



# DALLAS LAW FIRM, STUDENTS CELEBRATE NATIONAL DEBATE CONTEST \$12,000 AWARDED IN CASH & PRIZES

*Law Firm of Bickel & Brewer Provides "One in a Lifetime Opportunity" for High School Students*

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Students from Woodward Academy, College Park, (GA) won \$5,000.

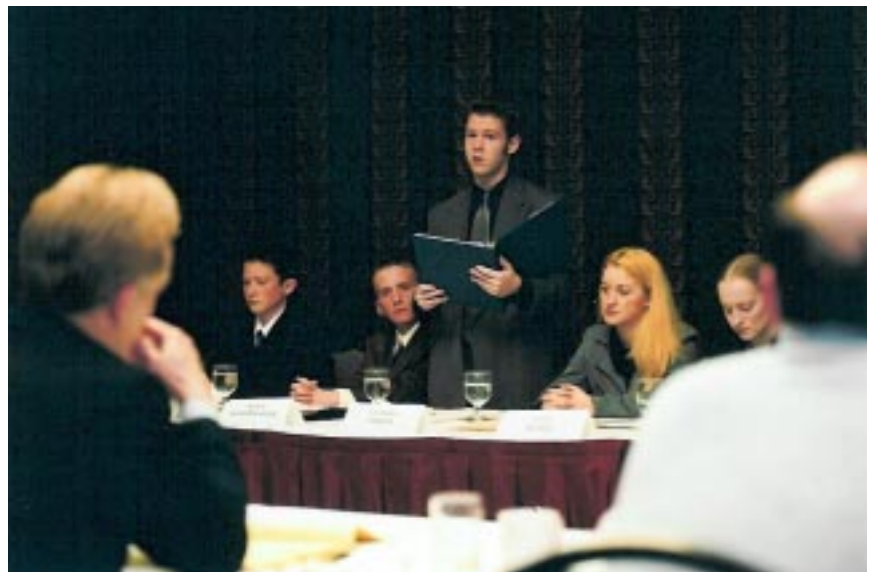
We all know the feeling of being involved in a debate. But imagine having that same argument in front of some of the world's foremost experts in government, journalism and law. That's the opportunity that was made available recently to high school students who competed in the Bickel and Brewer foundation National Public Policy Forum.

The road to the finals wasn't easy. For six months students participated in written debates on the topic. *Resolved: That the United States*

*should adopt a policy of no first use of weapons of mass destruction.* After advancing through several "elimination rounds" against schools across the country, two teams reached the finals and earned an all-expense paid trip to Dallas. The students from Woodward Academy (GA) won the \$5,000 first prize and the Bickel & Brewer Cup, a traveling trophy that will reside annually at the school of the contest champion. Perry High School (OH) won second place and a \$2,500 prize. Eight high schools received cash awards totaling more than \$12,000. The money will be used to fund scholarships and debate activities at the secondary school level.

"This contest is the only one of its kind in the United States," says John W. Bickel II. "It offers students the opportunity to participate in written and oral debates on issues of national public policy.

In its inaugural year, the National Public Policy Forum was designed to provide all students countrywide the opportunity to participate in a debate competition of national significance. The law firm of Bickel and Brewer and St. Mark's School of Texas Administrator David Baker founded the contest. The program, funded entirely by the Bickel & Brewer Foundation, is open to schools of all sizes -- both public and private-- and admission is free.



**The Finals:**

Debater Scott Lichenwalter presents to finals judges. Perry High School was awarded a second place \$2,500 award.

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