

# Top Debate Squads Vie For Unger Cup

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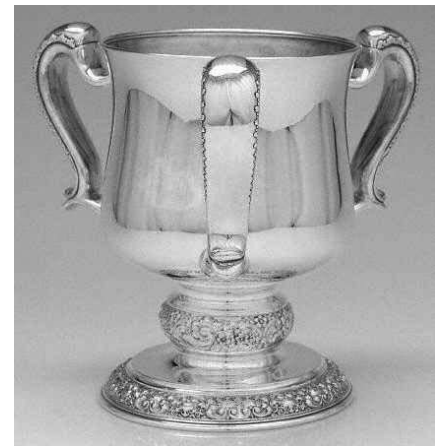
The 2009 Stars Fell on Alabama Nationals will mark the initial presentation of the Unger Cup to the nation's most successful high school debate squad. This annual award, named in honor of one of America's very finest debaters and coaches, James Unger, will be awarded to the school debate team which places highest in the six great national debate tournaments: The NFL National Debate Tournament; the NCFL Grand Debate Tournament; the NAUDL Chase Urban Debate National Championship; the University of Kentucky Tournament of Champions (TOC); The Bickel & Brewer/New York University National Public Policy Forum tournament (NPPF); and the National Debate Coaches Association (NDCA) Debate Tournament.

The Unger Cup, an antique silver three handled loving cup, created by Tiffany at the turn of the century, and donated by Professor Unger's friends and students, will be presented each year at the NFL National Tournament. The cup will reside in the NFL national headquarters where it will display the names of the yearly winners on its hand crafted base. A beautiful *bas relief* plaque will be presented to the winning school, for their permanent possession.

James Unger reached the quarter- finals at NFL Nationals and later both the semi-finals and the finals of the NDT (college nationals). As a coach his teams won first and second at NDT.

The winning team will accumulate "Unger Cup" points in the six national tournaments mentioned [see point schedule below]. Several debaters from a school may contribute to their school team total, but no points may be earned by mixed school teams.

Jim Unger was vitally interested in high school policy debate. For years his high school policy debate institute was the largest in America. His publication on the debate topic, "Second Thoughts" was widely read. His service to the NFL and to the Debate Topic Wording Committee was constant and committed. Unger was expert in the formulation of competitive academic arguments and policy making paradigms. A Cup which honors high school policy debaters who have achieved highest honors, now commemorates the life and work of James J. Unger.



## UNGER CUP POINT CHART

	NDCA//NAUDL/NPPF	NCFL	TOC	NFL
Champion	10	20	30	40
2nd	5	10	15	20
Semifinalist (3,4)	2	4	8	15
Quarterfinalist (5,6,7,8)	1	2	4	8