USA Today College, national media focus on College Debate 16

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Dominican’s College Debate 2016 gained media attention with stories about the national voter engagement initiative appearing in USA Today College, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, the Delaware County Daily Times, and the New Jersey Star-Ledger.

*College Debate 2016* is a first-of-its-kind national initiative created by Dominican to provide college students from throughout the United States a platform to discuss and debate the issues facing our country. Dominican created this initiative after being named a Voter Education Partner for the Commission on Presidential Debates.

A *New Jersey Star-Ledger* reporter noted how delegates Caitlyn McNair and Jennifer Loughran from The College of New Jersey worked with fellow CD16 delegates to identify the issues that matter most to millennial voters and create questions they would like the presidential candidates to address. These questions were forwarded to the moderators of the fall presidential debates.

Allie Stein, a delegate from Cabrini University, was praised for her work at Dominican by the *Delaware County Daily Times*. Stein, a communication major, is the assistant lifestyles editor for the Loquitur, Cabrini University’s student newspaper.

Jacquelyn Moss of the University of Wisconsin Madison spoke with the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* about her work on College Debate 2016. Moss told the paper that she found her passion for politics when she was a voter outreach intern for the City of Madison clerk's office in summer 2015. "I had applied for so many internships that spring, and I had gotten discouraged. Finally, I got the city clerk's office internship, and it was like it was meant to be. I really found a passion, working on voter outreach."

Other news media outlets chronicling College Debate 2016 were *Inside Higher Education*, NBC Bay Area (KNTV), the *Marin Independent Journal* of the Bay Area News Group, and *ABC News Live*, which live streamed the event from Angelico Concert Hall.

Earlier this summer, Dominican’s Victor Chan ’17, was interviewed for a KQED-radio story about his involvement in College Debate 2016. Hallie Balch ’18 spoke with KCBS Radio when student delegates convened at Dominican in June for CD16 training.

Among regional stories that focused in College Debate 2016 delegates from other schools participating in this initiative were: James Durant from The Citadel, South Carolina; Shayla Bozdech from Indiana State University; Rotimi Adeoye from Hobart and William Smith Colleges, New York; Barrett Goodwin from Hendrix College, Arkansas; Victoria Grijalva Ochoa from Arizona State University; Jacque Moss from University of Wisconsin Colleges Extension; Cassie Klosterman from Washington University, St. Louis; Allie Stein from Cabrini University, Pennsylvania; Jana Al Jarrah from Oakland University, Michigan; and Ophelia Alvarez from Northeastern Illinois University.

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