

FORMANITES DEBATING SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

TENURE 2024 - 2025



The 2024–2025 tenure of the Formanites Debating Society (FDS) was a vibrant and transformative period that reaffirmed our mission to foster articulate expression, intellectual discourse, and youth leadership through debate. Under the visionary leadership of President Sahil Bhatti, the society grew in scale, quality, and reputation, creating lasting memories, winning laurels nationwide, and building platforms for passionate speakers to thrive. FDS not only nurtured novice debaters but also elevated experienced voices through collaborative ventures and prestigious events. This tenure was a hallmark of inclusivity, mentorship, innovation, and excellence.

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RECTOR'S REMARKS



Dr Jonathan Addleton

Congratulations to the Formanites Debating Society for their continued success throughout 2024-2025, enriching the Forman community through on-campus activities while further strengthening our reputation across the country. Highlights this year include winning the UET team trophy; organizing programs to honor Defense Day and raise awareness about corruption; and hosting hundreds of outstanding orators from across Pakistan on our campus on multiple occasions. May this outstanding legacy continue long into the future!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I wrap up the most transformative chapter of my life, serving as President of the Formanites Debating Society 2024-25 has been nothing short of a dream come true. FDS became more than just a society — it became my family, my pride, my purpose. Together, we faced challenges, celebrated victories, and built a legacy we can all be proud of. Leading this premier student-led society was an honor I'll carry with me forever. As I sign off, I do so with immense gratitude and full faith that FDS will continue to shine and thrive. All sovereignty belongs to God — and may He always keep FDS rising higher.



Mr. Sahil Bhatti

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SPEAKERS ORIENTATION



The Speaker Orientation session provided a foundational understanding of debate for new speakers at both Intermediate and University levels. This session equipped them with the tools to confidently navigate debating style both parliamentary and declamations, speech formats, and society structure.

INTELLECTUAL SHOWDOWN

The Summer Series marked a milestone in FDS history. "The Intellectual Showdown" was a nationwide online collaboration with 12 renowned debating societies and Institutes from across Pakistan. Through parliamentary debates and philosophical motions, it showcased deep critical thinking and cultural exchange.

And the Master Round of this series was organised among the Formanites.



WORKSHOP BY FAIZAN ZAIDI

Led by Mr. Faizan Zaidi, Workshop 1 focused on public speaking structure, persuasive delivery, and vocal techniques. His session engaged students through practical exercises and key strategies for impactful declamation.



WORKSHOP BY USMAN PASHA



Mr. Usman Pasha's workshop focused on debate-specific techniques such as argument building, clash identification, and summary speech strategy. His experience enriched the learning environment and left a lasting impression on novice debaters.

FDS ALUMNI REUNION

FDS proudly hosted an Alumni Reunion that welcomed back distinguished past members and speakers. It was a celebration of legacy and mentorship, offering current members valuable insights into debate journeys beyond campus.

FRESHMEN WEEK



The Formanites Debating Society put up a stall for the orientation of freshmen and to attract new speaking body. Additionally, it hosted its annual "Rhetoric Rumble" event on August 28, 2024, under the theme "Igniting Minds, Uniting Hearts." The event featured engaging discussions, laughter, and musical performances, with freshmen showcasing their wit and courage in the "Truths & Dares" segment. The "Open Debate" session sparked thought-provoking discussions on various topics, highlighting the participants' oratory skills and critical thinking abilities. The event concluded with a soulful musical performance, leaving a lasting impression on the audience. The Rhetoric Rumble was a resounding success, showcasing the society's dedication to promoting intellectual discourse, building community, and nurturing talents.



INTRA DEBATES ARENA 2024

Spanning three action-packed days, IDA'24 stood as the flagship internal event of the year, encapsulating the spirit of intellectual engagement and oratory brilliance. The first two days were dedicated to intense rounds of parliamentary debating, where over 60 skilled debaters—drawn from both the college and university sections—clashed over contemporary issues. The debates were adjudicated by the panel of our esteemed alumni, whose presence added both prestige and a sense of continuity to the proceedings. The final day shifted gears with a powerful declamation contest, welcoming 45 passionate speakers who captivated the audience with compelling speeches. The closing ceremony brought the entire experience full circle with award distributions that recognized excellence. The night concluded on a soulful note with a Ghazal Night—an ode to culture, and artistic flair—that left the audience both moved and inspired



DEFENSE DAY



FDS led the Defence Day commemoration at FCCU with patriotic zeal. A solidarity walk, English and Urdu declamations, and heartfelt performances celebrated national unity and honored the sacrifices of Pakistan's heroes. The Rector's commendation for FDS's organizational effort underscored its institutional significance.

FRESHMEN WEEK SPRING

FDS set up an engaging and interactive stall for freshmen students for Freshmen Week. Various activities were organized, allowing students to interact, showcase their speaking skills, and learn more about debating. The response from the freshmen was enthusiastic, as they actively participated in the activities and expressed interest in joining the society.



18TH APFDC & PUNJABI NATAARA

The society hosted its most iconic event with pride and grandeur. Over two full days, the 18th APFDC and Punjabi Naataara brought together the country's top speakers and adjudicators. Participation from leading universities, and inspiring speeches such as "Let's Not Let Our Failures Define Us" and "Pichli Sadi Ki Baat Hai." The event was chaired by Sahil Bhatti, our President. The event culminated in a lively Groove Night, where participants, organizers, and guests celebrated with music and joy, concluding the event with camaraderie and pride. The Team Trophy for the 18th APFDC was awarded to the University of Engineering and Technology (UET), in recognition of their outstanding performance across rounds.



RHETORIC RUMBLE



FDS hosted Rhetoric Rumble, an exciting event, which had three rounds: a Truth and Dare challenge to break the ice, a Kahoot round to test knowledge in a fun way, and a final Speaking Session. The event was hosted by Sahil, the President of FDS, who kept the energy high and the audience engaged.

THE GREAT DEBATE

In collaboration with CBS and powered by NAB, this intra-university event spotlighted the theme of anti-corruption. Judged by Sir Fahad Aftab and Sir Adeel, it empowered students to speak on social responsibility, justice, and reform, enhancing civic engagement through the art of declamation.



INTELLECTUAL SHOWDOWN INTERNATIONAL

The International Intellectual Showdown, hosted during the Spring Series, marked a historic global collaboration. This edition featured participation from Cornell University (USA) and Shiv Nadar University (India), bringing diverse global perspectives into competitive debating. It was a remarkable step in strengthening international ties and offered participants a valuable intercultural learning experience through debate.

28TH FDS AWARD DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY

The Ceremony of was held on June 18, 2025, serving as a dignified conclusion to an exceptional tenure. The evening featured a formal awards ceremony, attended by Rector Dr. Jonathan Addleton and members of FCCU management. The presence of some parents of the Executive Council members added warmth and pride to the occasion. Roles of Honor were conferred in acknowledgment of their outstanding service to society. Emotional farewell speeches were delivered by President Sahil Bhatti. Following the awards and speeches, a separate formal dinner was hosted for council members, guests, and parents, offering a space for reflection, gratitude, and heartfelt goodbyes in an intimate setting



ROLL OF HONOUR

Roll of Honor were conferred upon Maria Waqar and Lyba Shoaib for their exceptional commitment, and public speaking skills during their degree. Their dedication played a significant role in shaping the society's success and inspiring future speakers.



Lyba Shoaib



Maria Waqar

UET TEAM TROPHY

FCCU proudly clinched the coveted Team Trophy at the UET Debating Championship, marking a triumphant return after three consecutive tenures. This hard-earned victory is a testament to the resilience, talent, and dedication of our debaters, who persevered through years of near-misses to finally reclaim the top spot. The win reflects not only individual brilliance but also the collective spirit and strategic excellence of Team FCCU, once again establishing our legacy on the national debating stage.



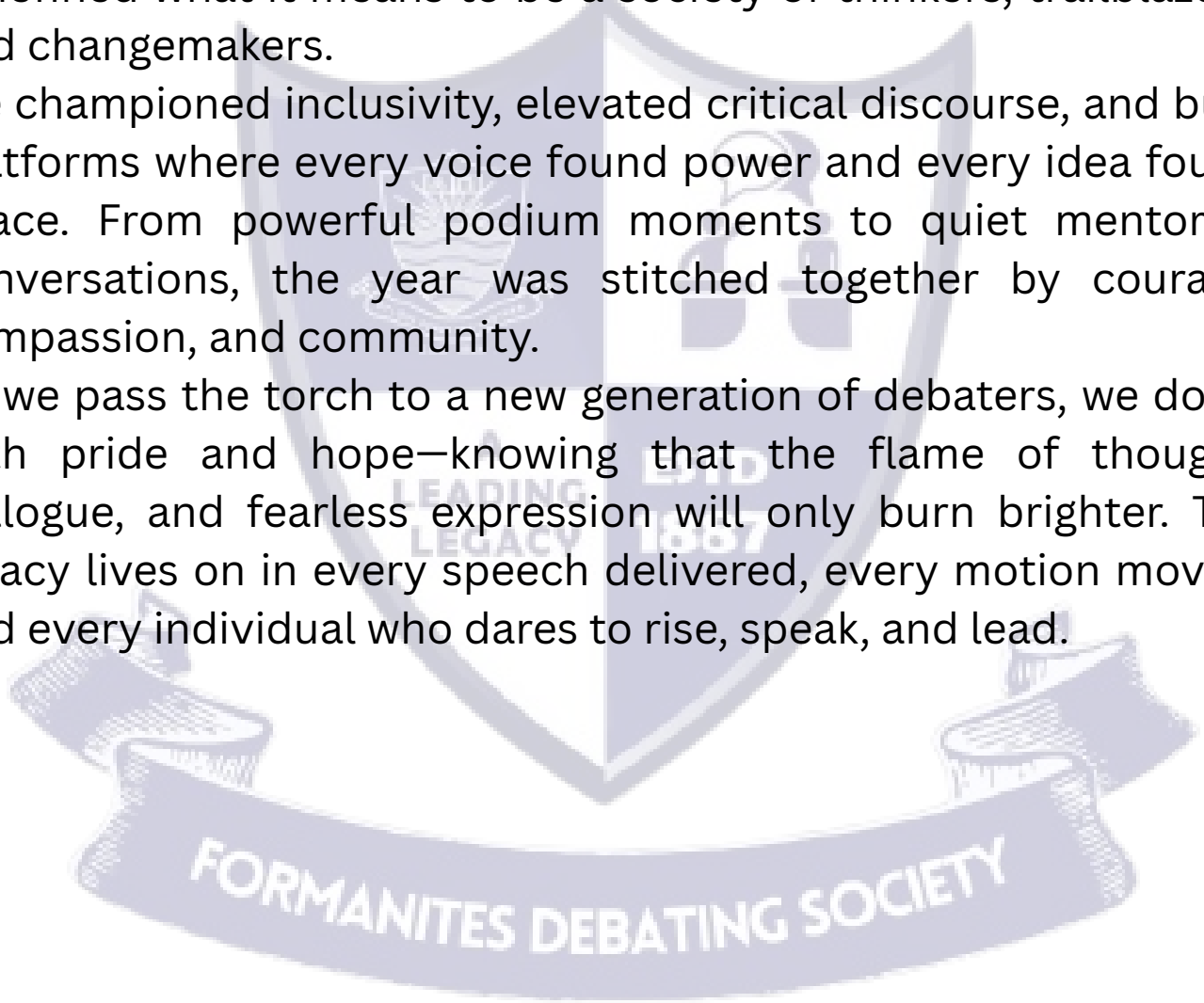
ACHIVEMENTS

Institute	Break
Dameer'24	FC A finished as Runners-up, while FC B reached the semi-finals.
TCS E11	FC A broked into quarterfinals.
UET APDC'25	FC B secure Team Trophy for Novice Category.
NDO'24	FC B reached the semi-finals
GIKI'25	FC B broke into the semi-finals
Shajiwana'25	FC A reached quarterfinals, while FC B broked into the finals.
KCDC'25	FC A broke into semi-finals.
UVAS'25	FC A broke into open English finals andFC B broke into Urdu quarter finals
CMH'25	FC A were declared Runners up of the tournament. FC B broke into semi-finals.

The Formanites Debating Society's 2024–2025 tenure has been nothing short of legendary. From clinching national victories to achieving transformative internal milestones, from nurturing first-time speakers to celebrating the legacy of our alumni, FDS has led with purpose, passion, and unity. This year, we not only upheld the traditions that shaped our identity but also redefined what it means to be a society of thinkers, trailblazers, and changemakers.

We championed inclusivity, elevated critical discourse, and built platforms where every voice found power and every idea found space. From powerful podium moments to quiet mentoring conversations, the year was stitched together by courage, compassion, and community.

As we pass the torch to a new generation of debaters, we do so with pride and hope—knowing that the flame of thought, dialogue, and fearless expression will only burn brighter. The legacy lives on in every speech delivered, every motion moved, and every individual who dares to rise, speak, and lead.



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