

Maine ADvocate
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Dear Coaches,

National Overview - Congratulations to Scarborough for their showing in Division II. They were 8th in their division and 27th overall despite competing with only seven team members. Susan Rundell was Scarborough's high scorer with 7,160 points which earned her \$500.00. Coaches and team members should be commended for representing the State of Maine at such a high level.

Bangor High School competed in the Large school online competition finishing 6th. Rebecca Ye was Bangor's high scorer and earned her a \$250.00 scholarship. Oak Hill represented Maine in the Medium school online competition and finished 14th overall in their division. Kelsey Linnell was the high scorer for the Oak Hill team and will receive a \$250.00 scholarship. Monmouth Academy represented Maine in the Small school online competition and finished 10th overall in their division. Tyler Vandrell was as the high scorer for the Monmouth team and will receive a \$250.00 scholarship. Tyler also was a national medalist earning a bronze medal in essay.

Congratulations to all four teams for representing Maine with distinction.

2010-2011 Topics

Essays again should be typed this year with the spell/grammar check turned off. If the spell/grammar check is not turned off, students will receive a zero for that portion (20%) of their score. Please use double spacing and the equivalent of Times New Roman with twelve point font (for the correctors' eyes.) The date for the essay this year is February 1, 2011.

The state competition will be Saturday March 12, 2011 at Scarborough High School.

Maine Web Site -The State Web site has been updated (address is mainead.org), and the results of the State and National Championships are there and 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 links to all the curriculum outlines and art are in place and ready to go. If you find any bogus links, let me know.

2010-2011 Curriculum - You all received a list of the 2010-2011 curricula and outlines whose theme is "*The Great Depression*". These can also be found on the USAD web site. (Link exists on the MEAD web site.) The outline booklet should be in the mail. Despite tight budgets, it would be good to order the next year's materials each spring. Stressing the availability of used materials for a variety of courses helps sell their purchase to administrations. Some schools treat the materials as workbooks and include them in that account (just an idea).

Team Registration Fees – Registration fees will remain the same. School registration (9 team slots and coaches) will be \$210.00. Extras over the nine team members, including the essay alternates, will be \$30.00 per student for registration and t-shirt. Team lists are due as indicated below.

2010-2011 Registration - The changes to the registration the last two years helped with registration, and I hope the fee structure will also help. There is a team registration form (with GPAs) and the

nine member team and three essay alternates need GPA worksheets, release and permission forms. Any extras over the twelve need only the release and permission forms. Please look at the forms and let me know if you have any questions. **ALL** registration material needs to be in **PRIOR** to writing of the essay. The sooner team GPAs are submitted the easier it is to organize the meet. Registration forms and GPA worksheets can be emailed to me directly.

11/05/10 School Registration (\$210.00)
12/17/10 Team Rosters/Materials are Due to State Director (\$30.00 for extras over nine)
01/21/11 \$100.00 Late Fee Deadline (Should be met if the 12/17 deadline is met.)
02/01/11 Essay – GPA's must be verified to take the essay portion of the competition

Enjoy the rest of the school year. You should have received next year's outline from ME. Ordering materials in the spring allows students to get started over the summer. The 2010 nationals will be April 27TH to April 30th in **Charlotte, North Carolina. PLEASE NOTE THAT NEXT YEAR'S NATIONALS ARE THE WEEK FOLLOWING OUR SPRING BREAK.**

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