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The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute announces two finalists of the 2023 Nationwide Virtual Regional Debate Series.

(Simi Valley, CA.) Today, The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute is proud to announce the two finalists of the Great Communicator Debate Series Nationwide Regional Competition held virtually to allow high school students to enter regardless of where they live in the United States.

Congratulations to our first place finisher, Elyse Rogers from Classical Christian Academy and our runner-up, Lukas Koutsoukos from Wilton High School.

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) has finished its National tour, completing five 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 two sides, 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 cadams@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 continuing his legacy and sharing his principles – individual liberty, economic opportunity, global democracy 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, D.C.

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. It also serves as the final resting place of America's 40th President and former First Lady Nancy Reagan.

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