

“The Sir”

2022 Online Edition

“Education before competition. Teaching before trophies”.

Why online? Because we want our friends from Vandy, Rutgers, Miami, Chicago, USAFA and Mississippi to return! We love them!

**A Virtual BP Teaching Tournament and Master Class
Friday night, Saturday and Sunday morning/afternoon
September 16, 17 & 18**

**Come to learn and compete.
Or just to join in the Friday Zoom forum? Free to all.
Or just to join the Saturday Zoom workshops? Free to all.
Or just to watch rounds? (Modest Yaatly fee)**

Friday night

**A forum with Brent:
Future of BP – Online? In person? Both?
Return of Nationals?
State of American BP? Are we encouraged? Discouraged?**

A demonstration debate: Enjoyable topic, followed by a critique and discussion

Saturday morning:

“Brent for Beginners”

&

Josh Mansfield, Carroll alum, “Winning from the One: How to frame a round.”
Steve Johnson, University of Alaska, “Thinking like a judge”

Saturday afternoon & Sunday morning

A four-round tournament with separate out-rounds in novice and open

Advanced workshops featuring

Josh Mansfield, Carroll alum
Steve Johnson, University of Alaska professor and coach

Brent Northup, Carroll College coach, year XXXIV

Tab: Hoping for Jacob Witt, transplant from Seattle to California
Note: Jacob’s the best. Period.

Virtually yours, from the Carroll College Cloud

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Carroll College invites you to the 11th annual Montana BP Teaching Tournament. Nothing can top the first edition at Rocky in 2012 when Shelby Jo gave a stirring BP lecture and then raced to the hospital to give birth to Ava Joyce, now 11! That weekend ended with debaters in the Billings maternity ward!

The emphasis is teaching, not competition – but we offer a low-key four-round tournament (breaking to two finals, Open and Novice). **We offer a beginner’s workshop and an advanced workshop.**

On Friday night, we will feature short showcase debate, followed by **a forum** hosted by Brent.

Topics include: 1) Future of BP – Online? In person? Both? 2) Return of Nationals?

3) Evolution of American BP: Are we encouraged? Discouraged? (Hint: Brent is worried...)

After we discuss relationship-building for an hour, teams will offer a demonstration debate on an enjoyable topic. Debaters yet to be determined. If you have a team interested, let me know.

Saturday morning, Josh Mansfield and Steve Johnson will host two 75-minute workshops on topics to be announced soon. Debaters can attend both.

Josh debated for Carroll winning many events, but he had a colossally unlucky national career: missing on speaks, then sitting out the pandemic year, and then rising into the top 5 in the field in his final nationals, only to see tournament pause on the final day. He’s coached for Carroll. He’s currently working in Pocatello, Idaho, and was elected to the City Council one year after graduating from Carroll.

He’s being courted to run for mayor, but his plan is BYU law school first. (Then back to Pocatello, mayor, governor, senator...leader of free world.)

Josh’s workshop: “Winning from the One: How to frame a round.”

Steve’s Seawolf teams have won a national championship, and been in the semi-finals of the world championships. Steve was named the top judge at the Purdue national championships in 2014. Anyone who doesn’t know and respect Steve is a newcomer to these here parts.

Steve’s advanced workshop will be on the topic: "Thinking like a judge: how debaters can perform better by not focusing on their arguments."

Also on Saturday morning, Brent will offer “**BP for beginners**” designed to introduce students and coaches to BP debate, and to prepare students for the tournament which begins after lunch. A student who knew nothing about BP when the workshop starts will end the workshop brave enough to give BP a go after lunch. They will speak the language of BP – old matter, new matter, whipping - well enough to enjoy the four-round tournament without (much) embarrassment. Judges will be instructed to give constructive critiques during the tournament designed to lift all boats: advanced debaters get stronger, and

novice debaters learn skills they can apply during the next rounds. Topics will be substantive, but also novice-friendly, to keep from discouraging beginners.

Brent will offer to keep in touch with novices afterwards as a resource and secret consultant. Once I teach you, I am yours forever. Unlimited warranty. My cell phone number will be made available to all. No need to worry about time zones, I'll answer 24/7. I love working with novices. We do things upside-down at Carroll: I am the first-year coach, while the upper teams work with my assistants. I help new students with their transition to college, and I try to lay the foundation for success in speech, debate and life.

We will have separate outrounds in open and in novice, although prelims will include all teams. Novice is defined as a debater in their first year of college BP debate. Break ties in favor of moving them to open.

Fees will be a flat \$20 per debater, plus a \$50 flat fee for each team uncovered by a judge. Each judge covers two teams. We will use Yaatly, the BP program co-created by Denise Vaughan, former Carroll debater who greeted me when I arrived in 1989!

We are also recruiting honored judges to provide stellar feedback. Stay tuned for updates.

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Josh & Steve for the professionals; Brent for the beginners
Enter by Sept. 12 on Forensics Tournament

Carroll College, Helena, Montana
Sept. 16-17-18, 2022

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**SCHEDULE, Montana Time,
Mountain Daylight Time**

Friday, Sept. 16 (Montana time)

6:30 p.m. Forum, hosted by Brent Northup (non-entered debaters welcome)

Forum topics include: 1) Future of BP: Online? In person? Both?

2) Return of Nationals? 3) Evolution of BP: Encouraging? Discouraging?

7:30 p.m. Showcase debate

8:45 p.m. Critique and discussion

Saturday, Sept. 17 (non-entered debaters welcome for workshops)

“Brent for Beginners” Zero to Hero Workshop 9:30-11 a.m. & 11:15-12:30 p.m.

Advanced I: Josh Master Class 9:30-11 a.m.

“Winning from the One: How to frame a round.”

Advanced II: Steve Master Class 11:15-12:30 p.m.

"Thinking like a judge: how debaters can perform better by not focusing on their arguments"

Lunch 12:30-1:30 p.m. Virtual feast!!!

Round 1: 1:30 p.m.

Round 2 3:30 p.m.

Round 3 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 18

Round 4 10:30 a.m. (adjusted for Alaska)

NOVICE & OPEN semi-finals 12:30 p.m. (finals asap)

Start the virtual drive home 3 p.m.

Entry Fee: \$20 per debater, plus \$50 fee for each team not covered. One judge covers two teams.

Observers may watch rounds, \$20 all-weekend fee to cover Yaatly. Workshops/forum free to observers.

Platform: Yaatly

Entry due date: Monday, by 6 p.m., September 12, 2022 on Forensics Tournament.

(forensicstournament.net)

Novice: First year of college BP debate

Hybrid teams welcome.

Iron Teams: If we can't find a partner for a solo debater, that one-person team may still be allowed to compete, but would not be eligible to break.