

## **PLNU Debate Teams National Ranking (1996-2012)**

The following is a summary table tabulating how PLNU debaters fared against the nation's best college and debate teams across the country over time. The table tracks the top teams in the year-end comparison rankings over time in the current format of National Parliamentary Debate Association (NPDA) debate. The NPDA has collected data over the last 16 years, coincidentally dating back to the first year of PLNU's switching to the NPDA format. Each year since 1996 they have listed the top 20 NPDA debate programs based on the rankings for all participating colleges and universities throughout the country calculated from how each college did in their top four tournaments of the year. The spreadsheet lists each of the top 20 colleges for each year during that span, and for each year awarded points based upon the school's placement, if any, in that year's top 20 rankings (1<sup>st</sup> Place = 20 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 19 points, . . . 20<sup>th</sup> place = 1 point).

PLNU is ranked first out of all the colleges and universities competing during this span of the last 16 years in NPDA debate. It is estimated that around 500 or more colleges and universities throughout the nation, and some international universities, have competed in NPDA debate during this time span, more than any other format of intercollegiate debate. The chart below shows just the top 40 colleges in this time study, but the attached spreadsheet gives the full data of all college and universities to receive any points for placing in the year end top 20 sweepstakes awards. Remember, most colleges competing do not even get ranked in the top 20 each year, so many fine programs may not be shown in this list below.

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**NPDA Yearly Sweepstakes Nationwide Rankings 1996/97 - 2011-2012**

1	Point Loma Nazarene University	246
2	Carroll College (MT)	158
3	Rice University	153
4	El Camino College	144
5	Whitman College	138
6	Washburn University	122
7	University of California-Berkeley	110
8	Willamette University	109
9	Texas Tech University	100
10	Lewis & Clark College	91
11	University of the Pacific	91
12	Colorado State University	88
13	Truman State University	85
14	Western Washington Univ	77
15	Western Kentucky University	75
16	University of Wyoming	74
17	Creighton University	69
18	University of Oregon	65
19	South Orange County	63
20	William Jewell College	57
21	Cedarville University	56
22	Azusa Pacific University	55
23	Central Missouri State University	54
24	Northern Arizona	54
25	California State Univ-Long Beach	53
26	Claremont Colleges	51
27	Pacific Lutheran University	46
28	Colorado College	44
29	Northwest College (WY)	44
30	McKendree College	43
31	Irvine Valley College	40
32	United States Air Force Academy	40
33	Grove City College	39
34	Boise State University	38
35	Notre Dame	37
36	University of Puget Sound	37
37	Orange Coast College	30
38	Concordia University (Irvine)	29
39	United States Air Force Academy	28
40	University of Florida	22

