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The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute announces two finalists of the 2024 Southeastern Regional Debate Series.

(Orlando, FL.) Today, The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute is proud to announce the two finalists of the Great Communicator Debate Series Southeastern Regional Competition held in Orlando, FL on the campus of Colonial High School, an Orange County Public School District school.

Congratulations to our finalists, Sophia Powell from Apopka High School and Tyler Szydlo from Windermere High School. See attached photo. The top two finalists from each of the regional events earn a place in the National Championship where they receive an all-expense paid trip to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, CA as well as earning their share of \$50,000 in scholarships.

The Great Communicator Debate Series (GCDS) is currently on its National tour with six in-person regional competitions and two online events with the finals hosted in Simi Valley, CA. “The program is designed to showcase the debate and influence skills of high school students across the country,” reported Megan Gately, Director of Learning & Engagement at the Reagan Foundation. “Engaging in civil discourse through debate, where students learn that every issue has multiple points of view, empowers them to be well-rounded citizens who can express their views and respect the views of others--just like President Reagan did.”

For information on the Great Communicator Debate Series please contact dpape@reaganfoundation.org.

About the Ronald Reagan Foundation and Institute

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute is the sole nonprofit organization created by President Reagan charged with advancing his legacy and principles – individual

liberty, economic opportunity, freedom and democracy, peace through strength, and national pride.

The Foundation is a non-partisan organization which sustains the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley, CA, the Reagan Center for Public Affairs, the Presidential Learning Center, The Air Force One Pavilion, the award-winning Reagan Leadership Center, and the Reagan Institute, which carries out the Foundation's mission in Washington, DC.

The Reagan Library houses over 55 million pages of Gubernatorial, Presidential, and personal papers and over 60,000 gifts and artifacts chronicling the lives of Ronald and Nancy Reagan. More information is available at www.reaganfoundation.org.