

Maine Advocate  
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Dear Coaches:

Sorry this is a little later than usual.

**State Meet Overview** - Congratulations again to Scarborough, Monmouth, Bangor, and Calais for earning the right to represent the State of Maine in National competitions. This year the essay and art test were done on line on April 7<sup>th</sup>. I would like to especially recognize Susan Rundell of Scarborough who was the high scorer with 8,086 points.

I would like to thank all the coaches, Board members, and volunteers who made the day go smoothly. A special shout out to Mike Richards for keeping the scoring timely and accurate. Fantastic job all. If you have any suggestions to enhance the competition, please feel free to let me know.

**National Overview** – Congratulations to Scarborough for their 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in Division II at the nationals in Charlotte. They won six individual medals and a \$500 grant to the high scorer for Maine (Susan Rundell with 8,340.4 points). Individual medals were:

Susan Rundell – Silver in Social Science

Justin Gagnon – Silver in Essay

Michael Bamford – Silver in Speech and Speech Showcase participant (silver)

Seth Albert – Bronze in Interview, Silver in Math, Silver in Super Quiz.

Outstanding competition and the Maine team truly represented us extremely well. I received numerous compliments on the team's comportment.

Also, Monmouth Academy received a \$250 grant to their high scorer in the small school on-line competition (Hayden Koller) and Matthew Bryant won a gold in mathematics.

**Maine Web Site** -The State Web site ([www.mainead.org](http://www.mainead.org)) is being updated. The results of the State Championship are there and most of the links have been updated and are ready for next year's competition. Competition dates, and changed registration forms are on line as we speak. The state date is March 3<sup>rd</sup>

**2011-2012 Curriculum** - You all received a list of the 2010-2011 curriculum whose theme is "The Age of Emprie". This can also be found on the USAD web site. (Link exists on the MEAD web site.)

**2011-2012 Registration** -The registration process is on the web site and will remain the same as this past year. There is a school registration form due in November. The nine team members and three extra students not on the competition team but taking the essays need release/permission/code of conduct forms and GPAs/transcripts. Any other extras over the twelve only the release, permission and code of conduct forms. These are due in December. Please look at the forms and let me know if you have any questions. I have moved the essay forward a week to February 1<sup>st</sup>. Any forms you wish to email will save some paper and ensure quick returns.

We still have some grant money for new schools so if you have any contacts, let me know. Enjoy the rest of the school year. USAD order form is on line. If you order by May 1<sup>st</sup>, USAD will ship materials starting May 15<sup>th</sup>.

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