



RePORT ON THE CAMEROON SCHOOL DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIP (CSDC) – YAOUNDE 2025

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Venue: Pinnacle of Success Academy, Yaoundé-Cameroon

The **Cameroon School Debate Championship (CSDC)** is a prestigious annual event that has been fostering intellectual engagement among students since its inception in 2024. Organized collaboratively by the **Baseline Orators Network** and the **Commonwealth Students' Union**, this competition serves as a platform for students from various schools to engage in stimulating activities such as debates, public speaking, and environmental quizzes.

The primary objective of the CSDC is to empower students by enhancing their communication skills, sharpening their critical thinking and reasoning abilities, and building their self-confidence. Additionally, the event aims to promote teamwork and encourage participants to develop a keen awareness of pressing social, political, environmental, and ethical issues.

This year marked the 2nd edition of the championship, hosted by **Pinnacle of Success Academy in Ekoudoum, Yaoundé**. The event saw the participation of three distinguished schools:

- PINNACLE OF SUCCESS ACADEMY
- FRANKY COMPREHENSIVE SECONDARY SCHOOL
- SAINT JOSEPH CALASANZ

Overview of the Event

The debate competition was meticulously structured to ensure an engaging and competitive atmosphere. Each participating school fielded two teams—Team A and Team B—comprised of three dedicated members. To maintain fairness and provide valuable feedback, each school also contributed two student adjudicators who assessed the performances throughout the event.

Rounds of Debate

The competition unfolded across several intense rounds:

1. **Round 1:** In this initial round, students received their motion a day prior to the event, allowing them ample time to prepare their arguments. The motion for this debate was, **“This house would expel students who engage in violent behaviors in school.”** Teams presented thought-provoking arguments, showcasing their research and passion.
2. **Round 2:** The second round introduced an element of surprise, as students were given their motion just 30 minutes before the debate commenced. The motion for this debate

was, **“This house believes that the voting age should be lowered to 16.”** Armed with only dictionaries, they had to think on their feet. This round tested not only their knowledge but also their adaptability and quick thinking.

3. Final Round:

Information slide

Comprehensive recycling programs are initiatives designed to manage and process waste materials in a way that maximizes the recovery and reuse of resources.

MOTION

“This House Prefers Comprehensive Recycling Programs To A Complete Ban On Plastic Production And Use As A Way Of Addressing Plastic Pollution”

The climax of the competition featured the two teams with the highest speaker points—Team A from Franky Comprehensive Secondary School and Team B from Saint Joseph Calasanz. Selected for this prestigious final were the best adjudicators from each school, who would judge the concluding debate. The intensity in the room was palpable, with each team delivering compelling arguments, striving for victory.



Public Speaking Competition

Best Adjudicators from each school. From left to right we have; Ngaleu Leo (1st), Nnamdi Joa Ehonji (3rd) and Azah Elora (2nd). Alongside the debates, a public speaking competition took place, featuring two representatives from each school. This segment was graced by the presence of the **Canadian High Commissioner's to Political Advisor**, who commended the students for their bravery

and eloquence. The atmosphere was electric as each speaker captivated the audience with their insights and persuasive skills.



Best Public speakers: From left to right we have Elad Kenedy (3rd), Mankah Favor (1st) and Nain Hermance (2nd)

Environmental Quiz

Following the debates and public speaking, an environmental quiz **moderated by Madam Mache Dolores** took the center stage. She initiated the segment with a brief discussion about environmental issues and the impactful work undertaken by her NGO, **Nature gives Back**. Each school fielded three students who tackled a series of ten challenging questions related to environmental conservation. **Pinnacle of Success Academy** emerged victorious in this segment, demonstrating their knowledge and commitment to sustainability.

Celebration and Awards Ceremony

After the rigorous competitions, a wave of joy swept over the students as they indulged in a well-deserved snack break. Smiles adorned their faces as they enjoyed a variety of delicious offerings, with many going back for seconds, thoroughly satisfied with both the quality and quantity of food available.

The event culminated in an awards ceremony where medals and trophies were presented by various administrators. The excitement in the room as winners were announced added to the celebratory atmosphere. Below is a list of the award winners and their respective prizes, highlighting the achievements of the outstanding participants.

This year's Cameroon School Debate Championship not only showcased the talents of young debaters and speakers but also fostered a sense of community and camaraderie among the schools involved, leaving everyone with lasting memories and a desire for future participation.

AWARDS

DEBATE CHAMPIONS

TEAM B CALASNZ

RANKING OF DEBATE SPEAKERS

The best speakers from each schools received medals.

STUDENTS NAME	mark R1	MARK R2	AVERAGE	RANK
CHINEDU THELMA(TEAM A FRANKY)	73	75	74	1
ACHU MIYA(TEAM B CALASNZ)	74	69	71,5	2
SIMO SIMO(TEAM A FRANKY)	69	74	71,5	2
ELAD KENNEDY (TEAM A CALASANZ)	71,5	71	71,25	4
MANKA'A FAVOUR(TEAM B PINNACLE)	70	72	71	5
DASHACO (TEAM A PINNACLE)	75	65	70	6
BESONG SONIA(TEAM A FRANKY)	72	68	70	6
NIAN HERMANE(TEAM B FRANKY)	68,5	71	69,75	8
KOKO OKUMA(TEAM B FRANKY)	72,5	67	69,75	8
LIMLA WONGIBE(TEAM B CALASNZ)	69	70	69,5	10
NGALEU KARL(TEAM A CALASANZ)	66	71	68,5	11
POUPDIE JORDIE (TEAM A CALASANZ)	68	68	68	12
MEYOF NATE(TEAM A PINNACLE)	68	68	68	12
NGOZEM AWENDY(TEAM A PINNACLE)	65	70	67,5	14
ERITHA KIM(TEAM B PINNACLE)	65	70	67,5	14
TASONG PAUL(TEAM B CALASNZ)	68	66	67	16
NDJANA PAUL(TEAM B PINNACLE)	68	65	66,5	17
NJEI SHAMMAH(TEAM B FRANKY)	66,5	62	64,25	18

RANKING OF ADJUDICATORS

Medals were given to the best adjudicators from each school.

NAME	MARK R1	MARK R2	AVERAGE	RANK
NGALEU LEO (CALASANZ)	7,5	7,5	7,5	1
AZAH ELORA (FRANKY)	7	7,5	7,25	2
ANTIMBOM WIFON (CALASNZ)	7	7	7	3
NTAMNDJOA ENONJI (PINACLE)	6	7,5	6,75	4
AGNES CATOUCHA (PINACLE)	6,5	6	6,25	5
TAKWA WANDJI (FRANKY)	6	6,5	6,25	5

RANKING OF DEBATING TEAMS

The best two from this list qualified for the final debate round

TEAM RANKING	MARK R1	MARK R2	AVERAGE	RANK
TEAM A FRANKY	214	217	215,5	1
TEAM B CALASNZ	211	205	208	2
TEAM A CALASANZ	205,5	210	207,75	3
TEAM A PINNACLE	208	203	205,5	4
TEAM B PINNACLE	203	207	205	5
TEAM B FRANKY	207,5	200	203,75	6

The ceremony ended with photoshoots to create unforgettable memories.



Crazy picture with all school representatives and the organizing committee



; St Joseph Calasanz students with their coordinator **Mr Mbiyzenyuy Francis**



ORGANIZING COMMITTEE		
ID	NAME	ROLE
1	PETIHO BEATRICE	Program Manger
2	KOHEM PRINCEWILL	Program Coordinator
3	MACHE DOLORES	Nature Gives Back
4	DONG OPHELIE	Volunteer
5	TUOMBOUH SANDRA	Baseline Orators Network National Secretary
6	ETHEL LEHDUFE	Basline Orators Network Yaounde Coach
7	BOBGA THEOPHILE	COMSU
8	KUEMATSA HYACINTHE	Best Judge Cameroon Schools Debate Championship 2024-Yaounde.
9	HEPHZIBAH FRANCES	Baseline Orators Network Center Region Focal Point
10	MANUELLA	Baseline Orators Network French Coordinator

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS		
SCHOOL	ID	STUDENT NAME
FRANKY COMPREHENSIVE SECONDARY SCHOOL	1	AZAH NEH ELORA ATIA (JUDGE)
	2	TAKWA WANDJI ANNA PRISTINE
	3	NJEI SHAMMAH WINNER APIH
	4	NAIN HERMANCE ATEH
	5	KOKO OKUMA AGOONS
	6	CHINEDU THELMA NNEAMAKA
	7	NKONGOH BESONG SONIA
	8	SIMO SIMO IBRAHIM
	9	BINGAN ZOGO KATHLEENS SCHEKINA
	10	ADIBONE ONANA LENSY NANSY
PINNACLE OF SUCCESS ACADEMY	1	NGOZEM AWENDY NGAKAM
	2	MEYOF NATE
	3	DASHACO ELOISA
	4	NGATCHOU MONSI ERITHA KIM
	5	MANKAH FAVOUR
	6	NDJANA PAUL BENJAMIN
	7	SONGUE PRISO JINA CLEMENCE
	8	MBWAME BLESSING NTANCY

	9	MANGA MANGA SAMUEL
	10	AGNES CATOUCHA
	11	NTAMNDJOA ENONDJI
	12	BENGONO II HUBERT
CABAC	1	TASONG NJUKANG PAUL
	2	ACHU MIYA-NWEI
	3	LIMLA MONYUY WONGIBE
	4	POUOPDIE NKONGO JORDY
	5	ELAD KENNEDY EWONKEM
	6	NGALEU TOUKO KARL PETER
	7	NGALEU NTOH LEO ALEXANDRE
	8	ANTIMBOM WIFON LUMENA
	9	BEMSIMBOM KENDRA KATE
	10	ANGO SHANE PERCY NANG

COLOUR CODE

	DEBATE PARTICIPANTS
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List of School Representatives Present

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School	Name	Role
Pinnacle of Success Academy	NALIONGE M. EWOKO	PRINCIPAL
	EYEYA AMOT ALOYS	SENOIR DISCIPLINE MASTER
	AYISSI NGA BORIS	ICT AND CSC TEACHER
	KOUMA DJESSEU SORKIN	GEOGRAPHY TEACHER
	NDIFOR MIRANDA SIRI	MATHEMATICS TEACHER
CABAC	MBIYDZENYUY FRANCIS	DEBATE COORDINATOR
FRANKY	ATEH CARINE	ENGLISH TEACHER