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Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar wins debating competition

Weill Cornell Medical College students are runners-up

Doha – QatarDebate

QatarDebate – member of the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development – organized the Qatar Universities Debate League Nationals, which took place on 11th & 12th April 2014 (Friday/Saturday) at Student Center.

Dr. Hayat Maarafi, Executive Director of QatarDebate, was impressed with the level of participating students in the national championship, asserting that what got them hurt in the product of good efforts made by the two teams with coaches even have achieved this remarkable level, which reflected positively on this strong competition, also indicated that our students have realized the importance of the debate in the development of their abilities to free competition and respect the others.

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Nationals was a successful 2-day Championship, and this year's Nationals had 24 teams participating from 9 universities (including Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar - College of North Atlantic Qatar - Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar - Qatar Aeronautical College - Qatar Community College - Qatar University - Texas A & M - University of Calgary – Qatar - Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar). The total number of debaters was 48 and the total number of judges was 22.

Champion: Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar

Arwa El Sanosi & Sarim Zia (Coach: Sara Berhie)

Runner up: Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar

Mountasir El Tohami & Farah El Sayyed (Coach: Rodney Sharkey)

Best Speaker Overall: Ahmed Al Meer (Weil Cornell Medical College Qatar).

Top 10 Speakers:

	Name	University
1	Ahmad Al Meer	Weil Cornell Medical College Qatar
2	Sarim Zia	Georgetown University
3	Arwa Elsanosi	Georgetown University
3	Farah Al-Sayedd	Weil Cornell Medical College Qatar
3	Monty El Tohami	Weil Cornell Medical College Qatar
6	Khalid Ahmed	Weil Cornell Medical College Qatar
7	Valerie Garcia	Carnegie Mellon University Qatar

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7	Yousuf Akhlaq	Carnegie Mellon University Qatar
9	Alaaeldin Elsayed	Weil Cornell Medical College Qatar
10	Zuhair Syed	Carnegie Mellon University Qatar
10	Raza Muhammad	Texas A & M University
10	Rafiq Muhammad	Texas A & M University
10	Nawal Mir	Carnegie Mellon University Qatar
10	Omar Subesie	Weil Cornell Medical College Qatar
10	Lama Obeid	Weil Cornell Medical College Qatar
10	Rebal Tourjoman	Weil Cornell Medical College Qatar
10	Fahad Al Khater	Georgetown University

It worth mention that the league awards honor the University and debaters who competed at 3 Inter-varsity Debate Leagues held between from September 2013 to March 2014. The University that accumulates the most number of points over 3 tournaments is crowned Champion. These awards were handed out on Friday, April 11th.

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Top 5 Novice Speakers (Novice debaters are those who have never debated in any debate tournament before, even at the high school level, prior to the 1st QUDL this season).

	Name	Institute
1	Nawal Mir	CMU
2	Tina Bhraini	Cornell ST
3	Samir Fadol	QU KS
4	Brenda Cagatin	CNAQ
5	Abdelrahman Mussad	QU AW

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Top 10 University Speakers:

	Name	Institute
1	Yoonsuk Choi	Georgetown
2	Narcis Jafarian	CMU
3	Montasir Eltohami	Cornell
4	Kwanele Mamba	CNA-Q
5	Bilal Sheikh	CMU
6	Farah Al Sayyed	WCMC
6	Fathima Faizeen	Texas
8	Ahmad Almeer	Cornell
9	Yousef Akhlaq	CMU
10	Valerie Garcia	CMU
10	Sheba George	Georgetown

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Notes to the Editor:

The idea of launching QatarDebate had emerged from the vision of Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser Al-Chairman of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, which is based on human development as the most expensive wealth through two parallel lines: transplant science and knowledge and launch enhancing the skills of creative talent: the ability to express opinion and interact with others and not a collision with them.

Thousands of students underwent to training courses organized by QatarDebate, and many of them participated in local, regional and global tournaments which organized by "QatarDebate" Center, and so many proven over the success of the "QatarDebate" during the last period, and reflects the great effort done by the officials in the center... QatarDebate helped to achieve its objectives the great support given by the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development...

The QatarDebate Center was founded in 2008 in order to develop the level of open discussion and debate and promote it among students in Qatar and the Middle East, including contributing to the preparation of global citizens and leaders of thoughts in the future.