

GEORGIA DEBATE UNION

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Georgia Debate Union Finishes in the Elite Eight at Liberty

The Georgia Debate Union finished in the top eight in both the open and novice divisions at the Liberty Debate Tournament, held from November 5-7 in Lynchburg, Virginia.

More than 85 teams from 26 colleges and universities attended the meet. In the open division, the UGA team of junior Ben Johnson and freshman Shyam Shankar won four of six preliminary debates, defeating teams from Vanderbilt University, Wake Forest University, Georgia State University, and Georgia Tech. They earned a bye through the first elimination round and defeated Harvard University in the round of Sixteen. Shyam also earned individual honors as a top 20 speaker. Also in the open division, the team of junior Dylan Horne and sophomore Meredith McKay finished strong with wins against the University of Richmond, the George Washington University, and the United States Naval Academy.

In the novice division, the team of freshmen Stacey Sharpe and Kim West won four of six preliminary debates before also finishing in the top eight, defeating teams from Vanderbilt University, the University of Richmond, James Madison University, and the University of Mary Washington. Stacey finished as the number one individual speaker in the competition, while Kim also earned individual honors, finishing eleventh overall.

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