

CME | Strategy

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TEAM MEMBERSHIP · 2026

RESULTS

Who are we?

A program is nothing without good students.

Last year, our students won, finaled, and semi-finaled the TOC.

4/10

of the top 10 debaters coached by CME

4/5

independent debaters coached (Green = Institutional)

Good student selection is everything; do you have what we're looking for?

Last season our students won, finaled, and semi-finaled the Tournament of Champions, and we coached four of the country's top ten debaters. The pages that follow show the receipts — and introduce the coaches behind them.

THE RECEIPTS

Last season, by the numbers

RANK	SCHOOL	NAME	RATING
1	Lynbrook	Bolang Zhu	CME 2215.1
2	Peninsula	Sterling Utovac	2194.38
3	Head-Royce	Alexander Jayaratne	CME 2154.9
4	Lynbrook	Om Modi	CME 2091.14
5	Harker	Siddhartha Daswani	2056.87
6	Marlborough	Abby Merges	2036.98
7	Plano West	Angel Ribo	2034.71
8	Harker	Sanjith Senthil	2024.48
9	Greenhill	Sarah Koshy	2023.88
10	McNeil	Atharva Srivastava	CME 2020.71

TOP 10 End-of-season debater rankings. CME coached four of the top ten, including the #1 ranked debater.

■ CME-coached debater ■ Institutional program

Ratings reflect end-of-season competitive standing across the national circuit. The full Tournament of Champions bracket appears on the following page.

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

The bracket

Our students won, finalized, and semi-finalized the TOC — the season's most competitive field.

- CME students
- Institutional programs
- Our competitors



THE STAFF

Our coaches

Sebastian Cho FOUNDER · COACH

Sebastian has had his share of coaching success; prestige and competition are secondary to his focus on building a community, democratizing access, and learning how to think.

"I'm most proud of my ability to bring a 3-3 debater to the TOC. It's a formula that I've workshopped to the point of repeatability, and I'm excited to share my method with the rest of CME Strategy."

Shreeram Modi COACH

Shreeram rebuilt his entire understanding of debate in college, having been — of his own admission — a mediocre debater in high school. He used that process to develop a coaching philosophy that led Lynbrook HS to some of the most dominant LD seasons in recent history.

Shreeram is probably best known for what he's provided for free: scripts and macros that most top programs use; a community Google group for LD document sharing; articles, lessons, advice, and rankings that have helped dozens. Giving back to the community is at the heart of his ethic, and a love for the activity is what keeps him around.

Aidan Etkin COACH

Aidan believes in teaching arguments instead of having debaters memorize them: most students can identify what strategies win, Aidan focuses on the why.

Etkin's figured out what it means to strategize in any and every scenario; it's no surprise that Etkin's students dominate in LD, CX and PF.

MEMBERSHIP

Team Membership

PRICING

\$4,000 / year

Ask us about discounts and scholarships.

Great debaters give a speech every week. The best give a speech every day.

DELIBERATE PRACTICE — THE MEAT AND BONES OF OUR PEDAGOGY

Education psychology and cognitive science have repeatedly found that rapid, accurate feedback accelerates skill acquisition; you correct errors before they become habits.

At CME, you have the opportunity to give a speech, whenever you want, in front of 15+ coaches and 50+ debaters. The only question is: what will you do with it?

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Inside the program

• Chat

Active and moderated Slack with top debaters from across the country collaborating on strategies, and a motivated staff ready to answer your questions and help you improve.

• Prep

Tournament-ready Dropbox produced by elite researchers, plus backfiles to fill any gaps. 5 dedicated coaches and 10 assistant researchers. We're the best at every style — great for flexible debaters, even better for specialists.

• Community

Debate is better together. CME brings together the most motivated debaters in the country. Debaters have higher test scores, GPA, and college and career outcomes. Surround yourself with the people of the future.

• Check-in

Don't get lost in the crowd. We'll check in with you to address your specific concerns and hold you accountable to your goals.

• Office Hours

Weekly sessions where coaches review files, listen to speeches, and answer any questions you have, live.

• Labs

Three labs, each a healthy mix of skill levels, styles, and coaches. Within each, students are grouped Novice, JV, and Varsity. Varsity debaters get their own prep silo and are expected to lead — mentoring the groups beneath them.

• For Parents

We keep you in the loop. Monthly newsletters update you on the team and what your debater is working on. A student progress tracker gives you visibility into their growth, and we hold one parent meeting per semester to answer questions and share updates directly.

BEYOND MEMBERSHIP

Additional Offerings

Concierge

We organize and book travel and lodging for every national circuit tournament. You're busy, we're experienced. We'll handle it.

Drills

Deliberate practice works best with direct feedback. 1-on-1 drill sessions give you exactly that — a coach in your corner, focused on nothing but your improvement.

SAMPLE RATE

Om Modi — 2025 TOC Finalist & Glenbrooks Champion, 2026 NDCA Champion · **\$50/hr**

Onsite

Your coach travels with you. Before each round, we break down your judge, sharpen your strategy, and make sure you're mentally ready to compete. Between rounds, we debrief, adjust, and cut any cards you need. We're in your corner for the full tournament.

Onsite coaches can assist CME students whose opponents don't have onsite coaching, but will step back when both debaters are onsite clients.

Pricing: subject to fluctuations by tournament. All prices announced a month in advance, minimum.

CME

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Good student selection is everything. If you take this activity as seriously as we do, we'd like to hear from you.