RMС STUDENTS, PROFESSOR BOUND FOR IRELAND IDEA FORUM

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BILLINGS -- Three debaters from Rocky Mountain College will take advantage of a unique opportunity this summer to attend the International Debate Education Association's Global Youth Forum in Galway, Ireland.

Holly Todd, Dannicah Petak, and Toryn Rogers will participate in workshops and group activities designed to foster intercultural relations as well as proficiency in competing in and judging debate during the nearly two-week long IDEA camp and tournament. This will be the first time attending an international tournament for Todd, a junior of Roundup, and Petak, a sophomore of Billings, while Rogers, a senior of Laurel, has previously traveled to Ireland and Slovenia for competition and IDEA.

This learning opportunity is part of the RMС debate program's shift toward a style of debate (British Parliamentary) that is more international in its scope and practice, according to Shelby Jo Long-Hammond, RMС assistant professor, communications, and director of the RMС debate program. Long-Hammond will also be attending the Galway IDEA event as an instructor with IDEA, a role she has fulfilled at past youth forums in Sarajevo, Bosnia and León, Mexico.

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