The University of Georgia Debate Team of sophomore Weilan Zhang and freshman Adi Sudarshan finished in the Top 16 in a tournament hosted by Liberty University on November 6-8. Sudarshan and Zhang won 4 of 6 preliminary debates defeating teams from Vanderbilt, George Mason, Clarion and Liberty.

Sophomore Jordan Edwards and Freshman Eric Bogert also attended the tournament and achieved victory against teams from Vanderbilt and James Madison University.

This was the Georgia Debate Union’s fourth consecutive debate tournament using their sustainable Paperless Debate Initiative. Rather than carrying four to eight 50-pound boxes filled with evidence, each team stored evidence on laptop computers. Students built their speeches, shared evidence and took notes on their laptops.

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