



# GROVE CITY COLLEGE DEBATE

**A**s 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.

*"Competing as a member of the debate team has been one of the most formative experiences I have had as a student at Grove City College. On the debate team, we emphasize critical thinking, eloquent speaking, and—above all—truth. Our prioritization of these values has resulted in a consistent track record of competitive success at a national level. The Grove City College debate team does all of this while also fostering a Christ-centered community in which students have an opportunity for meaningful engagement with coaches and peers."*

## **Sebastian Anastasi '23**

*Varsity Debate Team Member and Senior Captain*

## **FAST FACTS**

- In the past six debate seasons, Grove City College Debate has secured **12 national championship titles** in Varsity, Junior Varsity and Novice tracks.
- In 2020 alone, the Varsity Debate team secured **five national championship titles** at the National Christian Collegiate Forensics Association's National Championship.
- In the past six 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 Institute for Faith and Freedom 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*