



FULTON DEBATE REUNION

May 4 & 5, 2012

The Fulton Prize Debate

In the early years of the Society, even before Boston College moved to Chestnut Hill, one of the highlights of the academic year was the annual Fulton Prize Debate. The first of these debates was held in 1890, and the debate has remained an annual event on campus for most of the history of the Society.

In 1913, a room in University Hall (now Gasson Hall) was dedicated to the Fulton Debating Society. With a vision to the future, the front wall of the room was designed with space to list the winner of the debate until 2104.

The winner of the debate receives the Fulton Medal, a gold medallion symbolizing excellence in forensics. The winner's name is also added to the long and distinguished list of former winners immortalized on the great wall under the portrait of Father Fulton.

The second best speaker in the debate receives the Gargan Medal, a silver medal historically awarded to the winner of the Marquette Debate. In continuing these traditions the Fulton honors the past, while simultaneously looking forward with anticipation to the years ahead.

Hotel Accommodations

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Crowne Plaza Boston-Newton Hotel (formerly the Newton Sheraton), 320 Washington Street, Newton, MA 02458. To make a reservation, contact the Crowne Plaza at 866-257-7857 and ask for the "Boston College Debate Alumni Rate" (\$159 per night). Please make your reservations before April 13, 2012, when the room block will be released.

Directions to the Crowne Plaza

From Logan Airport: Exit the airport through the Ted Williams Tunnel which becomes Interstate 90 (the Massachusetts Turnpike). Take Exit 17 (Newton/Watertown). At the end of the ramp, veer to the left onto Washington Street and head straight. The entrance to Crowne Plaza will be on your left.

From the West: Take the Newton/Watertown Exit 17. At the end of the ramp, veer left and take the 1st left. Move to the center lane (5 lanes) onto Washington Street. After the 2nd signal, the entrance to Crowne Plaza will be on your left.

Shuttle Service

The Sheraton is 8 miles from the airport and can be reached by taxi. Fulton Debate will run a shuttle between the hotel and the campus on Saturday from noon until 3 p.m.





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Preliminary Events

The Fulton Debate Reunion will commence with a gala reception on Friday, May 4, at the Crowne Plaza. This reception, featuring heavy appetizers and a bar, will start at 7:30 and last until 11:30 p.m.

Reunion events will move to campus on Saturday, May 5. An informal lunch will be available in the debate suite, Maloney Hall 534, at noon. The menu will feature Blue Ribbon Barb-B-Q (Texas sliced beef brisket, North Carolina pulled pork, and Kansas City burnt ends) with home-made cheese-cake by Chef John Katsulas for dessert.

No activities are scheduled for the early afternoon to allow Fultonians to tour the campus at their leisure. An exhibit, "Rural Ireland: The Inside Story," will be on display at the McMullen Art Museum in Devlin Hall during the reunion.

The Fulton Prize Debate

The 120th Annual Fulton Prize Debate will begin at 3:30 p.m. in Gasson Hall 305, the historic home of the Society.

Reunion Schedule		
Date & Time	Event	Location
Friday, May 4		
7:30 p.m.	Reception	Crowne Plaza
Saturday, May 5		
noon	Lunch	Maloney 534
2 p.m.	free time	
3:30 p.m.	Fulton Prize Debate	Gasson Hall 305
5 p.m.	Reception	Murray Room
6 p.m.	Banquet	Murray Room

This year's debate will be judged by all Fultonians attending the reunion

Saturday Evening

Immediately after the debate, reunion activities will shift to the Murray Function Room on the fifth floor of the Yawkey Athletics Center.

The evening will begin with a formal reception at 5 p.m. featuring light appetizers and a bar. Live entertainment will be provided by The Tsunami of Sound.

A gala banquet will commence at 6 p.m. and will culminate with the presentation of the Fulton and Gargan Medals, along with the Duffy, McLaughlin, and Quinn Awards. The after dinner program will feature a slide show devoted to the history of the Society and provide an opportunity for returning Fultonians to share their own remembrances.

RSVP

If you plan to attend the reunion, please reply before April 27, 2012.