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## **Peak to Peak Charter School Advances in International Debate Competition**

*Global Competition Sponsored by the Brewer Foundation and New York University*

**January 17, 2017** – Students from Peak to Peak Charter School in Lafayette have advanced to the “Top 32” round of the International Public Policy Forum (IPPF).

Sponsored by the Brewer Foundation and New York University, the IPPF is the first and only debate competition that gives high school students around the world the opportunity to engage in written and oral debates on issues of public policy.

By advancing, the students remain eligible to win a \$10,000 grand prize and an all-expenses-paid trip to the IPPF Finals in New York City on May 6, 2017. Peak to Peak Charter School is the only team from Colorado to advance this round.

“These students have excelled at the IPPF’s unique test of research, analytical, writing and advocacy skills,” said William A. Brewer III, chairman of the Brewer Foundation and a founder of the IPPF. “They now advance to the Round of 32 – the next written round of the competition and a step closer to the IPPF Finals.”

This year, hundreds of teams submitted qualifying round essays affirming or negating the 2016-17 IPPF topic, “*Resolved: The obligation to provide safe haven for refugees should outweigh a government’s right to control its borders.*” Those essays were reviewed by a committee, which determined the “Round of 64” teams based on the overall quality of each 2,800-word essay.

In November, the “Round of 64” teams then began a single-elimination, written debate competition. Each team was assigned a position (affirmative or negative) and then volleyed papers back and forth with another team via email. A panel of judges reviewed the essays and selected the winning teams. In that round, Peak to Peak Charter School advanced over The Galaxy School - Wadi from Rajkot, India.

The “Top 32” round begins immediately. Peak to Peak Charter School will compete in a written debate against Greenwich High School from Greenwich, Connecticut. The top 32 teams include 26 U.S. teams from 17 U.S. states. There are six international teams from schools in China, Czech Republic, Kingdom of Bahrain, Nepal, Slovakia and Taiwan.

The winning teams will be announced on February 13, and will proceed to the “Sweet 16” round. On March 23, the “Elite 8” teams will be announced. Those teams will travel to New York City on an all-expenses-paid trip to the IPPF Finals in New York City. The Finals will take place on May 6, 2017, at the Harold Pratt House.

The IPPF Finals give students the opportunity to participate in oral debates in front of some of the world's foremost experts in debate, business, law and politics. The winning team will take home the "Brewer Cup" and a \$10,000 grand prize.

**The "Top 32" teams:**

Beijing ENREACH, Beijing, China  
Rato Bangala School, Lalitpur, Nepal  
Hathaway Brown School (1), Shaker Heights, Ohio  
Trinity Preparatory School, Winter Park, Florida  
The British School of Bahrain, Hamala, Kingdom of Bahrain  
Bridgewater-Raritan High School, Bridgewater, New Jersey  
The Davidson Academy of Nevada, Reno, Nevada  
Woodward Academy, College Park, Georgia  
Solon High School, Solon, Ohio  
Team Czech Republic, Říčany u Prahy, Czech Republic  
duPont Manual High School, Louisville, Kentucky  
Ladue Horton Watkins High School, St. Louis, Missouri  
Unionville High School, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania  
La Cañada High School, La Cañada, California  
Millburn High School, Millburn, New Jersey  
Jasper High School, Plano, Texas  
Greenwich High School, Greenwich, Connecticut  
Peak to Peak Charter School, Lafayette, Colorado  
Plano West Senior High School, Plano, Texas  
Annapolis High School, Annapolis, Maryland  
Hendrickson High School, Pflugerville, Texas  
North Allegheny Senior High School, Wexford, Pennsylvania  
Notre Dame High School, Sherman Oaks, California  
Stuyvesant High School, New York, New York  
Taipei American School, Taipei, Taiwan  
Bonita Vista High School, Chula Vista, California  
Bilingvalne gymnázium Milana Hodzu, Sucany, Slovakia  
Plano Senior High School, Plano, Texas  
East Mountain High School, Sandia Park, New Mexico  
Westfield Academy, West Hartford, Connecticut  
John Handley High School, Winchester, Virginia  
Carmel High School, Carmel, Indiana

**About the IPPF and the Brewer Foundation:**

The IPPF was founded in 2001 by the Brewer Foundation (formerly Bickel & Brewer Foundation), and is now jointly administered with New York University. The program is available to all high schools around the world – public and private – for free. The IPPF is endorsed by leading forensic agencies, such as the National Association for Urban Debate Leagues, the International Debate Education Association, the Impact Coalition, Associated Leaders of Urban Debate Leagues, and the National Debate Coaches Association. The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed the IPPF on the NASSP Advisory List of Student Contests and Activities every year since 2012.

The Brewer Foundation is a private, non-profit organization funded by companies, individuals and the national litigation firm of Brewer, Attorneys & Counselors. With offices in New York and Dallas, the Foundation has achieved widespread recognition for its efforts to create, fund and manage a variety of educational outreach programs.

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