

GEORGIA DEBATE UNION

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Georgia Debate Union In Sweet Sixteen At Harvard University Tournament

The Georgia Debate Union from the University of Georgia reached the elimination rounds, reserved for the top 16 competitors, at the Tournament held October 31-November 2 at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The tournament drew more than 85 of the top teams from across the country. The UGA team of senior Brittany Cambre and sophomore Mike Lacy won six of eight preliminary debates, defeating teams from Emory University, the University of Southern California, and Gonzaga University, among others. They reached the octafinals.

The team of senior Karen Harrison and freshman Austin Layton also won four debates, defeating teams from the University of Michigan, the University of Texas at Austin, Emporia State University, and Cal State Fullerton.

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.

The UGA team is supported by the Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences and the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

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