

GEORGIA DEBATE UNION

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Georgia Debate Union Reaches Top Eight in Season Opener

The Georgia Debate Union reached the Quarterfinals of the major season opening tournament hosted by Georgia State University September 19-21, 2009. More than 170 teams from 50 Colleges and Universities travelled to Atlanta for the event. The team of Senior Brittany Cambre and Sophomore Mike Lacy won 5 of 7 preliminary debates and were the 15th seed in the tournament, defeating teams from Trinity University, the University of Florida, Baylor University, and Missouri State University. They defeated 2nd seed Michigan State University in the Octafinals to reach the Quarterfinals.

The team of Senior Karen Harrison and Freshman Austin also won 5 of 7 preliminary debates and were the 30th seed in the tournament. They reached the Double-Octafinals after defeating teams from Northwestern University, Wake Forest University, Michigan University, the University of Kentucky, and North Texas University.

Also attending the tournament were Dillon Horne, Jordan Edwards, Meredith McKay, Eric Bogart, Adi Sudarshan, Weilan Zhang, Justin Drew, and Blaine Drew.

This was the Georgia Debate Union's first debate tournament using their sustainable Paperless Debate Initiative. Rather than carrying four to eight boxes filled with evidence, each team stored evidence on laptop computers. Students built their speeches, shared evidence, and took notes on their laptops. The initiative was a success due to the hard work of the entire Georgia Debate Union.

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