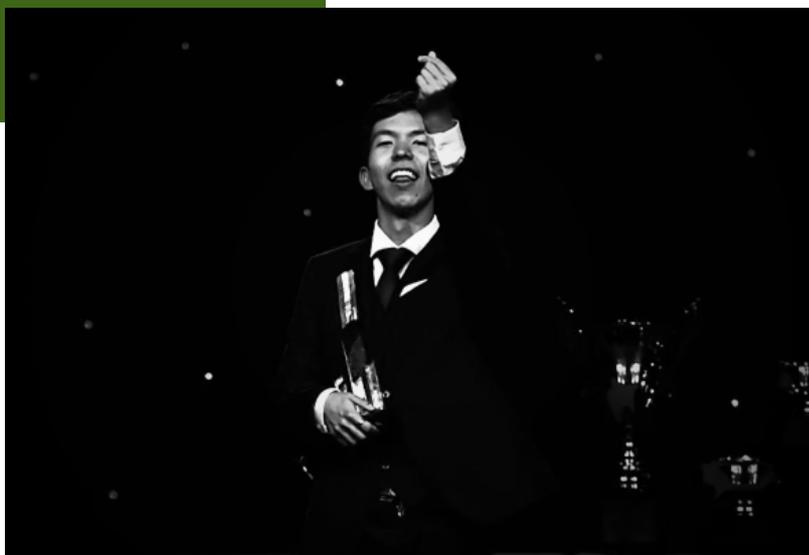


Palo Alto High School

SPEECH + DEBATE



Paly Makes History at Nationals

On June 20, Ethan Boneh made history by becoming the first National Champion in Paly Speech & Debate history. Held in Louisville, Kentucky, the NSDA National Tournament is among the most competitive in the country.

Representing Paly were Benjamin Grimes ('23) and Lucas Guan ('23) in Congressional Debate, and Ethan Boneh ('23) and Mihir Menon ('24) in Big Questions Debate,

Menon reached Quarterfinals, finishing in the top 8 of a 100+ competitor field. "Debating in person was even more fun than I expected," he said. "I got to meet a lot of amazing people and made friends from across the country".

In Congress, Guan reached the Semifinals for the second year in a row. "When I went to nationals last year, it was just me alone in a room with a computer," he said. "But being (→)

PASD Camp: Back in Person!

From June 6 to 20, PASD students counseled over 75 junior high and elementary aged campers at the Palo Alto Speech and Debate Camp.

In the morning, speech students wrote about societal issues and performed interpretive one-person monologues. After lunch, debate students learned the basics of LD debate and wrote cases for the end of week showcase.

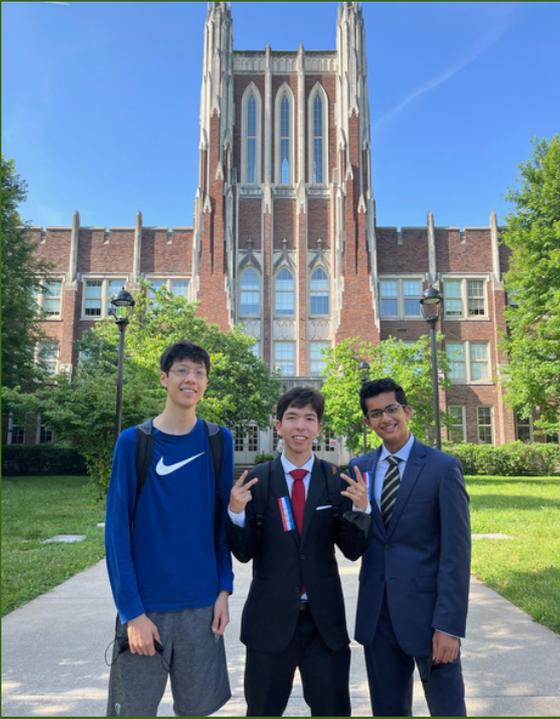
According to camp Co-Director Johannah Seah, "Our counselor staff were the star of the show; their experience, skill, problem solving, and positive spirits are what made camp so successful... I'm glad we had the opportunity to put on something so meaningful".

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Nationals (cont.)

able to go with an actual team this year made the experience so much more rewarding (and the giant gavel I got from semis made it all the more fun).”

As judges announced the final news over zoom, teammates at Buca di Beppo back in California flooded the slack channel with congratulations. “Thank you all so much for the tremendous support and help,” Boneh said. “I’m eternally grateful. Our team has been a place for me to draw community, camaraderie, confidence, and charisma. I love you all so much.”



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Coming Up

Team-wide, in-person practices will begin Tuesday, September 13th. All events will happen the same night this year, but beginning as early as Tuesday, August 16th, coaches will offer online + hybrid event-specific practices. Stay tuned to your team’s slack channel for more details.

CONGRESS: Hybrid (in-person @ 800 wing + online) with Maya Levine. Starting 8/16 @7pm.

EXTEMP: Hybrid (in-person @ 800 wing + online) with Michael Alisky. Starting 8/16 @6pm.

LD: Online only with Emilin Mathew. Starting 8/16 @5pm.

PF: Online only with Claire Beamer. Starting 8/16 @6pm.

SPEECH: Hybrid (in-person @ 800 wing + online) with Stephanie Lee. Starting 8/23 @6pm.