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Debate Days at Plymouth Notch

"The triumphs of the tongue have rivaled, if not surpassed, those of the sword." Calvin Coolidge

On **Tuesday, July 8 and Thursday, July 10** the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation welcomed some of the brightest high school students in the country to Plymouth Notch to debate the topic of property rights and to learn about President

Coolidge and his era.

Co-sponsored by the Debate Institutes at Dartmouth, the Coolidge Foundation's Presidential Economic Debate series is a major part of our effort to bring Calvin Coolidge's heritage and values to a new generation of Americans.

Each day the Foundation awarded scholarships to the student rated by the judges as the best debaters of the day. To the winners went $500 each, and the runners-up each received $250 for use as college scholarships.

On **Tuesday, July 8** the students debated the following resolution: "Strong property rights are necessary for strong economic growth." More than 50 students participated in four rounds, two against two. The winners of the day were Matthew Fastow and Oliver Effron. The runners-up were Crystal Sun and Victor Yang.

On **Thursday, July 10** another 43 students debated the resolution "Strong property rights are necessary for strong economies." After three competitions two teams faced off in a final championship round. The winners of the championship were William Morgan, a sophomore at Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts, and Emma Thomas, a sophomore at Joel Barlow High School in Reading, CT. The runners-up were Justin Jin, a junior at Roxbury Latin in West Roxbury, MA, and Randy Ramirez, a sophomore at Wilton High School in Wilton, CT.

We would like to thank all of the volunteer judges who made these days possible, as well as our DDI partner Nicole Wanzer-Serrano.

More pictures from our July 8 and 10 Debates can be found on the Foundation's Flickr Page.

In Memoriam

A good friend of Plymouth Notch, **Mrs. Nina Mae Goodridge**, has departed this life. She was 90 years old. Nina, a retired educator, was the wife of the late Reverend Carroll C. Goodridge, a minister in the United Methodist Church, who traveled to Vermont every summer for 20 years to preach in the Coolidge family church, Plymouth Notch's Union Christian Church, which is owned and maintained by the Coolidge

Foundation. Our heartfelt condolences go to Nina's surviving relatives, including her sister, Martha Milliken, and her nieces and nephews. Those wishing may share a memory or an online condolence by visiting the website of the McMullen Funeral Home.

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CALVIN COOLIDGE PRESIDENTIAL FOUNDATION

THE SECOND ANNUAL NEW YORK DINNER

THE COOLIDGE PRIZE FOR JOURNALISM

FEATURING

A DEBATE ON INCOME INEQUALITY

SENATOR PHIL GRAMM
AUTHOR OF GRAMM-RUDMAN-HOLLINGS ACT

AND

CHRYSTIA FREELAND, MP
AUTHOR OF "PLUTOCRATS"

WITH REMARKS BY

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Since debate is our major program, this year's dinner will feature a debate on income inequality between former **U.S. Senator Phil Gramm** and **Chrystia**

Freeland, Canadian MP. Gramm, a trained economist, was a longtime U.S. Senator from Texas and the author of much financial legislation. Freeland represents Toronto in the Canadian Parliament and is the author of the major book *Plutocrats: The Rise of the New Global Super Rich and the Fall of Everyone Else*. Freeland gave a TED talk on inequality, and it has received well over a million views. **Larry Kudlow** has agreed to help moderate. At the dinner we will again award the $20,000 **Coolidge Prize for Journalism** and the $1,500 **Calvin Prize for Vermont Youth**. This year we will also award a runner-up Calvin Prize. Be on the lookout for more dinner information soon, but for now **SAVE THE DATE**!

Coolidge Foundation Home School Debate Camp

This summer we are pleased to launch our first annual Homeschool Debate Camp. Interested homeschool families are invited to learn more about this exciting opportunity and sign-up. All the details, including the link to sign-up, are included in our program flier, below.

Join us in idyllic Plymouth Notch, Vermont for the first annual Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation Homeschool Debate Camp. Plymouth Notch is the birthplace and childhood home of America's thirtieth president. It is here that Calvin Coolidge took the Oath of Office in 1923 in a ceremony administered by his father, a notary public.

This unique historical setting is an ideal place for homeschool debaters to come for top-quality debate instruction and an opportunity to win college scholarship prize money.

- Special presentations by **Amity Shlaes**, **Matthew Denhart** and **Rushad Thomas** of the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation and **Roberto Salinas-Léon**, president of the Mexico Business Forum.
- **Greg Rehmke** of Economic Thinking and experienced NCFCA alumni will lead sessions for beginning and advanced students in policy, Lincoln-Douglas and extemporaneous formats.

- Students will learn how American history and economic principles can give them an edge debating their own annual topic.
- On Friday, August 1, homeschool campers will be invited to compete alongside high school debaters from the Debate Institutes of Dartmouth summer camp on an impromptu topic, with prizes in the form of college scholarship money for the winners.
- Campers will be lodged at the recently renovated Cortina Inn and Resort. **Parents are needed to Chaperone.**
- Camp begins at **11AM on July 30** at the Coolidge Foundation. The Cost is **$150,** which includes lodging, all meals, and materials. Registration Deadline: **July 11, 2014.**
- For more information please email events@calvin-coolidge.org.

REGISTER TODAY AT
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Calvin Prize for Vermont Youth

The Coolidge Foundation has established the **Calvin Prize for Vermont Youth**, a writing prize named after President Coolidge and Calvin, Jr. Writers aged 19 years and younger currently living in the state of Vermont are eligible to compete for the **first-place prize of $1,500 and the runner-up prize of $500**.

This year's Calvin Prize, the second annual, asks Vermont students to think about what factors will influence their decision to remain in Vermont or move elsewhere when the time comes. Furthermore, students are instructed to use Coolidge's *Autobiography* and other sources to address the issues they face and compare and contrast their own situation and decision-making process with that faced by Calvin Coolidge in his years as a Vermont youth. Learn more about the 2014 Calvin Prize by clicking on this link.

Coolidge Foundation Updates

Coolidge needs your mind, wisdom and voice this summer! We have a very full calendar of events for summer 2014, and there are many opportunities for Coolidge Club members to get involved. Please join us **August 1 to judge our high school debaters.** Also join us **August 2** to celebrate the inauguration of President Coolidge with the Foundation's annual meeting, a reenactment of the 1923 inauguration, and a presentation by author Reeve Lindbergh. **Let us know if you can help by emailing** events@calvin-coolidge.org.

Here's a comprehensive list of date reminders for your calendar

- **August 1**: **Presidential high school economic debate at Plymouth Notch.** To judge, email events@calvin-coolidge.org.
- **August 2:** Coolidge Foundation's **Annual Meeting** and Plymouth Old Home Day with speaker **Reeve Lindbergh**. We will also hold a **reenactment** of Coolidge's 1923 inauguration as President**.** Actor **Jim Cooke** will be on hand for this.
- **August 2: Annual "Under the Tent" Summer Gala at Plymouth Notch with keynote speaker former Vermont Governor James H. Douglas.** Tickets required. Information is available at this link.
- **August 11: Naturalization Ceremony at Plymouth Notch.** Ceremony begins at 1:00 p.m. Open to the public.

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