

# THE FULTONIAN

## BC qualifies for the 77th NDT



*Louis Gleason IV '23 & Christopher Cheek '25 with their participant mugs at the 77th NDT*

### Greetings from the Heights

This issue of *The Fultonian* reports on the Fulton Debating Society's activities during the 2022-2023 academic year.

Highlights include qualifying for the 77th NDT, finishing third at the ACC Tournament, and debating in person against a prison debate team at the Maine Correctional Facility in Windham, Maine.

We also inducted six Fultonians from the 2000s into the Fulton Debate Hall of Fame.

As always, we hope you enjoy reading *The Fultonian*.

*John Katsulas, Adam Lee, & Dale Herbeck*

Louis Gleason IV '23 and Christopher Cheek '25 qualified to compete at the 77th NDT hosted by Wake Forest but held in a Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, from March 31 to April 3, 2023.

Wake Forest relocated the tournament to Virginia due to travel restrictions to North Carolina. In 2016, several states banned travel to North Carolina after it passed an anti-LGBT bathroom policy.

Boston College first qualified to attend the NDT in 1962. William S. Abell, Jr., and James J. Unger were the first team to qualify. Gleason & Cheek became the 43rd team from BC to qualify for the NDT.

BC is part of District 8, which includes New York and the five New England states. At the district tournament, five teams qualified for the NDT: Army, Harvard, Tufts, the University of Massachusetts (Amherst), and New York University. During the district tournament, BC lost a crucial debate with Army, preventing them from qualifying.

On the basis of their strong year long record, Gleason & Cheek received one of ten second-round at-large bids to the NDT. The New School also received a second-round bid and Dartmouth's third team received one of the six bids allocated to third teams.

Prior to the district tournament, two teams from Dartmouth and one team from Harvard received first-round at-large bids to the NDT.

At the NDT, Gleason & Cheek won three debates. They defeated Central Oklahoma, George Mason, and The University of Texas (Dallas). They were defeated by Wichita State, Michigan State, Emporia, Baylor, and Gonzaga.

In the NDT final round, Wake Forest (Tajaih Robinson & Iyana Trotman) defeated the University of Michigan (Kelly Phil & Rafael Pierry). This marked the first time a host school won the NDT and the first time a school lost in the final round in three consecutive years.

## 131st FULTON PRIZE DEBATE: LOUIS GLEASON IV WINS FULTON MEDAL

At the 131st annual Fulton Prize Debate held on May 2 in Gasson 305, Louis Gleason IV '23 earned top speaker honors and won the Fulton Medal.

The topic for the debate was *"Resolved: The U.S. federal government should enact an economy-wide carbon tax."*

In the debate, Christopher Cheek '25 and Caleb Wachsmuth '24 advocated for the affirmative side and Joyce Hua '25 and Louis Gleason '23 defended the negative position.

The affirmative argued that enacting an economy-wide carbon tax was necessary to reduce carbon emissions to levels consistent with the pledges made by the United States as part of the Paris Climate Agreement. The affirmative claimed that the subsidies and tax credits for clean energy provided by the Inflation Reduction Act were insufficient to achieve compliance with the Paris Agreement.

The affirmative argued that failure by the United States to meet its climate commitments would erode other countries' support to reduce their emissions. That would lead to dangerous levels of global warming, making the earth uninhabitable.

To reduce carbon emissions, the affirmative advocated a plan to implement a \$40 per ton tax on carbon emissions which increased annually at 5 percent above the inflation rate. The revenue from the tax would be rebated as a dividend to all U.S. households.

To promote global compliance, the affirmative plan also adopted a border carbon adjustment (BCA) tax imposed on foreign goods imported to the U.S. if they were manufactured in countries who did not take equivalent action to reduce their carbon emissions. The affirmative argued that other countries like China and India would implement policies to reduce their emissions to avoid paying the BCA.

In response, the negative argued imposing a carbon adjustment tax would undermine international cooperation to solve climate change by antagonizing China, India, and Brazil. Instead of following the U.S. lead, they argued, polluting

countries would form their trading blocs to avoid paying the BCA.

The negative also argued that the carbon tax would fail. It cited studies claiming demand for carbon-based goods was inelastic and argued that producers would pass on the higher costs to consumers without decreasing their reliance on fossil fuels.

This year's judges were five distinguished Fulton alumni, including Dilip Paliath '93 (Family Magistrate, Baltimore County Circuit Court), Joshua Marmol '99 (Legal and International Sales Executive, GET Group Passport ID), Dominic Cameratta '01 (CFO, Cameratta Companies), Joseph Bowden '05 (Premium Guard, Inc.), and Brendan Benedict '12 (private practice attorney, Washington, DC).

In a 4-1 decision (with Joe Bowden dissenting), the judges voted for the negative. They awarded the Fulton Medal (for top speaker) to Louis Gleason and the Gargan Medal (for second best speaker) to Christopher Cheek.



*Fulton Prize Debaters (from left):  
Joyce Hua '25, Louis Gleason '23, Christopher  
Cheek '25 (speaking), & Caleb Wachsmuth '24*

## 2022-2023 DEBATE TOPIC: LEGAL PERSONHOOD FOR AI, NON-HUMANS AND NATURE

The intercollegiate debate topic for 2022-2023 was *“Resolved: The United States should vest legal rights and/or duties in one or more of the following: artificial intelligence, nature, nonhuman animal species.”*

Boston College teams advocated a plan to impose legal duties on using AI in financial services. This affirmative argued that unregulated AI in financial services could harm the U.S. economy. Several scenarios for financial calamity were outlined. Glitches in algorithms executing high-frequency trading could cause the stock market to go haywire. Another risk stemmed from marketplace lending by AI creating boom and bust cycles. Finally, AI trading in financial services could exacerbate stock market volatility due to the propensity for herd trading.

To prevent AI from harming financial markets, the affirmative plan vested agency status in financial AI and established a legal duty for them to comply with a human-in-the-loop requirement, including mandatory due diligence, explainability of how algorithms work, and oversight by an outside review committee.

Other AI affirmative plans vested legal duties in AI to regulate medical and health care uses, autonomous cars, robo-advisors, and autonomous weapons.

The most common AI plan was to vest the right of inventorship to AI capable of independent invention.

Nonhuman animal species affirmative cases were advocated by a few teams. The University of Houston granted nonhuman primates rights to be treated according to human research ethics. Wyoming granted standing for nonhuman animal species listed under the Endangered Species

Act to provide standing for citizen suits. And several teams advocated plans vesting nonhuman animal species with legal rights against Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs).

Nature affirmatives included vesting rights to rivers, lakes, marine protected areas, wild rice, and wildlife trusts. Some teams broadly granted a right to nature and argued it was vital to protecting ecosystems and slowing climate change.

The choice of legal personhood for the debate topic was ill-advised. The literature supporting most of these affirmative plans was shallow. More problematic, the negative solvency evidence for the counterplan imposing legal responsibility on humans-in-the-loop, more often than not, solved better than legal personhood.

The topic also had no reasonable generic disadvantages to granting duties or rights. One popular generic disadvantage argued expanding rights to nonhumans would cause the Supreme Court to recognize personhood rights to fetuses. That would criminalize stem-cell research and inhibit advances in biomedical research.

Given the conservative makeup of the Supreme Court, which routinely ignores precedents, this disadvantage did not make any sense. If the negative was correct that the Supreme Court was looking to expand fetal personhood rights, they would do this anyway, regardless of extending rights to nonhumans.

The other popular disadvantage was grounded in science fiction. It claimed that granting rights to AI would spill over broadly and enable AI to take over the world and kill all humans. Even if this scenario had some validity, it would not happen for at least another century.

This past year, debating legal personhood was premature. It would have made more sense to debate this topic in about five years when AI was more fully autonomous and integrated into the economy.

## The Fulton Debate Society of 2022-2023

Christopher Cheek '25  
Cross Conrad '23  
Sinead Doyle '26  
Owen Engler '23  
Nora Feeney '26  
Louis Gleason IV '23  
Joyce Hua '25  
Terrence King '26  
Ian McNabb '24  
Emma Randolph '26  
Kayla Sadraie '24  
John Sexton '26  
Caleb Wachsmuth '24

## Contact Fulton Debate

John Katsulas  
Director of Debate  
St. Mary's Hall S360A  
Boston College  
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467  
(617) 552-4298  
or [katsulas@bc.edu](mailto:katsulas@bc.edu)

Adam Lee  
Debate Coach  
Boston College  
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467  
[arlee1979@gmail.com](mailto:arlee1979@gmail.com)

Fulton Debate Web Site  
[www.bc.edu/fultondebate](http://www.bc.edu/fultondebate)

GLEASON WINS THE DUFFY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN DEBATE



*Louis Gleason IV '23*

The Kevin P. Duffy Award for Excellence in Debate honors the long and distinguished service of Dr. Kevin P. Duffy, Vice President of Student Affairs at Boston College, from 1976 to 2000.

Louis Gleason IV '23, from Danvers, Massachusetts, is the 2023 recipient of the Duffy Award.

After achieving competitive success as a novice and JV debater, Gleason debated this year in varsity and became one of the few students to qualify for the NDT who began as a novice.

Gleason graduated with degrees in economics and political science.

Next year, he will work for Astroscale, a private space orbital debris removal company.

HUA WINS QUINN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING FIRST-YEAR DEBATER

The Joseph F. Quinn Award for Outstanding First-Year Debater was created in 2007 to celebrate the service of Dr. Joseph F. Quinn, the James P. McIntyre Professor of Economics. From 1999 to 2007, Dr. Quinn was the much-beloved Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and a strong supporter of the liberal arts and the Fulton Debating Society.

Joyce Hua '25, a sophomore from Yukon, Oklahoma, is the recipient of the Quinn Award.

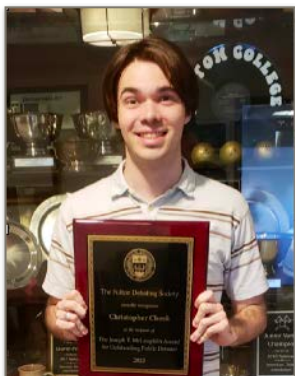
She transferred this year from Baylor University and competed successfully in both junior varsity and varsity tournaments.

Joyce reached the quarter-finals in JV at the Texas Tournament, where she won 10th place speaker honors.



*Joyce Hua '25*

CHEEK WINS THE MCLAUGHLIN AWARD FOR PUBLIC DEBATING



*Christopher Cheek '25*

The Joseph T. McLaughlin Award for Outstanding Public Debater was created in 2010 to celebrate the legendary career of Joseph T. McLaughlin, a Fultonian who reached the final round of the National Debate Tournament in 1964, along with winning numerous national tournaments and speaker awards.

Christopher Cheek '25, a political science major from Nashville, Tennessee, is the recipient of the McLaughlin Award.

Cheek received the McLaughlin Award for winning the Gargan Medal in the Fulton Prize Debate and for receiving the highest speaker points of the BC debaters from the judges in the prison debate.

In each of his first two years of debating, Cheek has qualified for the National Debate Tournament.

## FULTONIANS FINISH THIRD AT 2023 ACC DEBATE TOURNAMENT

Joyce Hua '25 and Kayla Sadraie '24 achieved a third-place finish at the 7th annual Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Tournament hosted at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., from April 14 to 16, 2023.

The ACC tournament utilizes a hybrid format combining policy and public debate elements. In this format, each speaker gives one 6-minute speech. Everyone participates in a 4-minute cross-examination (answering and asking questions). After the constructive speeches, each side delivers one 6-minute closing rebuttal.

The ACC hires judges from various backgrounds (policy, parliamentary, and public debate) who are not affiliated with the ACC.

The topic for this year's tournament was "*Resolved: Acceleration of open ocean aquaculture development would be desirable.*"

The United States defines offshore aquaculture

as 3 to 200 nautical miles offshore in the federal waters of the exclusive economic zone.

On the affirmative side, Boston College advocated a plan to grant permits to companies seeking to harvest shellfish using a technology called the Modular Aquaculture Production (MAP) system. This entirely closed structure allows the growing of shellfish without polluting the ocean.

In the ACC tournament, every team debated four preliminary rounds with the top two teams advancing to a final round.

During the preset rounds, Hua & Sadraie were 3-1, defeating George Tech, the University of North Carolina, and Notre Dame. They lost to the University of Miami.

Boston College and Florida State both won three debates. However, by the slimmest of margins (0.4 points), Florida State had higher speaker points and advanced to the final round to face Wake Forest.

In the final round, Wake Forest defeated Florida State to become the ACC champion for 2023.



*Joyce Hua '25 & Kayla Sadraie '24  
with 3rd Place Trophy in front of a statue  
on the George Washington University campus*

## 2022-2023 Travel Schedule

- October 14-16, 2022, University of Mary Washington (online)
- October 21-23, 2022, Wayne State (online)
- October 28-30, 2022, West Point (in person)
- November 12-14, 2022, Wake Forest (in person)
- November 12-14, 2022, ADA Fall Championship at Wake Forest (in person and online)
- December 2-4, 2022, Big Tent (online)
- January 27-29, 2023, University of Minnesota (online)
- February 4-6, 2023, University of Texas (in person and online)
- February 25-26, 2023, District VIII Tournament at Binghamton (in person)
- March 3-5, 2023, ADA Nationals at Georgetown (in person)
- March 30-April 4, 2023, National Debate Tournament, Chantilly, VA (in person)
- April 11, 2023, Maine Correctional Center in Windham, Maine (in person)
- April 14-16, 2023, ACC Debate Tournament at George Washington (in person)



2022 Fulton Christmas Party; Front Row: Nora Feeney '26, Kayla Sadraie '24, Joyce Hua '25, & Sinead Doyle '26; Back Row: Louis Gleason '23, Chris Cheek '25, Owen Engler '23, John Sexton '26, Terrence King '26, Cross Conrad '23, Caleb Wachsmuth '24, & Emma Randolph '26



Fultonians at the 2023 ADA National Tournament; Front row: Ben Dewhurst '21, Nora Feeney '26, Ian McNabb '24, & Adam Lee; Back Row: Chris Cheek '25, John Sexton '26, Terrence King '26, Sinead Doyle '26, Louis Gleason '23, & Caleb Wachsmuth '24



Team photo from the NDT: Louis Gleason IV '23, John Katsulas, & Christopher Cheek '25



Swag from the 77th National Debate Tournament hosted by Wake Forest University



John Katsulas & Daniel Throop, founder of the National Prison Debate League



*Chris Cheek '25 & Joyce Hua '25  
at the West Point Tournament*



*Joyce Hua '25, Chris Cheek '25, Emma  
Randolph '26, & Caleb Wachsmuth '24  
at the Wake Forest Tournament*



*Ian McNabb '24 & Caleb Wachsmuth '24  
at the University of Texas Tournament*



*Nora Feeney '26, Terrence King '26,  
Chris Check '25, Sinead Doyle '26,  
& John Sexton '25 at ADA Nationals*



*Joyce Hua '25 & Kayla Sadraie '24  
at the ACC Tournament*



*Cross Conrad '23 & Louise Gleason '23  
at the traditional senior dinner*

## MAINE PRISONERS DEFEAT FULTONIANS

On April 11, 2023, the Fulton Debating Society traveled to the Maine Correctional Facility (MCC) in Windham, Maine to debate against five residents from two Maine prisons, MCC and the Mountain View Correctional Facility (MVCF), located in Charleston.

The topic for the debate was *“Resolved: The United States Federal Government should enact an economy-wide carbon tax.”*

This debate was organized and sponsored by the National Prison Debate League (NPDL), a new 501(c)3 non-profit founded by Daniel Throop.

The NPDL has devised a unique debate format where each side competes with five debaters. Both sides in the debate deliver two constructive speeches, two rebuttal speeches, and two closing speeches. There is one cross-examination period following each of the first two constructive speeches.

After each speech is completed, the judges assign speaker points based on a five-point scale. The winner of the debate is the team with the highest speaker point totals.

In the carbon tax debate, five Boston College students debated on the affirmative: Terrence King '26, Christopher Cheek '25, Owen Engler '23, John Sexton '26, and Nora Feeney '26.

The negative team from Maine included Chandler Dugal (Captain), Jerad Scheurwater, Nick Drake, Jason DeLong, Patrick Dapolito, and Ross Adams.

Patrick Waldinger, the debate coach at the University of Miami, coached the Maine team. Fultonians may remember that Waldinger served for 7 years as the debate coach at BC.

Before the debate, MCC provided a wonderful dinner where the Fultonians had the opportunity to converse with the Maine debaters.

In the debate, Boston College advocated a plan that would have imposed a \$40 per ton carbon tax, along with a border carbon adjustment tax on imported goods.

The Maine team responded by raising numerous objections to a carbon tax, including arguing that it

would harm the U.S. economy, especially in those sectors that are carbon-intensive such as in agriculture and steel.

An expert panel of five judges, comprised of three debate coaches and two economists, judged the debate online.

The five judges were David Cram Helwich (Director of Debate, University of Minnesota), Frank Irizzary (Director of Debate, Suffolk), Danielle O’Gorman (Director of Debate, U.S. Naval Academy), Matthew Mitchell (Professor of Economics, George Mason) and Sally Davidson (Professor of Economics, Emerson University).

In a 4-1 decision, the judges voted for Maine, with Professor Davidson in dissent. Despite being a 4-1 vote, it was a close debate on several of the judge’s score cards.

This past year, the NPDL organized three other prison debates. In the fall, a Maine debate team defeated MIT; in the spring, another Maine team defeated Wake Forest and an all-female team lost in a 3-2 decision to Harvard.

As the Director of Education & Training for the NPDL, John Katsulas provided evidence files and held weekly coaching meetings with the Maine debaters. For information about the NPDL, visit their website at this link: <https://npdl.org/>



*BC v. Maine Prison Debate;*  
*Front Row: Nick Drake, Patrick Dapolito, Chris Cheek '25,*  
*Nora Feeney '26, Terrence King '26, & Jason DeLong*  
*Back Row: Owen Engler '23, Ross Adams, Jerad Scheurwater,*  
*Daniel Throop, John Sexton '26, John Katsulas,*  
*Brittany LaMarr, & Chandler Dugal*



## NEW HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES FOR THE DECADE STARTING IN 2000

Fulton Debate enjoyed tremendous competitive success during the decade of the 2000s. Therefore, the decision was made to induct six debaters into the Fulton Hall of Fame, who all qualified multiple times for the NDT. Those six debaters are Christopher Schroeck '04, Ben Bireley '05, Kevin Shatzkin '05, Jeffrey Sullivan '06, Allen Best '07, and Mandy Castle (Wahl) '07.

Our first inductee is Christopher Schroeck, who qualified for the NDT three times (2001, 2002, and 2003).

During his freshmen year, Schroeck debated with Jared Fields. Schroeck & Fields advanced to the elimination rounds of major tournaments, including the octo-finals of Northwestern and Baylor. In 2001, they qualified for the NDT by placing fourth in the district qualifying tournament held at Boston College.

For the next two years, Schroeck, debated with Ben Bireley. That partnership produced many tournament successes, including advancing to the quarter-finals at UMK and the Capital Classic, reaching the octo-finals at Baylor, and making the double-octos at Georgia State. Schroeck & Bireley qualified for the NDT in 2002 and 2003.

Schroeck won the Gargan Medal in 2001 and earned the Duffy Award for Excellence in Debate in 2003.

After receiving his B.A. in philosophy from Boston College, Schroeck attended law school at the University of Virginia, where he received his J.D. in 2007.

Schroeck has practiced law in Roanoke, Virginia, and in Franklin, Tennessee. He is the Assistant Vice President and Associate Counsel at Prosperity Life.

Our second inductee is Ben Bireley, who came to BC from Dallas Jesuit, where he was a very successful high school debater. Bireley debated for three years, and qualified for the NDT three times (2002, 2003, and 2004).

In his first two years, Bireley debated with Chris Schroeck and qualified with him for the NDT in 2002 and 2003. Along with the tournament success achieved with Schroeck, Bireley also advanced to the octo-finals of the novice nationals tournament (debating with Patrick Carney).

During the 2003-2004 season, Bireley debated with Kevin Shatzkin, and qualified for the NDT for the third time in 2004. The two best tournament performances of the Bireley & Shatzkin collaboration were winning the West Point Tournament in 2003 and advancing to the semi-finals of ADA Nationals in 2004.

For his debating excellence, Bireley received the Kevin Duffy Award in 2004.



*Fulton Prize Debaters for 2003 (from left): Christopher Schroeck '04, Ben Bireley '05, Kevin Shatzkin '05, & James Smith '04*



*Jeffrey Sullivan '06, John Katsulas, & Kevin Shatzkin '05 won the West Point tournament in 2004*

## 2000s HALL OF FAME CONTINUED

Bireley also excelled as a debater in the Fulton Prize Debate. He won the Gargan Medal in 2002 and the Fulton Medal in 2003. After graduating from Boston College as a Presidential Scholar majoring in political science and government, Bireley returned to Texas and earned a J.D. degree in 2010 from the University of Texas (Austin).

From 2010 to 2011, Bireley served as a Law Clerk to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas. Since 2016, Bireley has practiced law at the Houston Law firm of Arnold & Itkin.

Our third inductee is Kevin Shatzkin, who qualified for the NDT three times (2003, 2004, 2005).

Shatzkin is the only debater in Fulton history to have won the West Point tournament twice. He first captured the West Point sabre in 2002 (debating with Jeffrey Sullivan) and then again in 2003 (debating with Bireley).

Along with winning West Point, the Shatzkin-Sullivan partnership reached the semi-finals at the University of Richmond (2002), the octo-finals at Baylor (2003), and qualified twice to the NDT (2003 and 2005).

In 2005, Shatzkin won the Fulton Prize Debate and received the Duffy Award for excellence in debate.

Upon graduating from BC, Shatzkin earned a

Master's degree in international relations from the University of San Diego.

For several years, Shatzkin has been employed by the United States Air Force (USAF) as an intelligence analyst. His current position is as the Principal Intelligence Analyst for the National Air and Space Intelligence Center, USAF.

Our fourth inductee is Jeffrey Sullivan, who also qualified for the NDT three times (2003, 2005, 2006).

In the two years when Sullivan was not debating with Shatzkin, he achieved numerous tournament successes competing with other partners. During the 2003-2004 season, Sullivan debated with Brady Littlefield. While this duo did not talk very fast, they won many debates by outsmarting their opponents. Sullivan & Littlefield advanced to the quarter-finals of Richmond and the octo-finals at both West Point and Navy.

In his senior year, Sullivan debated with Doowon Chung. Debating with the rapid talking Chung, Sullivan qualified for the NDT for a third time (2006). Sullivan & Chung also reached the finals at West Point, the semi-finals at Liberty, and the quarter-finals at Navy.

In the 2004 Fulton Prize Debate, Sullivan won the Fulton Medal. In his senior year (2006), he received the Duffy Award for excellence in debating.



*Fulton Prize Debaters for 2004 (from left): Allen Best '07, Mandy Castle '07, Joe Bowden '05, Jeff Sullivan '06, and judges Jared Fields ('01), & Kevin Hartzell ('02)*



*Mandy Castle '07 & Allen Best '07 qualified for the NDT four times as partners*

## 2000s HALL OF FAME CONCLUDED

After graduating from BC, Sullivan earned his J.D. from the University of Virginia in 2009. Upon receiving his law degree, Sullivan clerked for a U.S. District Judge and practiced law for several years as a litigation associate at Hogan Lovells. He is currently a Judge Advocate General (JAG) officer in the United States Air Force.

Our fifth and sixth Hall of Fame inductee are Allen Best and Mandy Castle (Wahl), who debated together for four years under the team code of BC BC. Best & Castle qualified for the NDT four times in 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007.

As first year debaters, Best & Castle showed immediate promise when they advanced to the final round of the freshmen breakout division of the Wake Forest Tournament.

Over the next three years, Best & Castle achieved numerous tournament successes. These included advancing to the semi-finals of George Mason (2004), capturing second place at the University of Richmond (2006), winning the George Mason tournament (2006), and advancing to the quarter-finals of Navy (2007).

In her junior year, Castle also won the University

of Miami (Florida) Tournament debating with Doowon Chung.

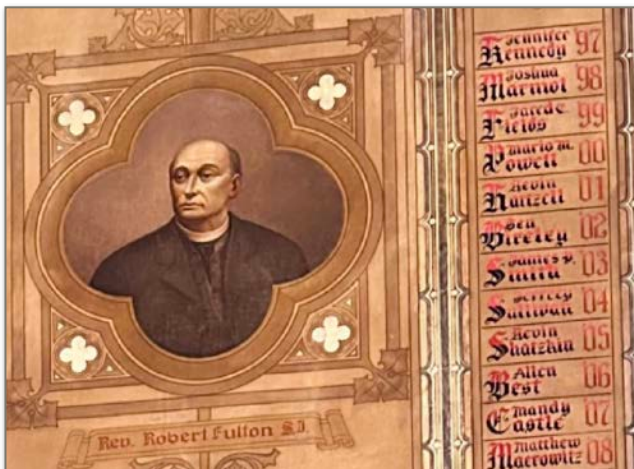
As recognition for their debating excellence, Best & Castle were the joint recipients of the Kevin Duffy Award in 2007.

Best and Castle also achieved Fulton lore in the Fulton Prize Debate. Allen Best won the Fulton Medal twice (2006 & 2007) and the Gargan Medal once (2004). And Mandy Castle earned the Gargan Medal three times (2005, 2006, and 2007).

After graduating from BC in 2007, Best and Castle both earned J.D. degrees in 2010 from law schools in their home states—Best from the University of Iowa and Castle from the University of Michigan.

After practicing law at several law firms in Greensboro (North Carolina), Mandy Castle (Wahl) is now a digital copywriter for Fleet Feet.

Upon receiving his law degree from Iowa, Allen Best remained in Iowa City and worked as a lawyer and operations director for several emerging biotechnology companies. He is currently the Alliance Director at Clinical Ink, which is a global life science company.



*The Decade of the 2000s is well represented on the Great Wall in the Fulton Debate Room (Gasson Hall 305)*

### 12 Fultonians Qualifying to the NDT in 3 or More Years

- James J. Unger (1962, 1963, & 1964)
- Joseph McLaughlin (1963, 1964, & 1965)
- Charlie C. Brown (1968, 1969, & 1970)
- Darren Schwiebert (1989, 1990, 1991, & 1992)
- Craig Cerniello (1990, 1991, & 1992)
- Jack Minnear (1992, 1993, 1994, & 1995)
- Chris Schroeck (2001, 2002, & 2003)
- Ben Bireley (2002, 2003, & 2004)
- Kevin Shatzkin (2003, 2004, & 2005)
- Jeffrey Sullivan (2003, 2005, & 2006)
- Allen Best (2004, 2005, 2006, & 2007)
- Mandy Castle (Wahl) (2004, 2005, 2006, & 2007)

## Fulton Debating Society Hall of Fame

(listed in chronological order)

### Pre-World War 2

William A. Murphy '91  
John J. Douglas '93  
John J. Wright '31  
Charles F. Donovan '33  
Lawrence J. Riley '36

### 1940s

Paul J. Greeley '40,  
Thomas J. Finnegan, Jr. '41  
Maurice L. Paradis '47  
E. Paul Kelly '49  
Lawrence E. Spellman '50

### 1950s

Francis E. Dooley '52  
John J. Curtin, Jr. '54  
Brian E. Concannon '56  
Edward J. F. Thomas '57  
John (Jack) R. McNealy '60

### 1960s

James J. Unger '64  
Joseph McLaughlin '65  
Robert W. Halli, Jr. '68  
David M. White '68  
Charles C. Brown '70  
Mark R. Killenbeck '70

### 1970s

John J. MacMillan '74  
Robert P. Baker '72  
Jane Osborne (McKnight) '75  
Michael Reilly '76  
John Meany

### 1980s

Michael J. Janas '87  
Christopher T. Gasset '89  
Lisa Marie Ameden (Claussen-Adams) '90

### 1990s

Darren Schwiebert '92  
Craig Cerniello '93  
John Frantz '93  
Jack Minnear '95  
Wenyu Ho (Blanchard) '95

### 2000s

Christopher Schroeck '04  
Ben Bireley '05  
Kevin Shatzkin '05  
Jeffrey Sullivan '06  
Allen Best '07  
Mandy Castle (Wahl) '07

## Great Moments in the History of Boston College Debate



*Father Robert Fulton, S.J., established a debating society at Boston College in 1868; The Society was named after Father Fulton in 1890*



*Boston College's First Intercollegiate Debate: The Fulton Debating Society of Boston Colleges vs. The Philodemic Society of Georgetown, April 22, 1895*



*Charles Morris '91, Jennifer Dowd (Deakin) '90, Craig Cerniello '93, & Darren Schwiebert '92 participated in the 1990 Fulton Prize Debate celebrating the Society's Centennial*