The Wellesley College Debates

The Motion: The structure of the higher education system in the United States is not consistent with democratic values

Moderator

Sophia Mo ’14
Sophia is a French and International Economic Relations double major from the Boston area. Three years ago, she participated in the Wellesley Debates as a debater and has continued her involvement ever since by serving as a committee member. Now a senior, she is the Chairperson of the Wellesley Debates Committee.

Debaters

Paulina Perlin ’16
Paulina is a sophomore double-majoring in political science and mathematics. Off campus, she has worked on several political campaigns and polling projects and has also taught English. On campus, she works at the Wellesley Office of Environmental Health and Safety and as an Academic Peer Tutor.

Prerana Nanda ’14
Prerana is a member of the class of 2014 hailing from Durham, New Hampshire. She is majoring in economics and South Asia studies.

Simone Thibodeau ’14
Simone is a philosophy major specializing in political theory. After recently returning from two years abroad, during which she studied French language and politics, she began working for Senator Elizabeth Warren and then-candidate Senator Ed Markey in her home of Western Massachusetts. Currently in her final year at Wellesley College, she assists with immigration casework at the Boston Regional Office of Senator Warren and is writing a thesis on the role of egoism in foundationalist political systems.

Mariya Getsova ’15
Born and raised in Bulgaria, Mariya is a junior majoring in Economics and minoring in East Asian Studies. She spent last summer as an Economics research assistant. On campus, she is currently the Treasurer of Slater International.