



2012 Canadian Senior and Junior National Debating Championships

Montreal, Quebec

Wednesday, April 25 – Monday, April 30, 2012

<http://www.nationals2012.ca>

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Dear Debate Colleague,

We are delighted to write to you to announce the prepared motions for the upcoming National Debating Championships, which is now less than three months away!

Junior National Debating Championships:

The organizing committee has embarked on a partnership with the Jeanie Johnston Educational Foundation (JJEF), whose mandate is to promote the study of history in Canada. To that end, they have proposed a debate about a very interesting person in Canadian history: D'Arcy McGee. The JJEF is providing us with some publicity as a result, donating some prizes, and has posted a number of resources to get you started at the following link:

<http://www.canadarailwaytimes.com/docs/mcgee.pdf>

The wording of the junior prepared motion is as follows:

This House believes that D'Arcy McGee should be considered a Canadian hero.

Senior National Debating Championships:

As I mentioned in the previous tournament announcement, there is a conference being hosted at Lower Canada College two days before Nationals called the Fourth Annual Canadian Youth Forum on Climate Change in the Arctic. I attach some further information about this interesting conference, which I hope a number of you will consider attending. To that end, we thought it would very appropriate to have a debate about the important and emerging issues in the Arctic, and the wording for the senior prepared motion is as follows:

This House believes Canada should significantly increase its presence in the Arctic.

As one starting point, you may wish to look at the links posted by the Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation, located at:

<http://gordonfoundation.ca/programs/arctic-security/speakers-series>

As a reminder, the prepared rounds are debated on **Thursday, April 26, and all debaters will debate on both sides of their prepared motion**, against other provinces. The juniors will debate in the morning, followed by the seniors in the afternoon. All remaining rounds in both championships, including ALL break rounds, are impromptu motions.

We think you will find the issues and topics that you will be researching to very stimulating, and we look forward to hearing you debate these interesting issues in April.

Sincerely,
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