan Murad, Semifinalist – *Congressional Debate*  
Kevin Tang, Quarterfinalist – *Lincoln Douglas Debate*  
Neha Razak, Quarterfinalist – *Declamation*  
Siddarth Sasane, Quarterfinalist  
– *Programmed Oral Interpretation*  
Neha Razak, Quarterfinalist – *Prose*

Lucy Wei, Quarterfinalist – *Prose*  
Kathy Wei, Quarterfinalist – *Prose*  
Camille Furst, Quarterfinalist – *Poetry*  
Lucy Wei, Quarterfinalist – *Poetry*  
Esther Zhang, Quarterfinalist – *Original Oratory*  
Julien Wadhwa, Quarterfinalist – *Original Oratory*  
Charlize Chen, Quarterfinalist – *Impromptu Speaking*  
Evan Li, Quarterfinalist – *Extemporaneous Speaking*  
Rayhan Murad, Quarterfinalist – *Extemporaneous Speaking*  
Sanil Torani, Quarterfinalist – *Extemporaneous Speaking*  
James Gao, Quarterfinalist – *Extemporaneous Speaking*  
Kyle Watkins, Quarterfinalist – *Dramatic Interpretation*  
Allen Wang, Quarterfinalist – *Dramatic Interpretation*  
Camille Furst, Quarterfinalist – *Humorous Interpretation*  
Tanvi Namjoshi, Octofinalist – *Lincoln Douglas Debate*  
Daphne Tang, Double-Octofinalist – *Lincoln-Douglas Debate*  
Jennifer Huang, Double-Octofinalist – *Lincoln-Douglas Debate*  
Jawad Mamun & Kruthik Ravishankar, Triple Octofinalist  
– *Public Forum*  
Udeesh Gaddipati & Andrea Zhang, Triple Octofinalist  
– *Public Forum*



## **PRINCETON UNIVERSITY**

**Aman Singh, Quarterfinalist** – *Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate*  
**Grace Zho, Finalist** – *Congressional Debate*  
**Jonathan Nemetz, Finalist** – *Congressional Debate*  
**Gargi Koul, Octofinalist** – *Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate*  
**Raheel Abubakar, Semifinalist** – *Congressional Debate*  
**Injae Lee, Semifinalist** – *Congressional Debate*  
**Albert Wu & Albert Wen, Octofinalist** – *Public Forum Debate*



## **RIDGE DEBATES**

***Special thanks to everyone who made the Ridge Debates an outstanding success!***

In spite of the snow, we received great feedback from the schools who attended. Special thanks to all of you who helped in the organizing efforts: Mrs. Murad, Mrs. Gandham, and Mrs. Retzko who organized the concessions efforts; Mrs. Retzko, Mr. Ryan Monagle, Ms. Presuto, Mr. Andrew Monagle, and Mrs. Harvey for their assistance with registration and building monitoring; Mr. Markarian, Mr. Krause, and Mr. Ciempola for this support, especially considering the weather impact. If you interact with Mr. Krause or Mr. Ciempola, please offer your thanks for their support of the team. Special shout out to Marko Cukar, our tournament director, who did a phenomenal job in organizing the various facets of the event. Special thanks to all the parents who judged or worked concessions.



## **TEAM SOCIAL**

For those who signed up and paid, we will be having our winter team social on Thursday, December 21st at Hanover Lanes in East Hanover.

Bus will leave at 4:45pm and return around 7:30pm.

## **RIDGE INVITATIONAL** **January 27, 2018**

*Ridge Invitational has been traditionally the largest tournament in New Jersey each year.*

We will be sending out requests for concession workers, judges, and concession requirements in early January. These tournaments and concessions are vital to our budget lines. We appreciate all help with baking, time, and efforts to make them a great success.

## **LEXINGTON** Check Registration Details [HERE](#).

### **Airline Details:**

*Friday, January 12th* - United 679 Departs Newark Liberty @ 5:42PM.  
Arrives Boston @ 7:03PM

*Monday, January 15th* - United 1946 Departs Boston @ 11:55AM.  
Arrives Newark @ 1:30PM

**Hotel:** Marriott Burlington, Burlington, MA.

## **PENNSBURY** Check Registration Details [HERE](#). Please ignore waitlists for now. All or a portion will be cleared in the upcoming weeks.

## **HARVARD & PENN**

Forms are due on January 3rd. Between 4:30 and 5:30pm. I anticipate a limited number of seats on the Harvard bus. Please be sure you qualify to attend Harvard. See the forms for more details. All Congress will attend Harvard.

You can access Harvard forms [HERE](#) and Penn forms [HERE](#).