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*You are invited!*

*To a reception for*

*All alumni and friends of the debate team*

*Thursday, September 30, 1999, 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.*

*Teacher Education Hall 140*

*RSVP to Brett O'Donnell*

*By September 15, 1999*

*bodonnell@liberty.edu or 804-582-2080*

*Come meet the 1999 Liberty Debate Team*

*And reunite with good friends.*

## Liberty Debate: The Next Millennium Begins Now!

I am sure that by now you have grown tired of all of the "lasts" of this century and all of the talk of the next millennium, that is, if we make it through Y2K on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The Liberty Debate Team has made a commitment to short circuit all of the new millennium talk by beginning the future now. Our team has achieved some important landmarks that have truly given us a jump on the future.

Perhaps the most important part of our start on the future is stable administrative support from Liberty. The team's travel and scholarship budget is at a level that allows us to be competitive both in recruiting and at national tournaments. You, our alumni, have generated part of that support. As the administration has seen your contributions both in your competitive successes while you were students and in your successes post graduation, the university has increased its commitment to the debate program. This includes being able to hire what I believe is the finest coaching staff in

Debate Team.

The future of our team's competitive success begins this fall with the arrival of our best recruiting class ever and perhaps the best recruiting class in the country. This year we were able to successfully recruit seven of the best high school debaters in the country. Combined with the talent of our returning debaters, this incoming class may possess the talent to allow the program to achieve our biggest goal, winning the National Debate Tournament. Our team was extremely successful in the 1998-99 season in winning both the American Debate Association and National Debate Tournament Rankings Championships, and I am looking forward to many of those returning debaters contributing to our future successes. I hope that you will keep track of the team's achievements by frequently visiting our web page ([www.liberty.edu/debate](http://www.liberty.edu/debate)).

The future has also started with respect to our high school outreach programs. Our summer institute has experienced rapid growth and is the largest debate workshop in Virginia.

debate with Michael and Heather Hall and Bill Lawrence. Additionally, our success in starting an endowment fund for the team through your generous support has also demonstrated to the university that our alumni are serious about supporting the future of the Liberty

This past summer we had over forty students and coaches enrolled in our institute. The institute generated over four thousand dollars and enabled us to purchase a new laptop for the team. Additionally, this spring we hosted our first Virginia State High School Debate Championships. This is the first time in the eighty-year history of the tournament that a school other than the University of Virginia hosted the tournament. And I am pleased to announce that Liberty has agreed to host the tournament again this coming spring. Michael Hall and I continue to teach at the University of Michigan's Debate Institute, which provides valuable contacts to potential Liberty recruits, while some of our students are also coaching debate at surrounding high schools.

Finally, the future has started with the establishment of our alumni association and this newsletter. I appreciate all of the support that many of you have provided to the alumni association and the team, including providing part-time coaching assistance for which we are very grateful. I also want to thank Heather Hall for all of the work she has done in producing these newsletters. I hope that you will allow us to say thank you by attending our alumni reception during homecoming on September 30 at 7:30 p.m. All of our coaches and members of the 1999-2000 debate team will be there for you to meet. We will serve refreshments and have pictures and memories to share from past teams. I hope you plan to join us in Lynchburg for our alumni reunion.

-Brett O'Donnell  
Director of Debate

The Liberty University Intercollegiate Debate Team finished the season first in both the American Debate

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Association and National Debate Tournament rankings. Ranking just seven points ahead of Emory University, the team concluded the year with 602 NDT points. In the ADA rankings, Liberty outdistanced the next closest team by 104 points and out paced both the US Naval Academy and Catholic University.

These final rankings capped a tremendous season for the young, but talented team. The final regular tournament at Towson University in Towson, Maryland was highlighted by Stephen Carter and Julie Sorge's win in the final round of the novice division. This was followed by speaker awards for Carter (1<sup>st</sup>), Sorge (7<sup>th</sup>), and Rebekah Meador (4<sup>th</sup>).

The ADA National Tournament held at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, VA was a fantastic finale to a great season. Devin Chwastyk and Shanna Twigg won the JV division while Shanna Twigg (5<sup>th</sup>), Elizabeth Thompson (8<sup>th</sup>), and Angela Nelson (9<sup>th</sup>) won JV speaker awards. David Cooper and Rebekah Meador won the Novice Division. Five out of the top ten speakers in the Novice Division were Liberty Debaters: David Cooper (1<sup>st</sup>), Rebekah Meador (2<sup>nd</sup>), Stephen Carter (4<sup>th</sup>), Christine Hull (5<sup>th</sup>), and Sarah Keene (7<sup>th</sup>).

Keep up with the team's progress online at [www.Liberty.edu/debate](http://www.Liberty.edu/debate)

We had a fantastic season and are grateful to God for the tremendous success he gave us this past year. --HHH

**Spread the Word!**  
 The Debate Team is looking for intelligent, hardworking, Christian students who are interested in debating while in college. We offer opportunities for students of all experience levels with scholarships offered to qualifying advanced debaters.  
 If you know any students who fit this description, have them e-mail Brett O'Donnell at [bodonnell@liberty.edu](mailto:bodonnell@liberty.edu), or call (804) 582-2080.

**Liberty High School Debate Institutes!**  
 This year's institute was a great success!  
 To learn about next year's institute or to order the 1999 high school evidence go to [www.liberty.edu/debate](http://www.liberty.edu/debate) or call 804-582-2080.

<b>NDT RANKINGS</b>	
Final Rankings April 15, 1999	
1-Liberty University	602
2-Emory University	595
3-Kansas State University	466
4-Catholic University	464
5-University of Kansas	447
6-Northwestern University	446
7-Wake Forest University	439
8-Gonzaga University	437
9-Southern Illinois University	435
10-University of Southern California	425

<b>ADA RANKINGS</b>	
Final Rankings March 15, 1999	
1-Liberty University	354
2-US Naval Academy	250
3-George Mason University	197
4-Catholic University	191
5-University of Pittsburgh	181
6-University of West Virginia	147
7-Boston College	119
8-Mary Washington College	118
9-James Madison University	108
10-Cornell University	107

# THE BACKFILES

Humberto Beau Baez ('91) is an attorney and lives in Manassas Virginia with his wife Rebecca and daughter Isabella.

Jeff Baity ('88) is a Radio Station Manager in Winston-Salem, NC where he lives with his wife Linda.

Amy Rich Bromhead ('88) is the full-time mother of Hamilton (5), Cassidy (4), Kennedy (2), and Marshall (1) while working part-time with Anchored in Truth TV/Radio Ministry. She and her husband Alex Bromhead ('88) live in Muscle Shoals, AL.

Barb Capece (Dabill) ('89) is an Equity Research Analyst at US Bancorp Piper Jaffray after 9 years with American Express Financial Advisors. She will complete her MBA at the University of Minnesota in October of 1999. She married Mark Capece in July of 1995.

Lance Howe ('93) is a Ph.D. candidate in economics at USC in Los Angeles and attends Grace Community Church.

Rusty Kline lives in Irving, TX with his wife Kelly.

Amy Palermo ('97) married R. J. Snell ('97) in Seaville, NJ on June 26, 1999. They are living in Milwaukee, WI where Amy teaches and RJ is a Ph.D. Candidate at Marquette.

John F. Pyle ('84) is an Attorney in Amherst, VA where he lives with his wife, Janna.

Tom Walker ('92) is a paralegal at a law firm in New Hampshire where he lives with his wife Heidi. They are the proud parents of Tommy (4) and Ian (10 mos).

Christy Whiddon is a Ph.D. candidate in physical chemistry at Lund University in Sweden where she lives with her husband Hakan Carlsson a bioinorganic chemist also at Lund University. Together they help lead an English Bible study.

If you would like to be included in The Backfiles, e-mail [bondonnel@liberty.edu](mailto:bondonnel@liberty.edu) or call 804-582-2080.

## Thank You!

Thank you to all the founding members of the Liberty University Debate Alumni Association! Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

Humberto Beau Baez ('91)

Jeff Baity ('88)

Barb (Dabill) Capece ('89)

Lisa (Lundquist) Kanak ('90)

Rusty Kline

Amy Palermo ('97)

John F. Pyle ('84)

*Welcome to the newest members of the team!  
John Ross, Nick Seim, and Katie McGovern from Cox HS, Virginia Beach, VA; Wil Hauptfear from Princess Anne HS, Virginia Beach, VA; Travis Ausland from Roosevelt HS, Souix Falls, SD; Janeri Rivero from Pasadena HS, Houston, TX; Laura Gall from Pontiac HS, Pontiac, IL.*

- Univ. of Northern Iowa-Cedar Falls, IA. Sept. 17-20
- King's College-Wilkes Barre, PA. Sept. 23-26
- Univ. of Richmond-Richmond, VA. Oct. 8-10
- Univ. of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, NC. Oct. 15-18
- West Point-West Point, NY. Oct. 15-17
- Duquesne Univ.-Pittsburgh, PA. Oct. 21-24
- Liberty Univ.-Lynchburg, VA. Nov. 12-14
- Wake Forest Univ.-Winston-Salem, NC. Nov. 19-22
- John Carroll Univ.-Cleveland, OH. Dec. 2-5

## ON THE ROAD

# STRATEGY SESSION

In order for you to be a part of the LUDAA we are offering several levels of giving including Regular, Varsity, Honorary Coach, and Honorary Director as detailed on the membership form below. As an Honorary Coach you will receive an official Liberty Debate T-shirt, while as Honorary Directors you will receive an official Liberty Debate hat in addition to the T-shirt. The membership fees from the association (100%) will be deposited into the debate endowment account to help underwrite scholarships for future debaters. Scholarships are critical to the competitiveness of our program as we use them to recruit advanced high school debaters and to reward debaters for their hard work at Liberty. Membership fees allow us to make regular deposits into the endowment account in addition to our special fundraisers. Your giving provides incredible competitive and educational opportunities for aspiring debaters. So, fill out the membership form below and join the Liberty Debate Alumni Association today!

### Prayer Requests

Please pray for all the freshmen debaters as they make the adjustment to college and debate. Additionally, pray that God would give our team wisdom, strength, and unity as we aim to glorify God on the collegiate debate circuit.

**Yes, I want to join the Liberty Debate Alumni Association!**

- Honorary Director--\$100.00 (T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_)
- Honorary Coach--\$75.00 (T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_)
- Varsity Member--\$50.00
- Regular Member--\$25.00

**I am unable to join now, but please keep in touch with me!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Current Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employment Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Spouse \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children \_\_\_\_\_  
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Make Check payable to *Liberty University Debate* and Mail to:  
  
 Liberty University Debate Team  
 1971 University Boulevard  
 Lynchburg, VA 24502

**Yes, you may make my information available to other debate alumni who would wish to contact me for personal reasons only.**  
 Other alumni I know who would like to receive *Liberty Frontlines*: \_\_\_\_\_  
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MEMBERSHIP FORM