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As a competitive debater, you engage the world through researching, theorizing and presenting your evaluation of current events and philosophical foundations. At Grove City College, you can be part of a unique forensics community, which draws from a variety of majors, backgrounds and interests and which is professionally coached by faculty members in disciplines across the humanities. Furthermore, at Grove City, you are part of a broader community of learners, each of whom seeks to ask thoughtful questions and strives to analyze various fields of study. Our nationally-ranked varsity debate team's success is indicative of the critical forethought that is representative of the greater campus community.

"Grove City has been winning national championships consistently for the past few years, but in the meantime its debaters have managed balanced lifestyles that prioritize class, social engagements, and career pursuits. It is truly a unique culture—one that allows its debaters to flourish outside of the program—and the skills it hones have influenced my life to a greater extent than anything else I did in college. Some of my best friends have come from the team and some of my favorite memories from college stem from our times traveling and competing!"

Mark Mariani '15

Former Varsity Debate Team Member and Captain; Current graduate student at the University of Notre Dame

FAST FACTS

- In the past six debate seasons, Grove City College Debate has secured **seven national championship titles** in Varsity, Junior Varsity and Novice tracks.
- In 2015 alone, the Varsity Debate team secured **two national championship titles**: Pi Kappa Delta and National Christian College Forensics Association National Championships.
- In the past eight debate seasons, **four 1st place national championship speakers** have emerged from Grove City College students.
- Coach-as-professor-as-mentor relationships are built and sustained in small-sized classes, keeping in line with our **13-1 student-faculty ratio**.
- Grove City has one of the nation's first student-run undergraduate law journals: *Journal of Law and Public Policy*.
- Internship and career support is offered from our nationally-ranked Career Services Office.
- The Center for Vision & Values is housed on campus and offers lectures, internships and critical analysis via policy papers throughout the year.

"Grove City College's formula for debate is to "speak better and know more." Our success speaks to the effectiveness of the formula, but frankly I am more pleased by the fact that the team is a true community that fosters development in all aspects of life, not just argumentation. Grove City debate is not interested in producing sophists; rather, our commitment is to developing men and women dedicated to truth and capable of defending it."

Dr. Jason Edwards

Professor of History; Forensics Head Coach