

2011

International Public Debate Association

National Championship Tournament and Convention

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Competitors and Colleagues,

On behalf of the IPDA Executive Committee, I would like to welcome each of you to the 2011 IPDA National Championship Tournament and Convention. Nationals is a time to engage scholars from our activity through the paper/panel presentations, to interact with alumni who help us maintain a connection to the history of our organization, and to participate in top notch competition to better develop our advocacy skills. We hope that the tradition and collegial spirit of our organization's annual gathering will touch each of you, and that when the banquet ends on Sunday you will leave with fond and lasting memories of your time at this event.

I would like to thank Stephen Jeffcoat, our host here at Stephen F. Austin State University, and the SFA Debate Team for the work that they have done to make our national tournament and convention a success. Additionally, I would like to thank the administrators, faculty, staff and students of SFA for their assistance and support for this tournament and convention.

I also would like to thank each of you. IPDA would not be the dynamic and growing organization that it is without your involvement. I thank you for the examples of ethical argumentation that you provide, for your efforts to share the benefits of this activity with new generations of students, and for your commitment to the ideals of this organization. Always feel free to call this organization as well as this tournament and convention home.

Finally, the IPDA Executive Committee and Governing Board are here to serve you. Whether it is over the course of this weekend, this summer or during a future season, if you have any concerns or ideas for ways that we can improve this experience for future competitors, please feel free to pass your message along to anyone in the organization's leadership. We value any input that you may have.

Sincerely,

Bob Alexander
President, IPDA