



PSD Debaters Prevail Oxford Schools Qatar Debating Competition
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Philippine School Doha debaters competed and showcased their persuasion skills at the Vocara Institute, Oxford Schools British Parliamentary Debating Competition held on November 1 at Qatar University.

The tournament followed the British Parliamentary format, wherein four teams competed in four rounds as Opening Government, Opening Opposition, Closing Government, and Closing Opposition. Rankings were then based on the teams' placement per round and cumulative speaker scores.

Below are the participating teams representing PSD with their overall rankings:

Team	Debaters	Overall Placement
PSD TN	Timothy Jeremiah J. Rivera Nathaniel Angelo B. Ruiz	Oxford Schools Open Runner-Up

PSD UL	Unica Raija A. De Vera Loreese Abigail R. Sapico	8th Place
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Moreover, Team TN, featuring **Timothy Rivera** and **Nathaniel Ruiz**, who emerged as the **Oxford Schools Open Runner-Up** with a total speaker score of *612* and *10 points*, is allowed to compete once again and represent PSD at the **Vocara Winter WSDC** on December 19 and the **Oxford Union Schools Debating Competition** on March 24, held in the United Kingdom.

Following this remarkable feat, the following students were awarded for their performance throughout the competition

Debater	Average Speaker Score	Speaker Award
Timothy Jeremiah J. Rivera	77.50	Top 3 Open Speaker
Unica Raija A. De Vera	76.75	Top 4 Open Speaker
Nathaniel Angelo B. Ruiz	75.50	Top 18 Open Speaker

The ***Oxford Schools Debate Competition*** is an initiative organized by Vocara Institute that serves as a platform for student debaters to engage in structured argumentation and intellectual exchange within a competitive environment.