

APPENDIX A

POLICY DEBATE FINAL ROUND

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Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase the number of persons serving in one or more of the following: AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America, Senior Corps, Peace Corps, or the United States Armed Forces.

Affirmative: Andrew Baker and Sarah Weiner (Shawnee Mission West, Coach: Ken King)

Negative: Stephanie Spies and Matt Fisher (Glenbrook North High School, Coach: Christina Tallungan)

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE CONSTRUCTIVE SPEECH: ANDREW BAKER, SHAWNEE MISSION WEST HIGH SCHOOL

I have a few congratulations and thank-you's I'd like to start out today with. The first is for our opponents. I can attest that they have done exactly as much work as we have on this debate issue, and this is going to be a very clash-oriented round. I guarantee to you this is going to be a good debate.

As far as thank you's are concerned, I would like to give my first thank you to my partner, Sarah Weiner. It is one thing to have a debate partner you know is going to make good arguments when necessary. It is a much more rare and valuable thing to have a debate partner you trust both in and out of round. Sarah is literally one in a million and I will miss her greatly next year when I am debating in college. No matter what, it is worth the trip here, that's for sure.

I would also like to thank my friends and family for all the support for me this year. My family and friends have always been there to both celebrate success and support us after a tough loss.

Additionally, I would like to thank our debate coaches. It is one thing to coach a team with arguments and education in mind. It is a far greater accomplishment to coach a team with a goal of making them better human beings. Our coaches do that for us at every turn, and for that we are forever grateful. I think I speak for both Sarah and myself that you are not only our coaches, but you are also our mentors and friends.

My next thank you goes out to the Kansas debate community. Every coach, assistant, debater, and parent is involved in this thank you. When teams were actuating our